

2023-2024 Important Dates

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| Sept 22 | Cobequid Family of Schools PD - No classes for students |
| Oct. 3-18 | NS Assessment: Reading, Writing and Mathematics in Grade 6 |
| Oct. 27 | Provincial PD Day - No classes for students |
| Nov. 10 | Assessment & Evaluation Day - No classes for students |
| Nov. 20-23 | Report Cards Distributed |
| Nov. 23 | Student Progress Meetings (evening) |
| Nov. 24 | Student Progress Meetings (am) and Teacher PD (pm) - No school for students |
| Dec 21- Jan 1 | Holiday Break - Classes resume Jan 3 |
| Jan. 2 | School based Teacher PD - No school for students |
| Jan. 3 | School resumes for students |
| Mar. 8 | Assessment & Evaluation Day - No school for students |
| Mar. 11-15 | Spring Break |
| Mar. 25-28 | Report cards distributed |
| Mar. 27 | Student Progress Meetings (evening) |
| Mar. 28 | Student Progress Meetings (am) and Teacher PD (pm) - No school for students |
| May 13-28 | NS Assessment: Literacy and Mathematics in Grade 3 |
| Jun. 27 | Assessment & Evaluation - no classes for students |
| Jun. 28 | Report cards distributed |

A complete list of Debert Elementary's 2023-24 Calendar of events is available online and in the Student Agenda. Other events will be posted on the school's webpage and in our monthly newsletters.

Principal's Message

Clear communication is vital for parents, students, and the school community to work together for academic success for all Debert Elementary students. With this in mind please keep a copy of our communication plan along with the communication plans sent home by individual teachers. This document provides you with an overview of how we can stay in contact with one another. Please call, email me directly fultzs@ccrce.ca, or arrange an appointment if you have a concern to discuss.

Information about upcoming school events will be included in monthly newsletters and email notices, and posted on the DES website and DES Facebook page.

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Katie Devine

Office Hours: 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-2:30

Contact: 902-662-4400 or DevineKE@ccrce.ca

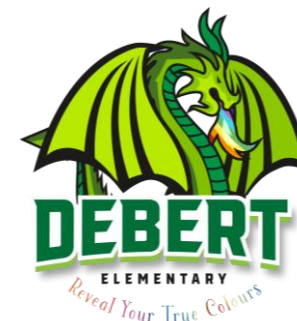
School Advisory Council

The SAC includes parents, community members, and school staff. It advises the school principal on a wide range of issues, most importantly, the ongoing efforts of the school to continuously improve student well-being, achievement, and overall school performance.

Parent Teacher Association

The PTA works with the school to organize extra curricular activities and fundraising events that enrich the school experience for students.

Both groups hold regular meetings during the school year. Please watch for dates and times. All parents are welcome to attend.



Debert Elementary School 2023-2024 Communication Plan

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Website: <https://des.ccrce.ca/>

Hours of Operation

8:10 - Arrival of students begins

8:30- Instructional day begins

2:15- Instructional day ends

2:20- Dismissal of students begins

School Mission

We believe that all students can contribute meaningfully as global citizens and thrive in an ever changing world, and we are focused on creating engaging learning experiences in inclusive environments that support each student's well-being, social emotional development, and academic achievement.

Assessment and Evaluation

Teachers plan, assess and evaluate student learning against Department of Education and Early Childhood Development expected learning outcomes. Expected learning outcomes are statements describing what students are to know, show and do in each subject/course.

Teachers maintain regular communication with students and parents regarding students' learning, progress and well-being.

Parental/Guardian Concerns

If you have questions regarding student progress (including a review of student assessment results) and /or well-being, we have established guidelines for having your questions addressed at the school level. The following is a list of recommended steps for you to follow to ensure your child's needs are met:

1. Talk to your child.
2. Contact your child's teacher.
3. Contact the school vice-principal or principal.
4. If the concern cannot be adequately addressed in steps 1 to 3, the school may arrange a meeting with the parent, teacher(s) and administration.

A process has been put in place to ensure parents/ guardians receive prompt response to questions or concerns that cannot be resolved at the school level. If you feel an issue has not been resolved, the CCRCE Parental Concern Referral Form is available through the main office or on the [Parent Concern Process page](#) of the CCRCE website.

School Procedures

Communication with Students/Families

School wide communication is shared through our school website, monthly newsletters, parent emails, our school Facebook site, and the student agenda.

Debert Elementary will contact parents via the School Messenger System. This will phone, text or email parents, depending on their preference selected on the student registration form.

Individual student information is shared through student agendas, emails, phone calls, meetings, and the PowerSchool Student-Parent Portal.

Expectations for Student Success at School

Students are responsible for participating in their learning. Students are encouraged to discuss with their teacher what they have learned and what they have yet to learn. Discussion may also include due dates, negotiate extensions and re-submitting work. The process for incomplete assessments will follow the [EECD Process for Classroom Assessment Due Dates and Extensions](#).

Attendance and Reporting a Student Absence

Regular attendance is necessary for students to have success in school. As part of the Education Act, it is the responsibility of both students and parents to ensure that students attend school regularly. Attendance is closely monitored and parents will be contacted if we have concerns with a student's attendance. Steps will then be put in place to address the concerns. We thank you for your cooperation in ensuring your student attends school daily.

We want to see our students succeed and we know that student success is linked to regular attendance in school. Please report student absences through the ***SchoolMessenger app***. Families are asked to please download and use the app to report absences. Please contact the school office if you require more information or assistance setting up the app.

NS EECD Homework Policy

The purpose of homework is to practice and reinforce what has been taught in school. Students are encouraged to complete homework as assigned. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the classroom teacher.

School Cancellation and Early Dismissal

Please review the CCRCE link below relating to school cancellations and early dismissals: [Inclement Weather - Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education](#)

School Wide Support for Students

All teaching staff work together to provide the necessary support for students by providing opportunities for increased student success. The DES Student Services team is dedicated to supporting students with diverse needs. The team includes the Principal, a Learning Support Teacher, an Early Literacy Support/Reading Recovery Teacher, a School Counselor, a Child & Youth Care Practitioner, and three Educational Assistants. We also have access to and support from specialists such as a Speech Language Pathologist, a School Psychologist, School Health Nurse, and Schools Plus Facilitators.