

Debert Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From Mr. Fultz

September is often a busy time as staff and families adjust to the expectations and routines of another school year. We appreciate your support in helping to make that happen. Our school Behaviour Expectation Matrix is on the inside back cover of the student agenda. All families are asked to review it with their students. When we all strive to meet the same set of expectations, it helps to create a positive and welcoming learning environment for everyone.

October is Mi'kmaq History Month. The purpose is to promote public awareness about the Mi'kmaq culture and heritage for all citizens of Nova Scotia. Our students will have multiple learning experiences that enrich their understanding of these important ideas. The Mi'kmaq History Month (MHM) Committee recently announced that the theme for this year is Mi'kmaq Sports, Traditional Games, and Pastimes. For more information, please visit the <https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>

We are asking our families not to park or drive into the school parking lot during arrival and dismissal times. By working together, we can create a safer space for our students as they walk into and out of the school. Please park on either side of the road away from the parking lot and bus loop entrances and accompany your child across the road.

Our next PTA and SAC meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 15th at school. The PTA meeting begins at 6:00pm and the SAC meeting follows at 6:30pm. Parents and guardians are always welcome to attend. It is a great way to stay informed and help out.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the office at 902-662-4400 or email Mrs. Katie Devine at DevineKE@ccrce.ca



Reminders

- Oct. 2 – School Observance of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no school)
- Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Day (No school)
- Oct. 19 - Visit from the Debert Fire Brigade for Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 23 - Picture Day
- Oct. 26 - PTA Halloween Dance
- Oct. 27 – Provincial Conference Day (No school for students)
- Oct 31 - Orange & Black Day

2023-24 TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

We held our annual The Terry Fox Run/Walk on the afternoon of September 26th. The weather was beautiful and the students participated with enthusiasm as they followed a course around our entire school property. As a reward for their hard work, students received a treat and additional time to play outdoors. Congrats to the students and their families for donating a total of \$857.25 to this extremely worthy cause. Every little bit can make a big difference!



PICTURE DAY IS COMING!



Pridham's Studio will be visiting Debert Elementary on **Monday, October 23** to take school portraits. Neatly combed hair, tidy clothes, and a winning smile will ensure that this year's photos are the best yet! Online proofs are generally posted within 3 - 7 business days, so please take a few moments to review your child's proofs online to see the full selection choices.

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THE SEVEN SACRED TEACHINGS & MONTHLY ASSEMBLIES

Through the year, all students will be learning about The Seven Sacred Mi'kmaq teachings. They will bring balance, harmony, and peace for those who share and practice them. Each month we will focus on a different teaching and during our monthly assembly we will recognize students that have demonstrated an excellent understanding of the teaching.

Truth: To learn from your mistakes. It is better to live with truth than to live with a lie. If you stand with those who believe in truth and speak from the heart, truth will be yours.

Courage: To consider the interests of others before your own and speak up for what is right.

Respect: To be proud of yourself and be kind to everyone even those who are different than you, and to the environment.

Love: To care for those who are not as strong or as fortunate as you are, without asking or expecting anything in return.

Honesty: Never lie, cheat, or steal.

Humility: No matter how much you know, you should never think you're better than anyone else.

Wisdom: To know the difference between right and wrong and take responsibility for your actions.

School Picture Day
Monday Oct. 23



ORANGE AND BLACK DAY October 31st

Students are encouraged to wear orange and black to school on this day to help celebrate Halloween. Students are asked to leave their masks and costumes at home. In an effort to support students with various food allergies and food sensitivities, we will not be accepting any treats from families for your students' classes Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

One of our top priorities is ensuring that all students arrive safely at school each day. To assist us with this, we use the Safe Arrival process, accessed through the *SchoolMessenger* app. The phone app allows parents and guardians to notify the school in advance about an upcoming absence or rapidly respond to excuse an absence after the fact. In both situations, you can send attendance alerts to the school for all of your students and provide a reason for each absence – all in one simple communication. Families are asked to please download and use the app to report absences. Other options include the SafeArrival website (go.schoolmessenger.ca) or the toll-free automated phone system (1-833-578-0533)

Please contact the school office if you require more information or assistance setting up the app.



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