



## HNRH/KDS Fall Update 2020

As we start December we are pleased to have students in school and learning.. Students and staff have been working together for a successful Term 1. We have many things to celebrate and the holiday season is fast approaching. We wish all a happy and festive season.

We have a few things to update and share -

### Covid Related items

- We ask students and parents to continue to follow Covid protocols and screening procedures as outlined by Public Health
- Please ensure that the school has your most up to date contact information including address, phone number(s), emails, and emergency contact info (this is very important in relation to covid tracking)
- Planning is well underway in the event of Covid changes to schooling including a blended model of delivery and a learn at home scenario.
- Please ensure that the school is aware of the technology access at home to the internet and devices. This is all part of the planning process for us as we work through the scenarios.

### KDS Items

Covid has changed some of the things we have done in the past related to the holidays. We have the following things upcoming as part of holiday activities for the students.

Our newly elected KDS student council has been working on a “Holiday Fun Fest” with the following theme days and activities:

Wed, Dec 16th -

Grinch Day- wear green  
Green smoothies  
Grinch pictures to color  
Creative Grinch writing prompt

Thurs, Dec 17th -

Ugly Sweater Day  
(If you don't have one, be CREATIVE and create your own!)  
Create and color ugly sweater template  
Turkey Dinner Day

Fri, Dec 18th	Freezing Friday Flannel or plaid shirt, comfy pants, boot slippers
Mon, Dec 21st	Favorite Holiday Hat (reindeer antlers, holiday hat, decorate your own)
Tues, Dec 22nd	PJ Day and Polar Express (or another movie choice)

**Also, the students are having an on-going Food Bank Drive throughout Holiday Fun Fest week for those who would like to donate.**

### **KDS Holiday Concert**

KDS students have been working on holiday related items with their Music teacher. The hope is to post a video to share. This will tentatively be shared late December through a link on our youtube channel.

### **Holiday Meal HNRH/KDS**

The school will be having a holiday meal including turkey, dressing, veggies, potatoes, and gravy from the cafeteria on Thursday, December 17th with a snow cancellation day on Friday, December 18th. This will be the only menu item served on this day from the cafeteria. For the HNRH students Grades 7-12, the cost of their meal will be covered by the school. Any student who wishes to participate in the meal will need to pre order through their English class up to and including Thursday, Dec 10th.

For students Grades P-6, the KDS Home and School will be covering the cost of the meal. Thank you to our group for all of their efforts related to this!!! They do wonderful work even in these times of Covid!

### **HNRH Food Drive**

Our HNRH Food Drive is underway! We are a week in and off to a slow start but have two weeks to improve our numbers. The Grade 11 O2 class is challenging the HNRH community to collect 1000 food items in the next two weeks for our local food bank! This year has brought many changes and challenges for communities across Nova Scotia and HNRH is looking to help! We are encouraging students to bring what they can in our efforts to make this the most successful food drive to date!

### **KDS Home and School Group**

Our next meeting is Monday, December 7th at 7pm. If you are interested in joining please reach out to the school for information. Some recent items of interest that they are working on include a playground update and registering with Joint Stocks.

## **HNRH/KDS School Advisory Council**

Our next School Advisory Meeting is on Monday, December 7th immediately following the KDS Home and School meeting. Meetings for the SAC are open and if you wish to join please let the school know. The SAC will be actively involved in the continuous school improvement process this year.

## **HNRH/KDS Updates and Improvements**

Mr. Hingley and I have identified areas to improve the educational experience for our staff and students. We have several items to share. Some have been worked on together with the Center for Education (CCRCE) while others have been provided through school based funds, SAC funds, KDS Home and School funds, outside grants through different agencies, and donations from our fantastic community. We celebrate these contributions and will continue to identify items and find ways to provide for them.

- New entry/exit doors installed on the HNRH side by the soccer field
- New Synthetic Gym floor
- Roof resingled on the Boiler room
- Full mirrored wall in the Yoga/Dance room
- Sound equipment in the yoga room
- New PE equipment in the gym including various balls, nets, games, mats, etc.
- Outside Beach Volleyball Court
- Gaga Pits
- Outside classroom furniture
- Hallway TV's for presentations
- New filtered and refrigerated water fountains
- Science Equipment
- New Science Lab chemical fume hood
- Streaming equipment for school events including: HD zoom cameras, video and sound integration mixers
- Chromebooks
- Gymnasium Bleachers for events
- Portable AED

## **Healthy Promoting Schools Grants**

KDS and HNRH have been awarded over \$11,000 in grants this year to support initiatives in the school. The grant money will support healthy food initiatives, yoga programming for the KDS students, and some social groups.

## **Senior Girls Volleyball**

Congratulations goes out to our Senior Girls Varsity Volleyball team for their efforts this season. They won the NSSAF Division 2 Northumberland Regional banner this season. Unfortunately, due to Covid, Provincials have been put on hold and may be cancelled. Congratulations to our team and their coaches.

## **HNRH Holiday Theme week**

The HNRH student council will be hosting the following theme days -

Mon, Dec 14th	Ugly Christmas Sweater
Tues, Dec 15th	Red & Green Day
Wed, Dec 16th	Holiday Hat
Thurs, Dec 17th	Cozy Christmas Socks/Slippers
Fri, Dec 18th	Christmas PJ
Mon, Dec 21st	Christmas Movie Character
Tues, Dec 22nd	Christmas in July

## **Dates to Remember**

Dec 17	Turkey dinner
Dec 22	Last day of classes
Jan 4	Classes resume
Jan 25-28	HNRH Exams
Jan 29	HNRH Assessment Day (Gr. 7-12 No school only)
Feb 1	Semester 2 HNRH
Feb 15	Heritage Day (No students present)
Feb 16	Site Based PD (No students present KDS/HNRH)
March 15- 19	March Break
March 26	KDS Assessment Day
April 2	Good Friday (No students present)
April 5	Easter Monday (No students present)