


# INGLIS STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## A Message from the Principal

Families,

A big thank you to our Home & School Committee and all the volunteers who helped make our Halloween event such a success! It was great to see so many families come together for a fun evening at the school.

In your child's classroom, there's been a big focus on writing. Our teachers have been working together to identify areas where students need support, set goals, and try new strategies to help our writers grow. We're looking forward to seeing the progress our students make throughout the rest of the term.

Looking ahead, our Home & School Committee is getting ready for our Community Potluck on November 19th. We hope to see lots of families there for another opportunity to connect and enjoy some great food together.

With report cards coming at the end of November, we're looking forward to welcoming families for Progress Conferences. This is a great opportunity to celebrate your child's growth in Term 1 and discuss next steps for learning in Term 2.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to another great month at Inglis Street!

**Gabe Rose**, Principal

## Upcoming Events:

### November

**November 2** - Picture Retake Day

**November 10** - SAC (5pm) & Home & School (6pm)

**November 11** - Remembrance Day (no classes)

**November 19** - Community Potluck (5-7pm)

**November 20** - Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)

**November 21** - Green Holiday donation drop off (10am-2pm)

**November 30** - Reports released

**Other Notable Dates:**

- **November 13 - 19** is Transgender Awareness Week
- **December 3** - Progress Conferences/Parent Teacher (3-5pm)
- **December** 4 - Progress Conferences (1-4pm)
- **December 18** - Last Day of Classes
- **December 21** - Teacher Professional Practice Day (no classes)
- **December 22** - Holiday Break
- **January 4** - First Day Back After Break

## Morning Arrival: Every Minute Counts!




As shared in our recent message to families, we've noticed an increase in students arriving late to school. Arriving on time helps students settle into their morning routines, connect with classmates, and make the most of valuable learning time.

A reminder that **students should arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m.**, with classes beginning at 8:50 a.m.

## **December 3 & 4:** Progress Conferences/Parent Teacher

We're looking forward to welcoming families for Progress Conferences! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, celebrate their learning in Term 1, and discuss goals for Term 2.

**December 3:** 3:00–5:00 p.m.
**December 4:** 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Homeroom teachers will be in touch with information on how to book your conference. We can't wait to share all the great things happening with your child at Inglis Street!

## Community Resource for Families

NOVA SCOTIA
SchoolsPlus
A COLLABORATIVE INTERAGENCY APPROACH TO SUPPORTING THE WHOLE CHILD AND FAMILY

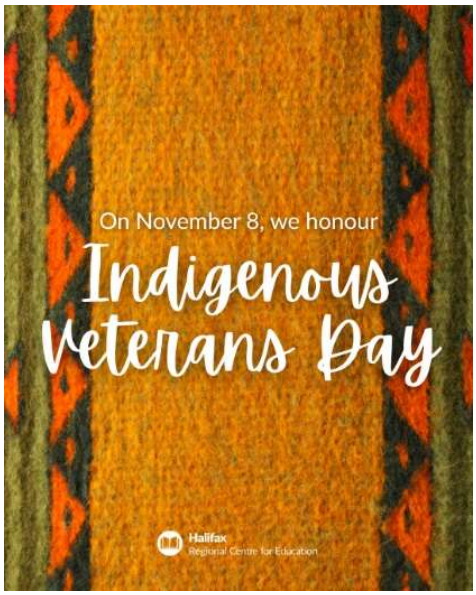
Our SchoolsPlus team has put together an updated **Community Resource Guide** to help connect families with local supports and services.

The guide includes information on food security, mental health, housing, family supports, learning opportunities, and more. It also provides contact information and details on how to access these services.

We've attached the guide to this week's newsletter and encourage families to take a look. You never know when a resource might be helpful for you or someone you know!

**Not sure where to start?** You can also call **211**, a free, confidential service available 24/7 to help connect Nova Scotians with community supports.

## November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day




On November 8, we recognize Indigenous Veterans Day and honour the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people who have served and continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces. Indigenous veterans have made significant contributions to Canada's military history, serving with courage and dedication while often facing discrimination and barriers to recognition when they returned home.

This day is an opportunity to learn about their stories, recognize their sacrifices and reflect on the importance of ensuring their contributions are remembered and honoured.

We encourage families to take a moment to learn about Indigenous veterans and share their stories with the next generation. Learn more here.

## November 11 is Remembrance Day

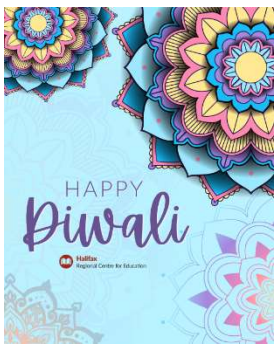
Each year on November 11, people across Canada pause at the 11th hour to remember. The poppy we wear, the silence we observe and the stories we share are ways of keeping the memory of those who served, those who never returned home, and the lasting impact of war alive for future generations.

In our schools, Remembrance Day offers students an opportunity to explore the meaning behind these traditions and consider what remembrance looks like today. As we honour the past, we also reflect on the importance of peace, kindness and understanding in our own communities.

We invite families to join Canadians across the country in taking a moment to remember.




## Happy Diwali




Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by millions of people around the world, including Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists. The celebration carries different meanings across traditions, but often centres on themes of light overcoming darkness, good overcoming evil, and hope, renewal and new beginnings.

Celebrations may include lighting diyas (small oil lamps), decorating homes, sharing special foods, exchanging gifts and gathering with family and friends.

Diwali is an opportunity to learn about the diverse traditions and cultures represented in our school communities and to celebrate the many ways people find meaning, connection and joy.

We wish all those celebrating a happy Diwali!

## November 13-19 is Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week is an opportunity to reflect on how kindness, inclusivity and understanding help create welcoming school communities where everyone feels they belong. Taking time to learn about experiences different from our own, listening with an open mind and treating others with respect can make a meaningful difference in someone's day and sense of belonging.

Families can help reinforce these values by encouraging children to lead with kindness, embrace differences and recognize that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and compassion. Together, we can help create school communities where every student feels welcome, valued and supported.

## Planning for Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.




It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Non-bussed students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

**How will I find out?**

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- On the HRCE website
- On Instagram

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school. For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/families/cancellations.