Michael Wallace Elementary

November Newsletter

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING???

Michael Wallace has a new School Mascot!!

Last Month, the students at Michael Wallace voted on the type of animal that they would most like to have as a school mascot. This is to replace the current "Torch" that we currently have as out logo. The student's voted to now be known as **The Michael Wallace Eagles!**
We are currently in the process of creating a graphic that will now represent us. Once this is completed, we will be selling stickers and tattoos to celebrate the new logo.
With the generosity of the Home & School, we will also be updating the school sign. Stay Tuned!!

So far:

- We have had Mad Science in for a fun-filled assembly highlighting the amazing things about Science. There are currently two groups of students (P-2, 3-6) who are participating in a lunchtime program learning about Science more in-depth. For anyone who missed the sign-up, Mad Science will be running another session after Christmas.
- October 30, all students participated in Bus Evacuation Drills.

Upcoming (November):

- Veteran Guest Speaker
- SuperNova Code Makers Presentations (Dalhousie University)
- Nancy Rose, Author Presentation

Michael Wallace Home & School

A HUGE! Shout-Out to the Home and School for organizing another super successful Trunk or Treat! Thank you!
Also, thank you to the families who participated. The trunks were incredible, and the kids had so much fun!

Next Up for the Home & School:

Shopping Under the Stars



November

10- Remembrance Day Assembly 11:15
11- Remembrance Day-No School
21- Assessment & Evaluation Day-No School
25- Home & School Meeting 6:30

December

2- Report Cards Home
4-Parent Teacher Shopping Under the Stars
5- Feed Nova Scotia Stuff-A-Bus
11-Carol Sing (Tentative)
15-19- Holiday Spirit Week
18- Home & School Gift Mart
19- Pancake Breakfast



This will run concurrently with Parent Teacher. **Please note: the time **is 5:30-8:30.**

Please join the "Michael Wallace Home & School" Facebook page for all of your Home & School Information.

If you can pass along the word about this great event either by word or sharing on Facebook, it would be extremely helpful in making the event successful.

Home & School Gift Mart: December 18th
DONATIONS NEEDED!!
Each year, the Home & School runs a Gift Mart where students in Pre-Primary-Grade 6 can shop for Christmas presents. This is a much beloved event for both students and families.
We are looking for donations of gently used items. This includes items for Women, Men, kids, grandparents etc. Donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, tags and tape are also greatly appreciated. You can drop off your donations at anytime during the school day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
The Gift Mart doesn't work without Volunteers! We need your gift-wrapping skills!! We also need volunteers to set up in the morning and take-down at the end of the day. **Save the Date!!** More information coming on how you can submit your name for Volunteering.

Next Meeting: November 25@ 6:30

Feed Nova Scotia Stuff-A-Bus Campaign

Michael Wallace will once again be participating in the Stuff-A-Bus in support of Feed Nova Scotia. The generosity of Michael Wallace Families absolutely blew away the organizers who came to the school to pick up our donations.
We have theme days based on Feed Nova Scotia's most needed items. This year, our theme days are as follows:

Date	Items
November 24	Cereal, Powdered or Canned Milk
November 25	Canned Soups, Stews
November 26	Pasta, Pasta Sauce
November 27	Rice
November 28	Any items
December 1	Canned veggies and fruit
December 2	Toiletries
December 3	Baby Needs (Diapers, formula, food)
December 4	Monetary Donation

A reminder email will be sent as the date draws sooner.

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
- 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 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.



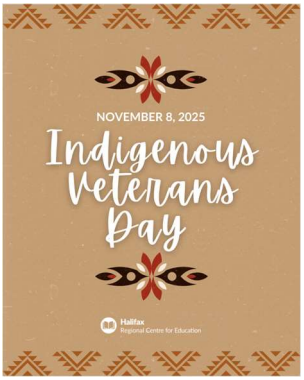
Remembrance Day holds an important place in our schools as it provides a meaningful opportunity for our students to learn about the sacrifices made by veterans and all those who have served in times of conflict. Through ceremonies, discussions and creative projects, we demonstrate respect and gratitude for the freedoms Canadians enjoy. Observing Remembrance Day also helps students connect with Canada's history and reinforces the values of peace, tolerance and community responsibility.

AI in Schools



HRCE teachers and staff are introducing students to artificial intelligence (AI) in safe and meaningful ways that build awareness, creativity, and critical thinking. Together, we can help our learners understand how to use AI responsibly and confidently in their education and everyday lives. This informational sheet provides you with starting points for conversations about AI and learning.

***Click here* to download the document.**



Indigenous Veterans Day is an important occasion to honour the sacrifices and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Recognizing this day in schools is especially significant, as it provides students with the opportunity to learn about the often-overlooked histories and experiences of Indigenous veterans. By commemorating Indigenous Veterans Day in our schools, we ensure that younger generations understand the vital role Indigenous peoples have played in defending Canada, while also promoting respect, reconciliation, and a more inclusive understanding of Canadian history. This recognition helps strengthen empathy, respect for diversity and a greater appreciation for the many ways in which Indigenous peoples have shaped our country.

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