



Highbury Education Centre

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Principal ~ Mike Mason

"An experiential approach to learning"

NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians:

It's hard to believe that we are now in the month of November. We have had a very busy October, including a group camping trip to Falls Lake. This was a great experience for our students and included a lot of personal growth. We will have many more experiential trips in the future and I know staff members are looking forward to continued individual student growth during our experiential trips!

Where it is November, midterm reports will be sent home on November 17th. These reports are a snapshot of where your student stands in regards to their academic progress so far this semester. Please have a look at this report and have a discussion with your student on their progress. We will be holding parent/student-teacher conferences on November 24th. Appointments will start at 1:15 p.m. and will continue through the afternoon and early evening. Please call the school to book your appointment time.

I'd like to remind parents/guardians of students who use the taxi company for transportation to and from school to phone or text M&G Cabs if they will not be attending school that day. The school is charged for every trip the taxi company makes on our behalf, this includes trips to pick up students who are not there. Please make sure to call or text (902) 691-2500 as early as possible if you know your student will not be attending school.

I am also excited to announce that Highbury Education Centre will begin to use the new Alert 2.0 notification system. This system will allow the school to send out notifications, announcements and reminders via e-mail, phone and/or text. In order to ensure that we have your most up to date contact information, please let the school know if any of your contact information has changed. Deanna will also be calling each family to ensure our records are accurate. The Alert 2.0 system will allow for increased communication between

home and school, something that is crucial to the success of our students.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

Mike Mason
Principal, HEC

Important Dates To Remember

- Nov 8** ~ Remembrance Day ceremony
- Nov 9** ~ Food Safety Course – Select Students
- Nov 11** ~ Remembrance Day – No School
- Nov 17** ~ Mid-term reports issued & Skating at the Canning Arena (1:50pm – 2:50pm)
- Nov 24** ~ 11:55 dismissal,
Guardian/Teacher/Student interviews.
- Nov 30** ~ Regional Inservice – No School



Alert Solutions offers schools reliable school to home notification system.

Utilizing voice call, texting and email, schools can send messages instantly and reliably using the integrated school notification system. From automated notifications and unexpected school closures, Alert Solutions' integration with PowerSchool enables schools to reliably reach parents/guardians, students and staff within minutes. Deanna will be contacting all homes to verify that the contact information we have on file is accurate.

SCHOOL CANCELLATION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER



Just a reminder that if school is cancelled due to inclement weather in your school district / county, you must:

Listen to K- Rock, Magic 94.9 or AVR to the school info pack...

→ if Kings County Schools are cancelled, we are closed.

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parents/guardians wishing to meet with staff please contact the office at 681-4930 to set-up an appointment. Appointments will take place during the afternoon and evening of Thursday, Nov. 24th. Each meeting will be 20 minutes long.

TRANSPORTATION NOTE: HOME SCHOOL CLOSURES



Please note the following home high school closures which will affect transportation arrangements for some HEC students. **HEC students are expected to attend school, even if their home high school is having a shutdown day or early dismissal.** Guardians will be responsible to get their child to/from the taxi pick up location (CK, NKEC or Horton) on these dates:

HHS
Nov 25 No school – No AM or PM buses

CK:
Nov 24 Early Dismissal – No PM buses

NKEC:
Nov 25 Early Dismissal – No PM buses

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL???

Guardians and students must call the school if you are planning to be absent for the day: **681-4930**. You **MUST** also **call your taxi!**

If no phone call is made to the school it will be reported as an inexcusable absence.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

We welcome donations of food items and/or monetary donations in support of our school breakfast and lunch program. A receipt will be issued for all monetary donations. Please make cheque payable to "Highbury Education Centre".




HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Braedon ~ Nov 5th
Emily ~ Nov 18th
Kristi ~ Nov 27th

WANNA SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING @ HEC?? CHECK US OUT!!!

Website: hec.ednet.ns.ca

Twitter: twitter.com/HighburyEdCtr



In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from falling hand we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We should not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

~ John McRae ~

