

Caldwell Road Elementary school

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October 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS				
Oct. 5,6,12,13	Gr. 6 Provincial Assessment			
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving – No School			
Oct. 15	Picture Day			
Oct. 18	Grade 6 Tenwolde – Pottery Lab Field Trip			
Oct. 22	Provincial Conference Day			
Oct. 25	Grade 5/6 Melvin – Pottery Lab Field Trip			
Oct. 26	Photo Retake Day			
Oct. 29	Halloween Activities (afternoon)			
Nov. 2	Grade 6 Burnett – Pottery lab Field Trip			

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By now, students and staff have settled back into the daily routine of school life and we have had an extremely positive start to our year. As I visit classrooms, I have been impressed with the quality and variety of instruction along with the level of engagement that students bring to their learning. It's great to see students interacting with their peers and friends both in the classroom and on the playground again. I encourage you to maintain regular communication with your child's classroom teacher as it is a key component in fostering student success.

Sincerely, Donald Morrison, Principal

ALLERGY ALERT

Caldwell Road School has students with lifethreatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts and nut products. Please ensure that food items do not have nuts, or traces of nuts present. Also, if your child uses hand sanitizer, please send an UNSCENTED brand.

TERRY FOX

Students and staff participated in our Annual Terry Fox Walk on Friday September 17. Together our school community raised \$425.00 Thank you for supporting this important event.

LUNCH MONITORS STILL NEEDED!

We are still in need of more monitors to provide supervision for students during the lunch hour. If you are interested in working either on a full or part time basis please contact Ms. Wright at the office at 902-462-6010.

CALDWELL ROAD ELEMENTARY TRAFFIC

Caregivers are asked not to drop off students by the driveway loop at the school. Drivers can drop off children by entering the parking lot to the right of the driveway and leaving the same way.

<u>Vehicles are not permitted past the garbage bins for safety of students.</u>

Please also be careful going in and leaving the school driveway, as well as being mindful of the 30km/h speed limit. Remember when turning out of the school driveway, **particularly on a right turn**, that children and the crossing guard must have the right of way.

HALLOWEEN

Teachers may choose to have some form of classroom Halloween activity on the afternoon of October 29 and you may be asked to send in an individual treat for your own child. Classroom teachers will communicate their plans to you in advance of that date.

HEAD LICE

Most schools have occasional outbreaks of head lice throughout the year. As head lice can be spread from person to person, we recommend that you carefully check your child's head to see if they have head lice. If your child has live lice or nits close to the scalp (within ½ inch), he or she needs to be treated. A student with head lice may return to school after the first treatment as outlined by Public Health.

HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW:

Although it can be hard to see lice, you can often see nits (lice eggs) if you look closely. Nits should not be confused with dandruff. Dandruff can be removed easily, but nits are firmly attached to the hair.

Procedure:

- under good light, part the hair and look for tiny white specks adhered to the hair shaft about 1/4 inch from the scalp
- look carefully at the nape of the neck and behind the ears
- wash hands

There is additional information available about head lice on line at the Public Health Services Weblink http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca

SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

There are several possibilities related to school closure due to inclement weather.

School Closed - Halifax Regional Centre for Education

School Closed - by Feeder School Area

Our Feeder School Area is

Auburn Drive High School

Busing Cancelled - School Open—Parents send students at their own discretion – Safety being the main criteria.

Schools could also be closed during the school day because of developing weather patterns. In this case, parents are requested to advise their children (and the office) of where they are to go. For this reason, it is very important that all phone numbers are kept up to date on students' files. All above announcements should be made between 6:00 - 6:30 a.m. on most radio stations or at HRCE.ca.

WHAT IS SAC?

What is a School Advisory Council? School Advisory Councils play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. A School Advisory Council is an advisory body to the school principal, Regional Centre for Education, and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial on a range of issues related to the school and the school system. Membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents, teachers, and other community members. Why are School Advisory Councils changing? The role of School Advisory Councils has changed to better support students and the school community. What's different? Changes to the role of School Advisory Councils means:

- They now have a budget of \$5,000 plus \$1 per student to support student achievement in their school
- There will be more opportunities to provide input to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Regional Centres for Education and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial
- They will now have an enhanced role in providing advice on regional and provincial education policy development.
- There will be more learning, networking and professional development opportunities for members

SAC CHAIR



Our Caldwell Road SAC Chair once again this year is Jessica Quillan. The chair of a School Advisory Council represents the council and ensures open lines of communication within their SAC and with their Regional Education Director, school(s), parents/guardians, and communities. The chair collaborates with the principal in an advisory role, ensures that the bylaws are respected, and that all members are encouraged to contribute their own perspectives, interests, and concerns to the discussion.

CALDWELL ROAD SAC MEMBERSHIP

Donald Morrison - Principal

Lori Bartkiw - Vice Principal

Jessica Quillan - SAC Chair (Parent)

Kim King - Staff

Dana Grant-Townsend - Staff

Jeff Winship - Parent

Christine Fong - Parent

Martine LeBlanc - Parent

Lisa Padfield - Community Member

ADOPT A SCHOOL

Our Indigo Adopt A School Fundraiser ends on October 3. So far store and community member donations have reached just over \$2500. There's still time to make an online donation by visiting the following link:

https://indigoloveofreadingfoundation.givecloud.co/fundraisers/caldwell-road-elementary-school-dartmouth-nova-scotia