

Robert Kemp Turner Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

November 2024 Edition

Dear RKT Families & Community,

What a beautiful and busy fall we have had! Although it is still early in the school year, our students have been productively engaged in many amazing learning opportunities across all content areas. Thank you to our wonderful staff who are always going above and beyond to create fun and engaging learning experiences for our students. Your efforts and your passion have not gone unnoticed!

I wanted to express my deep gratitude to our Home & School Association and parent/community volunteers for organizing so many wonderful events and fundraisers for our school. Also, thank you to our families and the entire RKT community who always show up to support our school events and initiatives.

The *new* provincial lunch program was launched this week. So far we are receiving mixed feedback. As with any new program, it takes time to fine-tune all of the details and it may take a few weeks for the system to make all the necessary adjustments. We ask that you remain patient while the kinks are being smoothed out.

I am looking forward to a busy but amazing November!! Here are a few updates and reminders as we settle in for the cold weather.

Becky Stickings, Principal

Important Dates

- November 4: Domino's Pizza Dough Fundraiser
- November 8: Indigenous Veterans Day
- November 8: RKT Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11: Remembrance Day (no classes)
- November 16: RKT Community Walk, 10-11am (Nov. 23 Rain Date)
- November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance
- November 22: Assessment & Evaluation Day for elementary and junior high



Will school be cancelled?

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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 buses 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:

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking 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 our website www.hrce.ca
- On X (formerly Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- On Instagram at www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.

New Provincial Lunch Program

The Nova Scotia School Lunch Program is a provincial lunch program that offers public school students in Nova Scotia nutritious and affordable lunch every school day.

The School Lunch Program offers a rotating menu of 40 lunches, offering families a choice between two options every school day. We are working with chefs and dietitians to make sure all lunches are nutritious and provide students with a mix of familiar favourites and new flavours.

Lunches are affordable for every family. The Nova Scotia School Lunch Program is pay-what-you-can, this means families can choose to pay the full cost of the lunch, pay a part of the cost, or pay nothing. What you pay is kept confidential from school and lunch program staff. There is no need to explain or prove why your family has chosen to pay the amount you select.

The next lunch ordering period will be from November 1-6 for meals that will be served from November 12th-26.

<https://nslunch.ca/>

Seasonal Clothing

As we settle into colder temperatures this November, parents/guardians are reminded to ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather. Sending in a change of clothes on wet days would be recommended. Also, please label your child's clothes.

Attendance

Is your child going to be absent from school?
Here are some options for reporting the absence:

Toll-Free Number—Call 1-833-582-6940

PowerSchool Parent Portal — Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/>
and access the SchoolMessenger website

SchoolMessenger App—Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address)

November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day

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Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day, observed on November 8, acknowledges the unique contributions and sacrifices made by Indigenous soldiers. This day highlights the bravery and commitment of Indigenous veterans, who have served with distinction despite facing historical and ongoing challenges.

Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, we observe Remembrance Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the armed forces during World War I, World War II, and other conflicts. This solemn day is marked by ceremonies, moments of silence, and the wearing of poppies in honour of those who have served and fallen.

This year we will be having our **Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 8th at 10:35 am**. Students who are involved in Scouts Canada or Cadet programs are invited to wear their uniforms for this event. Although we are not able to open this event up to everyone in our community due to limited space, we would like to extend a special invitation to our military families and any community members who have served in the Canadian Forces.



Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week, observed in the second week of November, focuses on raising awareness about the issues facing transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. The week highlights the challenges transgender people face, such as discrimination and lack of healthcare access, and promotes acceptance and inclusivity by encouraging supportive policies and practices.

The week helps to foster solidarity within the transgender community and with allies, providing emotional support and strengthening the transgender movement. It culminates in the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, a day to honour those lost to anti-transgender violence, emphasizing the need for continued protection and support.

Be an ally

An ally is someone who actively and consistently supports, stands with and advocates for the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. The best way to be an ally is to listen with an open mind. It is our responsibility to treat all people with dignity and kindness.



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