



HNRH/KDS Fall Update 2020

As we near the end of October it is hard to believe we are almost 2 months into the school year! We have had a very successful start up with the Covid procedures in place with students and staff adjusting well. It has been a very good first couple of months.

As we move into November we have reporting periods and Remembrance Day coming. For Remembrance Day, we will not be able to do a school wide activity as in the past. Teachers will be completing classroom based activities and share a presentation with students. There will be no students present on November 11 due to Remembrance Day.

For reporting periods we will be hosting parent teacher interviews under the Covid guidelines. We are still waiting for direction regarding the interviews however we do know that there will be no in person meetings at this time. As things get finalized we will communicate through the school website.

For KDS November 13th is an Assessment and Evaluation day with no students present. November 25th report cards will be sent home with interviews occurring on Nov 26th and 27th. There will be no school for students on November 27th.

For HNRH Grades 7-12 students there will be no school on November 13th due to parent teacher interviews and PD. Term 1 reports for grades 7-8 will be sent home on November 25th. For grades 9-12 students, Mid term reports will be sent home on November 10th.

Please stay tuned for announcements/directions regarding the parent teacher interviews.

Halloween Treats

Due to COVID protocols treats sent from home are not permitted. HNRH and KDS students will be receiving a treat bag from the HNRH Student Council on Friday.

Parent/student information Update

It is very important that the school have the most up to date information for students with addresses, phone #'s, emails, emergency contact info, etc. This is especially important at this time. Please contact the school if there is information missing or not up to date. We will put things on the school website along with emails and phone calls through Alert solutions as well.

Morning Arrival

Classes start at 8:40 a.m. Children should not be at the school before the doors are unlocked and supervision starts at 8:20 a.m. We ask for your cooperation in this manner as it is a great safety concern.

Dismissal

As you are aware, dismissal time for all students is 2:40. The end of the day can be busy with many students packing up and heading to buses. ***We ask that parents not arrive to pick up their child prior to 2:40.*** Every time a student is picked up early it disrupts the teacher and the entire class. Students usually need help to get organized and ready to go home and that means their teacher has to stop teaching and attend to one child to prepare them to go home.

Transportation Note

Transportation has asked us to share the following information regarding Bus procedures for pick up at bus stops. This is from Section 6 (Roles and Responsibilities), from the Nova Scotia School Transportation Policy found on our website. If you have questions please contact transportation at 902-758-4614.

Parents/Guardians

It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to

- ensure that their child arrives safely either to the designated school bus stop or to the school;

all students must be at the bus stop at least five (5) minutes before the planned pick-up time

- ensure that students are safe while they wait at the bus stop
- provide the school with all information required to appropriately plan for safe student transportation; the information required, and the timelines for information to be provided, will be set out by the RCE or CSAP.
- ensure all pre-primary through grade 2 students are supervised by parents/guardians, or an individual designated by the parent/guardian, until the bus arrives in the morning and are there to greet the student in the afternoon; parents/guardians may apply, in writing, to have their child discharged at a bus stop without supervision.

KDS Home and School Group

Our next meeting is Monday November 2nd at 7pm. If you are interested in joining please reach out to the school for information.

HNRH/KDS School Advisory Council

Our next school advisory meeting is on Monday November 2nd at 7:30pm. Our meetings will occur over zoom or through a call in. Tammy Fenton is our SAC chair. 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.

Allergies and Anaphylaxis

Many children have allergies; some may be life-threatening. Several children in our school have a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly peanuts and nuts. Peanuts are the leading cause of anaphylaxis, which can result in death.

Our school board has a policy in place to help protect children with life-threatening allergies. We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure for these students is to respectfully ask for the cooperation of the parents/guardians within our school community to **not send peanut butter or products with peanuts or nuts listed in the ingredients to school.** Nutella is also not considered peanut free. We can all play a role in providing an environment that is safe and healthy for all our students.

Dates to Remember

KDS

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day (No Classes)

Nov 13 - Assessment & Evaluation Day - Elementary (No Classes)

Nov 25 - Report Cards Distributed

Nov 26 - Evening Parent Teacher Interviews (Format TBD)

Nov 27 - No School - Parent Teacher Interviews (AM); Site-based PD (PM)

HNRH

Grades 9-12- Mid Term Reports

Nov 10 - mid term reports sent home

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day (No school for students)

Nov 13 - .5 PD / .5 Parent Teacher (No school for students)

Nov 26 - Evening PT all grades P-12 - * more info to follow

Grades 7-8- Term 1

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day (No school for students)

Nov 13 - .5 PD / .5 Parent Teacher (No school for students)

Nov 25 - Term 1 reports sent home

Nov 26 - Evening Parent Teacher Interviews (Format TBD)