**Robert Kemp Turner Elementary School Newsletter**

**October 2025**

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**We’re Rockets Soaring to Success!**



Dear Family,

As we welcome October, we acknowledge Treaty Day! We value the contributions of the Mi’kmaq and the ongoing importance of our Peace and Friendship Treaties. October 1st is the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month. Our classes will partake in learning focused on the history, culture, and heritage of the Mi'kmaq people in Nova Scotia.

The Mi’kmaw History Month Committee revealed this year’s theme to be: *A’tukwemk aq A’tukowinu’k – Storytelling and Storytellers*. To learn more about Mi’kmaw ways of being and knowing, local history and the Treaties you are invited to visit <https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>.

A special thank you to the Members of the Indigenous Student Leadership Group, Mrs Kayla Macdonald, Mrs Crowe and Mr Grady for sharing a moving celebration of Indigenous voice with us as part of our Truth and Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day learning this year. We look forward to hearing and learning more from our RKT Indigenous community members.

Thank you for supporting your child and our school community during our first month together!

Sincerely,

Regan

Ms R. Clancey

Principal

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**School Advisory Council**

Are you… looking for a way to contribute? need a place to share ideas and bring them to life? wondering about what’s happening at RKT? interested to meet new people who have things in common and want to hear alternative ideas? We may have the opportunity for you! Our School Advisory Council (SAC)! A SAC is an advisory body to the school principal. SACs contribute to a range of issues related to the school and school system. SAC members play an important role in supporting student success at the school community-level. This year we are looking for parents/guardians, and community members (those who are living in the school community but do not have a child currently attending the school) to join our group. No previous experience is required. We value and strive for diversity in our membership.

Please let the office know if you are interest and/or join us for the upcoming meeting on **Oct. 21st from 4:30-5:30** in the school library. If you’d like to attend but the date/time doesn’t work with your schedule, please let us know.

**Safety Drills – Fire, Lockdown, Hold & Secure**

Students and Staff conducted successful practices last month – thank you everyone!

**The Provincial School Lunch Program**

So far, the overall service and meal quality has been great. Students are asked to take home any uneaten portions, so parents/guardians have a sense of what meals are preferred and how much is eaten by their child(ren). We suggest always sending additional items in your child’s lunch as a back up should they need more or fancy a different choice. Please let us know if you have any specific feedback you’d like to pass on to this year’s vendor.

**Provincial Grade 6 Assessments**

Our grade six students will be working on language arts and mathematics assessments this month. We’ll be working to minimize interruptions to their efforts on Oct 8, 9 and 15th. Additional information will go home to these families this week.

**Home and School**

Our Costume Dance will be held on Oct 23rd from 6:00-7:00 pm. More information will come as the date draws near!

**Terry Fox Teambuilding Event**

What an incredible day we had, full of inspiration, commitment, leadership and sense of community! Staff and students showed grit and determination in the September sun! It made many of us think of Terry’s strength of commitment spending many hot days running on the pavement! Thank you to our Grade 6 students who lead the readings about Terry’s Marathon of Hope and facilitated the activity stations for our special day. Thank you to Mrs McKenzie for your dedication in making an annual event uniquely special and engaging. Thanks to everyone for keeping Terry’s dream alive through your participation and commitment to finding a cure for cancer!

**IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION REMINDERS**

**School Safety**

Thank you for being careful about yourself and others when near the parking lot and at our bus drop off/pick up times. We are fortunate many family members can stay with the children before school begins and join in some social time. Some vehicles are parked too close to the exit and crosswalk areas. These block the view of the crosswalk guard and make it unsafe for those crossing the road. Thank you for keeping this in mind and trying to void the issue when parking.

On days when your child will be late or absent, please let us know. Our **Safe Arrival** number is

**1-833-582-6940.** The only option to select is Absent with Notification. Select this for an Absence or late arrival. When your child arrives late, the office will update their attendance.

Please have your child bring a labelled filled water bottle to and from school each day.

**Allergy Alerts / Medication**

We have numerous students and staff with severe allergies to food and scents. Please refrain

from wearing scents when in our school and be diligent about the food items your child brings to school. Nut products cannot be sent to school.

If your child has a severe medical condition and/or requires prescription medication to be taken while at school, please contact the main office for the necessary documentation and procedural information.

**Newsletters and General School-Home Correspondence**

We email monthly newsletters and send School Messenger email messages to families as our main mode of general communication about school wide information. If you require a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the main office and we will provide one.

**Head Lice Reminders**

Please make checking for the presence of nits and/or lice part of your family routines.

**UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

**OCTOBER**

1: Treaty Day - Culturally Significant Day – Schools open

13: Thanksgiving Day – No classes

23: Costume Dance 6-7pm – Home & School Event

24: NSTU Provincial Conference Day - No classes

**NOVEMBER**

5: Picture Retakes

6: Remembrance Day School Assembly

11: Remembrance Day – No classes

21: Evaluation Day – No classes (Term 1 Ends)

24-Dec 3: Report Cards Home

Dec 4: Progress Conferences / Teacher Professional Practice – No classes