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# November Newsletter

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## St. Stephen's Elementary School

3669 Highland Ave., Halifax, NS B3K 4J9

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### Principal's Message

October was a busy month of learning and celebrating the Mi'kmaq heritage in Nova Scotia. Our grade 6 students completed the Grade 6 Reading, Writing & Math Assessment, we hosted our annual Scholastic Book Fair fundraiser which grossed record sales of over \$7000.00.

During November, term 1 comes to an end and we enter the home stretch before Christmas break. We will be having our Remembrance Day service in person on Friday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Parent/Teacher Conferences will also be taking place later in the month and more information about this will be coming from the homeroom teacher.

Finally, we would like to thank all our St. Stephen's students and families for supporting the Halloween Sockhop. It was quite a show of school spirit, and the costumes were simply fabulous!!! Students and families had a lot of fun, and made this another very successful fundraiser. There will be many other events throughout the year. Next up is the ever-popular Toy Bingo (please see further down in the newsletter).

Thank you for all your continued support and remember we fall back an hour on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> as daylight savings time comes to an end.

Yours in Learning,

Dave Madgett, Principal and Roslyn Young, Vice-Principal

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### What's New

#### Change in Weather

Brrrr! IT IS GETTING COLDER OUTSIDE! The weather has certainly cooled off over the past week. As we head into November, the temperature will drop to low single digits and stay there most days. Please ensure your child(ren) comes dressed for the weather. We will be heading out daily for recess and lunch as well as take advantage of outdoor learning opportunities.

Gloves/mittens and a tuque are always a safe bet to keep in the backpack

### Upcoming Events

#### Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 2:45pm-6pm Drop-in Flu-shot clinic for SSES students and families

#### Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

- End of Daylight Savings Time (clocks go back an hour)

#### Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

- 11am Remembrance Day Service

#### Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

- Remembrance Day

#### Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

- Remembrance Day (School closed)

#### Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

- 5:15pm SAC Meeting
- 6:30pm PTA Meeting

#### Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

- Assessment & Evaluation Day - Elem/Jr High (no classes)

#### Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Report cards go home

#### Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

- PD Day-AM
- Parent-Teacher Interviews-1-3 & 5-7 PM (**no classes all day**)

#### Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

- 6:30pm Toy Bingo

#### Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

- PD Day (**no classes all day**)

#### Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

- 1pm Matinee Holiday Concert
  - 6pm Evening Holiday Concert
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just in case. It is very windy most days but with proper clothing, we will be able to stay comfortable outdoors! Please let us know if we can help in any way.

### **Drop-in Flu-Shot Clinic for SSES Students and Families Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

On Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be hosting a flu-shot clinic for SSES students and families who wish to get a flu-shot. A registered pharmacist will be administering them between 2:45pm-4:30pm at the school on Friday. This is voluntary for families to do after school, there is no obligation. We are offering our school site for this clinic as many families do not have access to a family doctor. For more information please visit the [school website](#).

### **Parking on Normandy and Highland During Arrival and Dismissal times.**

This year we seem to be busier than usual. We have more students than ever before which means we have more staff who are parked in the permitted areas on Normandy and Highland. Other than the temporary parking by the Excel doors on Highland Ave. there is no parking in front of the school or along the playground on Normandy. Lately, both sides of the street have cars parked for an extended period making visibility difficult for traffic passing through. There have been a couple cases of children running across the street (on their way to school or on their way home) that have almost ended in an accident.

All this to say, please avoid parking in areas where no parking is indicated around the school. If you must park your car, please do so on one of the side streets (even if it means a short walk to the school 😊).

### **Remembrance Day Assembly**

For our assembly, we would like to invite any family members who are current/former/retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces and who would like to attend our service as honoured guests. Please email Mr. Madgett at [dmadgett@hrce.ca](mailto:dmadgett@hrce.ca).

Secondly, we are in search of a guest speaker to speak to our students about Remembrance Day during the service. Please email Mr. Madgett at [dmadgett@hrce.ca](mailto:dmadgett@hrce.ca).

Finally, for our Remembrance Day Assembly we are creating a Wall of Honour slideshow featuring the relatives and family members of our students who are currently serving or who have served in the military. Please click on the link below to upload a photo and include a little info about your family member or relative. These photos are sent directly to Mr. Madgett through this form and will only be used in our slideshow for the Remembrance Day service. <https://forms.gle/BAwXYBuK2hqPpaZq7> . If you sent in pictures last year, you do not have to send them in again. We will include them with our slideshow this year.

### **PD Day & Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be conducted in person from 1-3pm and 5-7pm on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. More information will be provided on how to sign up for appointment times during the month of November. As always, if you are not able to meet during this time, please reach out to your child's teacher(s) to arrange a phone call, or another meeting time that is mutually convenient.

### **Christmas Concert**

Our Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. We will have a matinee performance at 1pm and an evening performance at 6pm. For the evening performance each family will be permitted two guests. Tickets will be provided, as Fire Regulations only allow 585 persons in the gym. We encourage grandparents, etc. to come to our matinee performance as tickets will not be required at that time. Our PTA will be sending home information about the front and second row seat raffle that will take place!

## PTA Cookie Dough

It's time for the tastiest fundraiser of the year. The PTA is again holding their annual cookie dough fundraiser! Tubs will be sold for between \$16 and \$20 and make approximately 40 cookies or 2 pans of brownies. Order sheets to go home soon. All orders must be placed via School Cash. **Orders due by Monday, November 13th, 2023. Pickup date TBD.** Orders will need to be picked up by the student and their families then delivered to your customers. As in previous years, our top seller will receive a \$30 Big Wedge gift certificate. Happy selling! **Click here for the [Order Form](#)**

Any questions please reach out to Ashley at [sseshalifaxpta@gmail.com](mailto:sseshalifaxpta@gmail.com)

## Toy Bingo

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>! Doors open at 5:30pm and bingo starts at 6:30pm. To make this event a success, we rely on prize donations and volunteers. We will be accepting donations of new toys or gift cards until Thursday, November 24th.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office. If you can donate baked goods for the 'canteen' or would like to volunteer at the event (event set up, Bingo card sales, canteen sales, event cleanup), sign up online or contact [.](#)

**If you are not on the online sign-up distribution list, please email [volunteer.sses@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.sses@gmail.com). Stay tuned for the announcement of this year's grand prize! Hope to see you there!**

## Mabel's Labels PTA Fundraising Campaign



Having trouble finding your kids stuff? Mabel's Label's personalized labels and stamps can help you keep track of your child's things! The 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 at [anolting@gmail.com](mailto:anolting@gmail.com)