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# 2021

École Élémentaire Astral Drive Elementary School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Picture Day! Last Day for Terry Fox t-shirt orders	2
3 Week 1	4	5	6 Terry Fox Run  Gr 6 Prov. Assessments	7 Picture Retake Day	8 Terry Fox Run  Gr 6 Prov. Assessments	9
10 Week 2	11 Thanksgiving Day (no classes) 	12	13 Gr 6 Prov. Assessments	14	15 Gr 6 Prov. Assessments	16
17 Week 1	18	19	20	21	22 Provincial Conference Day (no classes)	23
24 Week 2	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Week 1 Halloween! 						

Looking Ahead:

November

11 – Remembrance Day (no classes)

19 – Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)

25 – PD a.m./Parent Teacher Interviews p.m. (no students)

December

22 – Christmas Break

January

4 – School reopens – First day back to class

## MI'KMAQ HISTORY MONTH

Treaty Day (October 1<sup>st</sup>), marks the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia as proclaimed in 1993 by then premier, John Savage, and Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy. Its purpose is to promote public awareness about the Mi'kmaw culture and heritage for all citizens of Nova Scotia.

The following is the official link for Mi'kmaq heritage month: <http://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>

## MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

If you need to notify your child(ren) of a change of pick up, etc., please e-mail or send along a note with your child to their teacher. We will do our best to ensure your child receives your message.

## LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED

Each day we have lunch monitors providing supervision for your children and we are always looking for more. This is a paid position, so if you have a couple of hours each day, it would be a great service to our school and an opportunity to make extra money at the same time.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming a lunch monitor at Astral Drive, please call the school at your earliest convenience at 902-462-8500.

## VISITING/VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

At this time, we do not have volunteers coming to the school. We will update families as we receive further direction on this. If you would, however, like to volunteer, please fill out the necessary forms for the Criminal Record Check and the Child Abuse Register. You will find these forms under the Our School link on our school website.

## SCHOOL BELL TIMES

Morning Bell	8:25
Staggered Recess	10:00 – 10:45
Lunch 1	11:25 – 12:10
Lunch 2	12:15 – 1:00
Dismissal	2:25

Students are reminded to arrive between 8:10 – 8:25 and to go straight to their classroom. Thank you to parents for not congregating around the doors at 2:25. This allows teachers an opportunity to safely get students to their assigned destinations at the end of the day.

## SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will not be attending school or will be late, we request that you call the school at 462-8500 Ext. 1 and leave a message. You may also email Safe Arrival at [ADESafeArrival@hrce.ca](mailto:ADESafeArrival@hrce.ca) and leave a message there. Please ensure we have the up-to-date telephone numbers on record.

If your child is arriving late, please remind them that they are to come into the office for a late slip before going to their classroom. Parents/Guardians will not be able to come into the school with them. Please ring the door bell and Mrs. Dalrymple will let your child into the building.

### LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES/MEDICAL FORMS

The Halifax Regional School Board has a policy on Life Threatening Allergies. A number of procedures are put into place annually to implement this policy. Parents of students with allergies and or medical conditions e.g. asthma are requested to complete annual forms. These forms are available at the school office. Please inform your child's teacher and the office immediately of any allergies/medical conditions. Contact information for all teachers can be found at [ade@hrce.ca](mailto:ade@hrce.ca).

### SCENT AND FOOD ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL



ADES is a scent aware school; therefore, we ask that our students refrain from wearing scented products. A number of students, teachers and parents are asthmatic and/or allergic to scent. Scented products such as detergents, fabric softeners, perfumes, and hair products are especially problematic.

### CHANGE OF CLOTHING

Please ensure your children have an extra change of clothing in their school backpacks at all times. You never know when it will come in handy.

### \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Paying school-related fees is about to get easier!

We're excited to let you know that HRCE has launched a new system that will allow you to make payments electronically, with the click of a button. From lunch orders to yearbook fees, you will be able to make all payments safely, securely and quickly through SchoolCash Online.

Our school will post items for purchase and assign school fees relevant to your child. You can make all purchases and payments from your phone, tablet or computer.

We would like families to register as soon as possible.

To get started, please register for SchoolCash Online. It's free and takes less than two minutes. You will receive an email once items are posted for purchase.

Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/> and click Register to get started.

Need support? Connect with the SchoolCash Online help desk at [schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support](https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support)  
We hope that SchoolCash Online makes paying school-related fees more convenient!

## STAFF PARKING/STUDENT DROP-OFF REMINDER

### Arriving to School:

- ✚ All walkers and students may arrive between 8:10 and 8:25. Students will immediately enter the building upon arrival and go directly to their classroom.
- ✚ After school, students are dismissed from specific doors. If you are unsure of which door to pick your child up at please contact the teacher. If your child is going somewhere different than their regular afterschool program please make sure their teacher and the afterschool program are both aware of any change.

### School Parking:

- ✚ Please adhere to signage when picking up or dropping off your child. Please don't stop in the bus loop on the Lakeshire side. Please don't drop off your child in the bus loop on the Lakeshire side. This area is for busses and after school programs only. Please don't drive down the driveway on the Astral Side as this area is for staff parking only. We appreciate your efforts at keeping our Astral families safe.



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