NEWSLETTER

November 2026

Smokey Drive Elementary

"Belong, Learn and Grow-Together."

Bell and Lunch Schedule

8:15 am - Arrival

8:25 am - First Bell

8:35 am - Learning Begins

12:05 pm -1:00 pm - Lunch

2:30 pm - Dismissal

Calendar of Events

Nov. 6 Picture Retakes

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day (No School)

Nov. 20 Assessment and Evaluation Day (No School)

Nov. 30 Report Cards emailed home

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to support our programs at SDE, such as our breakfast program, reading program or helping out with PTA events. If you would be interested in learning more about being a volunteer please email:

sdes@hrce.ca



Principal's Message



As we enter the final month of Term 1, we're staying focused on building strong literacy and math skills for each student, and we look forward to connecting with you at our early December Progress Conferences! Strong communication between home and school is key, so please remember you can always reach out to your child's teacher anytime to check on their progress.

Daily attendance is another great way to support your child's confidence and growth. Unless they are unwell, please help your child arrive on time every day so they don't miss out on important learning.

Together, we can help every student thrive!

Inclement Weather



Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Non-bussed students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

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Safe Arrival Program

1-833-582-6940

If you have a new phone number or email address please contact the school so that we can ensure that you are getting the latest information from the school and your child's teacher.

It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school to identify if their child/ren will be absent.

You are now able to report future absences using an app, website, or toll-free phone number.. If your student is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from SchoolMessenger.

For more information please follow the link below

:https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival

Progress Conferences



In late November, teachers will be sending home forms for families to sign up for parent-teacher meetings. These meetings will be held on the afternoon of **December 3rd, 2026** and evening of **December 4th, 2026**. The forms will let you choose a time that works best for either an in-person or phone meeting.

We look forward to connecting with you and discussing your child's progress!

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, if you have opted-in. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: 978338
- On the HRCE website
- On Instagram

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/families/cancellations.

School Calendar

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Picture Retakes	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day No School	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Assessment and Evaluation Day No School	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 PTA - Winter Market 10am - 3pm
29	30 Report cards Emailed home					