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Smokey Drive Newsletter

Smokey Drive Elementary School

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Principal's Message

We had a very successful start to our school year. Students and staff are both excited to be back learning together. We had a busy month of September, including three safety drills (fire, lockdown and hold and secure), Stand Up Against Bullying Day, school photos and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. October, being Mi'kmaw Heritage Month, promises to be another month of important and exciting learning for all.



Important Dates:

Oct 1- NS Treaty Day

Oct 2 – Truth and Reconciliation Day recognized – No School

Oct 6 - Terry Fox Run

Oct 9 - Thanksgiving

Oct 10-13 Fire Drill

Oct 11 - SAC 6pm/PTA 7pm meetings

Oct 26 - PTA Family Dance

Oct 27- Provincial Conference Day - No School for students.

Nov 8- Picture Retakes

PTA News

Plans are well underway for our Pumpkin Palooza Family Dance on Oct 26. We invite families to come out and dance. Costumes are optional, please no face masks or weapons. We will need volunteers to make it a successful event. Please look for a message regarding volunteers coming your way soon. Our next PTA meeting is Oct 11 @ 7pm in the library. All are welcome to attend and assist with the final planning for our family event.

SAC- School Advisory Council- The SAC is a group of parents, staff and community members who act in an advisory capacity to the school principal and Regional Centre of Education on a range of issues related to the school and school system. SACs play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. Our next SAC meeting will be Oct. 11 at 6:00 pm. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

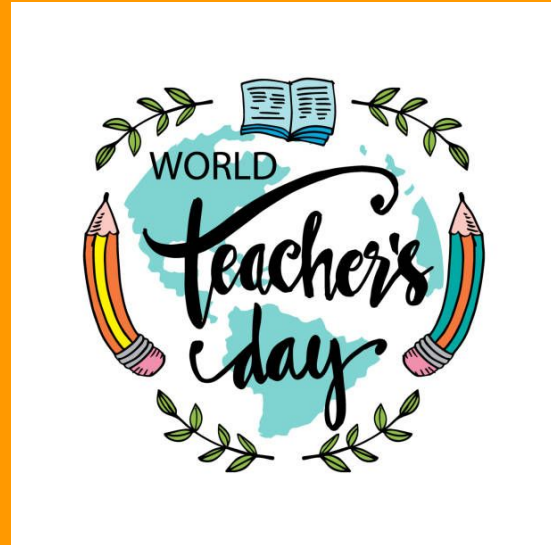
Terry Fox Run

On Friday, Oct 6th our students will be participating in the Terry Fox Run. Pre-primary to 2 will run in the morning on the school grounds. Grades 3-5 will run in the afternoon. Please return the permission slips as these students will be running along the sidewalks and pathways near the school. Pledge sheets can be returned to school. We thank the Smokey Drive Community for their continued generosity of the Terry Fox Foundation.

School Milk Program

2% white milk is available to all students, upon arrival, at no cost to them through our school breakfast program. If students wish to buy a milk for lunch, they can do so in the office for \$0.40. Chocolate milk is also available at lunch time for \$1.00.

October 5th is World Teachers' Day! World Teachers' Day started in 1994 and is now celebrated in over 100 countries around the world. We have a phenomenal team at Smokey Drive! It takes a village, and this is truly a great one to be part of.



HRCE Joint Accessibility Plan

HRCE, along with Nova Scotia's six other regional centres for education and Conseil scolaire provincial have been developing a multi-year plan to ensure accessibility in public education. This is part of a bigger goal for an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Last February, Nova Scotian families and staff across the province were invited to review the draft plan and submit feedback. We sincerely appreciate everyone who contributed and shared their voice. Your thoughts, ideas and feedback during the consultation were invaluable.

HRCE is excited to let you know that with your input, the Joint Accessibility Plan has been finalized. [Click here](#) to see the plan.

Next, HRCE will start to develop an implementation plan for our region. You can expect more updates as we continue the important work of creating accessible public education in Nova Scotia.

Reminders

- Please use the entrance on Smokey Dr when arriving each day. We do not want people walking up the driveway.
- Please watch for signs indicating areas that parking is permitted around the school grounds.
- SDE is a peanut and nut free, and scent aware site. Please do not send nut or peanut products to school.
- Visitors must check in at the office.
- Supervision of students does not begin until 8:15, so they should not arrive until that time.
- Please label clothing items, water bottles, etc.
- Please send water bottles and cutlery each day with your child.
- Keeping a change of clothes in backpacks is a great idea that prevents us from calling home when a change is necessary.
- If you child is absent from school please call the Safe Arrival Line at **1-833-582-6940**