



Astral Drive Elementary

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Home of the Stars

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Public Health Programs and Services

Our partners at Public Health have developed a helpful resource that provides a brief overview of the programs and services they offer in schools and communities. This resource is now available online at this link: [Public Health Services in Central Zone | Nova Scotia Health](#).

Milk Fair is tomorrow (grades 3/4-6)

Please ensure you send lunch with your child for the Milk Fair. NS Lunch program will not be delivered to the Milk Fair location.

Remembrance Day Assembly

On November 10 at 10:30am, students will be participating in a Remembrance Day Assembly. We are extending an invitation to our serving, uniformed and veteran community members to join us. Students, guests and staff are encouraged to wear uniforms or regalia if desired for the assembly. If you can attend, please inform the main office at 902 462-8500 so we can have seating available for you. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Preparing Your Child for the Remembrance Day Assembly

It is important to help students understand what to expect at the assembly. This is an opportunity to honor those who have served.

Here are a few ways to prepare:

- Talk about the importance of remembering the sacrifices made for our freedom.
- Let them know that the assembly may include moments of silence and that they are expected to sit quietly.
- If the music or themes feel heavy, remind them it's okay to talk about their feelings.
- Explain that wearing poppies or participating in the ceremony shows respect.

Head Lice

Head lice and nits commonly occur in students of this age. While staff will be vigilant in watching for new cases, please do your part to prevent the spread of this communicable condition by checking your child(ren) on a regular basis.

Coordinating efforts between school and home significantly reduces the frequency of lice and nit occurrences and we thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. For further information, see "[How to Prevent, Find, and Treat Head Lice](#)" (Nova Scotia Health Authority)

Video Surveillance

Our school uses a video surveillance system as part of our continued efforts to support a safe, positive and effective learning environment. We recognize that the images recorded by this video surveillance system are personal information and, as with all other personal information, we take steps to balance privacy rights with safety and security concerns. The school has the legal authority to collect this personal information under Section 24 of Nova Scotia's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Only designated staff has access to our video surveillance equipment and such access is restricted as required by law. The system is used to enhance school safety and to deter or take action in response to unlawful behaviours.

If you have any questions about video surveillance at our school, please contact Ms Larade at 902 462-8500.

Reminders

All visitors must check in at the office in the main building and follow our established safety procedures. Videos and recordings are not permitted inside/near the school where children could be present.

Traffic/Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

Lakeshire Drive Entrance – Buses and staff only. One-way traffic.

Astral Drive Entrance – For parents and childcare vans using the "Kiss and Go" loop.

Parents may quickly unbuckle children,

Do not park or leave your vehicle in the loop.

Do not let your child out in the middle of the circle.

Staying with your child to the playground; Park on the street

No Parking on the Hill – To keep traffic moving safely in both directions.

Drive Slowly – Safety comes first. Please move carefully through the loop.

Arrival Times

8:15 AM – School doors open. Teachers inside and students go straight to classrooms.

Supervision – Staff are outside to help guide arrival and dismissal at 8:10am. Please do not drop off or send students before supervision.

8:30 AM – Instruction starts. Students arriving after 8:30, please check in at the office

Important Dates [Click here for HRCE 25-26 Calendar](#)

OCTOBER

October is Mi'kmaq History Month

October is Canadian Library Month

1: Treaty Day - Culturally Significant Day - schools open

1: 5-6pm Help in the Library to fill in volunteer forms if you would like to volunteer with us this year

3: Picture Day

7,8: Grade 6 Provincial Literacy Assessments



13: Thanksgiving Day - no classes all schools
14: Picture Retake Day
16, 17: Grade 6 Provincial Math Assessments
20: Diwali Begins
20-24: School Bus Safety Week
21: SAC/PTO Meeting 5pm
23: PTO Event – Halloween Howl
24: NSTU Provincial conference day - no classes all schools
30: Bus Evacuation Practice

NOVEMBER

10: Remembrance Day Assembly
11: Remembrance Day - no classes all schools
20: PTO Event
21: Elem/Middle/Jr evaluation day - no classes elem/jr high only
24-Dec 3: Report cards sent home (elem/jr high only)

DECEMBER

2: SAC/PTO Meeting 5pm
4: Progress Conferences & Teacher Professional Practice Day - no classes all schools
15: French Immersion Concert 6pm Start time @ Woodlawn High (changed from Sept news) (Snow Date-17)
16: English Concert 6pm Start time @ Woodlawn High (changed from Sept news) (Snow Date-17)
19: Last day of school before holiday break
22: Teacher Professional Practice Day - no classes all schools

JANUARY

5: First Day Back After Break
13: SAC/PTO Meeting 5pm
29: PTO Event

FEBRUARY

February is Registration Month!

16: Nova Scotia Heritage Day - no classes all schools
24: SAC/PTO Meeting 5pm

MARCH

12: PTO Event
13: Elem/Middle/Jr assessment & evaluation day - no classes elem/middle/jr only
16-20: Spring Break - no classes all schools
23-April 2: Report cards sent home (Elem/middle/jr high)

APRIL

2: Elem/Middle/Jr progress conferences & Teacher Professional Practice & high school professional development day - no classes all schools
3: Good Friday - no classes all schools
6: Easter Monday - no classes all schools
29: Elem/Middle/Jr professional development day - no classes all schools

MAY

5: SAC/PTO Meeting 5pm
7: PTO Event
15: Black Excellence Day - Culturally Significant Day - schools open
18: Victoria Day - no classes all schools

JUNE

5: PTO Event – Spring Fling
21: National Indigenous Peoples Day - Culturally Significant Day
29: Assessment & evaluation day - no classes all schools
30: Last day of school year