

# October 2023 Newsletter

## St. Stephen's Elementary School

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**ADMIN. ASSISTANT:** Otilie Hayes



### Principal's Message

It was a very busy September here at St. Stephen's Elementary School. For the first time in many years, we had to reconfigure some of our upper elementary classes due to increasing enrollment. Once that was completed, teachers and students were once again ready to confront the exciting school year ahead! This month, we had another very successful Curriculum Night and BBQ. Thank you to our mighty PTA and volunteers who organized the BBQ and fed over 400 people in just over an hour! We also had our Terry Fox Run and ended September with our Truth & Reconciliation Day Assembly where we reflected on and honoured the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.

During the month of October, we are celebrating Mi'kmaq heritage. From archery to lacrosse, from waltzes to wapnaqnk, traditional sports and games have connected Mi'kmaw people to each other and to the ancestors who came before. This Mi'kmaw History Month we celebrate the proud history of sports across Mi'kma'ki and beyond! Our Grade 6 Provincial Assessment will also take place between Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Please also be reminded that nestled within October are Thanksgiving and Provincial Conference Day, which are both days with no school for students.

Don't forget, the ever-popular SSES PTA Halloween Sock Hop Dance on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. More details will come out in the coming weeks! Finally, I'm sure there is no need to remind you all of Halloween on Wednesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>!

Have a lovely October!

Yours in Learning,

Dave Madgett, Principal and Roslyn Young, Vice-Principal

### Upcoming Events

#### **Saturday, September 30**

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

#### **Monday, Oct. 2nd**

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)

#### **Tuesday, Oct. 3rd-6**

- Grade 6 Provincial assessment
- Relocation Drill (this week)

#### **Wednesday, Oct. 4**

- Nourish Your Roots Pick-Up

#### **Tuesday, October 10-12**

- Scholastic Book Fair

#### **Tuesday, October 10**

- Grade 6 at Noggins Farm
- 5:15pm SAC Meeting
- 6:30pm PTA

#### **Wednesday, October 11**

- Picture retake Day
- 4pm Gorsebrook X-Country Meet

#### **Thursday, October 26**

- Halloween SockHop

#### **Friday, October 27**

- Provincial Conference Day

#### **Monday, October 30**

- Mi'kmaq Heritage Assembly

#### **Tuesday, October 31**

- Halloween

### What's New

#### **Picture Retakes**

Our picture retake day is Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have not had a chance to view or order your child's photos, please follow the instructions

sent home in the [Picture Day Memo in September](#). If you require hard copy proofs, please contact Calnen Photography by phone at (902) 423-8840 or by email at [studio@nssp.ca](mailto:studio@nssp.ca)

## Healthy Hunger

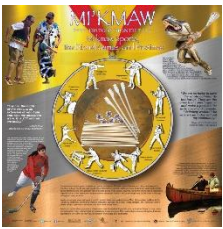


For the 2023-24 school year we are going to continue using Healthy Hunger the online ordering platform for lunches on Tuesday and Thursday. We have set up a school account with Papa Mario's and Subway.

For more information, please check out our link for [Healthy Hunger](#).

Tuesday	Thursday
<p><b>Papa Mario's:</b> Menu items: Cheese, Pepperoni: Price: \$4.35 (Cheese and/or pepperoni) <b>NEW</b> Gluten Free (Cheese only): \$5.25</p>	<p><b>Subway:</b> Menu items: 6" Ham, Turkey or Veggie Sub Price: \$4.00 <b>NEW</b> Gluten Free Bread ADD +\$1.50</p>

## October is Mi'kmaq Heritage Month



This Mi'kmaq History Month we celebrate the proud history of sports across Mi'kma'ki and beyond! <https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>. Building on the huge success and momentum from the Indigenous Games in Halifax this summer, students will be taking a closer look at the importance of games and sports within the Mi'kmaq culture. From archery to lacrosse, from waltzes to wapnaqnk, traditional sports and games have connected Mi'kmaq people to each other and to the ancestors who came before.

## Scholastic Book Fair



We will be hosting our Scholastic book fair that will take place from October 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Students will have a time to preview books on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and will be given a time where their class can come and purchase books on the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. Families are invited to come to the school and make purchases on October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5pm-7pm. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Makmillen at [jmakmillen@hrce.ca](mailto:jmakmillen@hrce.ca).

## The Gorsebrook Gr 3-6 Elementary School X-C Meet

The Gorsebrook Gr 3-6 Elementary School X-C Meet will be held on Wednesday, October 11 at 4pm (Rain date on October 12).

Race Order:

- Grade 6 Girls then Boys (2 laps, same course on the periphery of the field, ending by tennis courts)
- Grade 3 Girls then Boys (1 laps)
- Grade 4 Girls then Boys (2 laps)
- Grade 5 Girls then Boys (2 laps)

Permission slips have been handed out to students. Please contact Mr. Tully at [tullyr@hrce.ca](mailto:tullyr@hrce.ca) for more information.

## Lunch Monitors Needed

If you have a spare hour between 11:45am and 12:45pm Monday-Friday and would like to be a lunch monitor, please contact Otilie in the office at 902-493-5155 or by going to [Careers at HRCE](#) to apply.

Candidates must have a valid Criminal Record Check / Vulnerable Sector check as well as the Child Abuse Register check completed prior to starting.

## Label, Label, Label



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We would like to avoid an accumulation of clothing, etc. over the coming months in our lost and found. Please label your child's clothing, boots, shoes, lunch bag, school bag, hat, etc. Our PTA has an ongoing fundraiser with Mabel's Labels. Mabel's Labels are laundry, dishwasher and microwave safe, and easy to apply. Visit Mabel's Labels at [www.mabelslabels.com](http://www.mabelslabels.com), click "Support a Fundraiser" and type "St. Stephens Elementary School PTA (Halifax)" into the search bar. Place your order, and it will be shipped directly to your home. The PTA receives a 20% commission on orders placed through this fundraiser. Questions? Contact Allison @ [anolting@gmail.com](mailto:anolting@gmail.com)