

November 2024

Tantallon Jr Newsletter

Tantallon Jr Elementary School

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Administrator's Message

Welcome to November everyone! We can all agree that October ended on a high note, weather wise. This month, teachers will be evaluating the assessment information they have collected on students to write a summary for this term.

We will also be reflecting and honouring past and present serving members of our community, the province, and our country. We thank you for all that you do to keep our country safe.

Our students keep amazing us with their learning, smiles and excitement when at school. They sure keep the smiles going on for miles!

Important Dates:

Nov 4-8- Fire drill

Nov 6 - Remembrance Day Assembly (Sr building)

Nov 11- **No School-** Remembrance Day

Nov 13 - TESP meeting 6:30

Nov 22 - Assessment & Evaluation Day - **No School for Students**

Nov 26 - SAC meeting 6:30

Nov 27- Holiday Concert 6-7pm

Nov 29- Holiday Concert storm date

Dec 2-5 - Scholastic Book Fair

Dec 5 - Professional Learning Day am/Family Conference pm - **No School for Students**

Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day, observed on November 8, acknowledges the unique contributions and sacrifices made by Indigenous soldiers. This day highlights the bravery and commitment of Indigenous veterans, who have served with distinction despite facing historical and ongoing challenges.

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Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, we observe Remembrance Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the armed forces during World War I, World War II, and other conflicts. This solemn day is marked by ceremonies, moments of silence, and the wearing of poppies in honour of those who have served and fallen.

Together, these days remind us of the courage and resilience of all who have served.



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TESPA News

The next TESPAs meeting is on Wednesday **November 13th at 6:30** in the Sr. school cafeteria. All welcome!

The next Popcorn day is **Friday, November 15th**. Families can purchase a bag of popcorn for their child on School Cash Online or by sending in \$1 by **Thursday, Nov 14th**. .

TESPA will be having a Holiday bake sale during the Holiday Concert on **November 27th** and we'll be looking for donations from families.

Lastly, Green Christmas will be taking place on **December 18th**. TESPAs is accepting donations of new or gently used goods (no clothing please) at any time but dropping off on the Holiday concert night is ideal. In addition to new and used items we'll also need gift bags and tissue paper (no wrapping paper please).

Questions for TESPAs, interested in volunteering or contributing please contact at tantallonespa@gmail.com



SAC- School Advisory Council

The SAC is a group of parents, staff and community members who act in an advisory capacity to the school principal and Regional Centre of Education on a range of issues related to the school and school system. SACs play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. Our next SAC meeting will be Nov 26 at 6:30 pm (virtual). All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

hrce-sac-taejr@gnspecs.ca

Holiday Concerts

Please mark your calendars: NOVEMBER 27th at 6:00pm!

It will be a first for our primaries! We will send details as we get closer to the date. We send 2 tickets per child and have a waitlist for extras. This is to accommodate the occupancy load allowed in our gym. We also run a dress rehearsal during the day (1pm). This allows other members of the family to attend if they can't make it in the evening. We will be accepting donations of non-perishable goods for the local food bank.



Head Lice Prevention and Treatment

With the beginning of a new school year, we often see cases of head lice quite early. By working together, we can all help prevent head lice. Please notify the school immediately if your child has head lice.

If you do discover that your child does have head lice, they must be treated. Consult with your family doctor or pharmacist for treatment options. Here are some tips to remember and share with your child:

- Never share hats, combs, clips, bands or any type of headgear.
- Put hats and scarves in coat pockets or sleeve, not on a shelf.
- Check your child's head regularly.

Parent Teacher & Report Cards

Our first parent teacher meetings of the year will be held on Thursday, Dec 5 afternoon and evening. A notice will be sent home soon for you to indicate potential time slots to meet with the teachers.

Report cards will be emailed home Dec 2-3. If you would prefer a hard copy of the student's report card, please let Mrs. Miller know.

Lost & Found

Our lost and found continues to grow. Please ensure your child's items are labeled for easy ownership.

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 buses 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:**

- Bused 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 our website www.hrce.ca
- On X (formerly Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- On Instagram at www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.

Will school be cancelled?

HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools and school buses due to weather.

Learn more at hrce.ca



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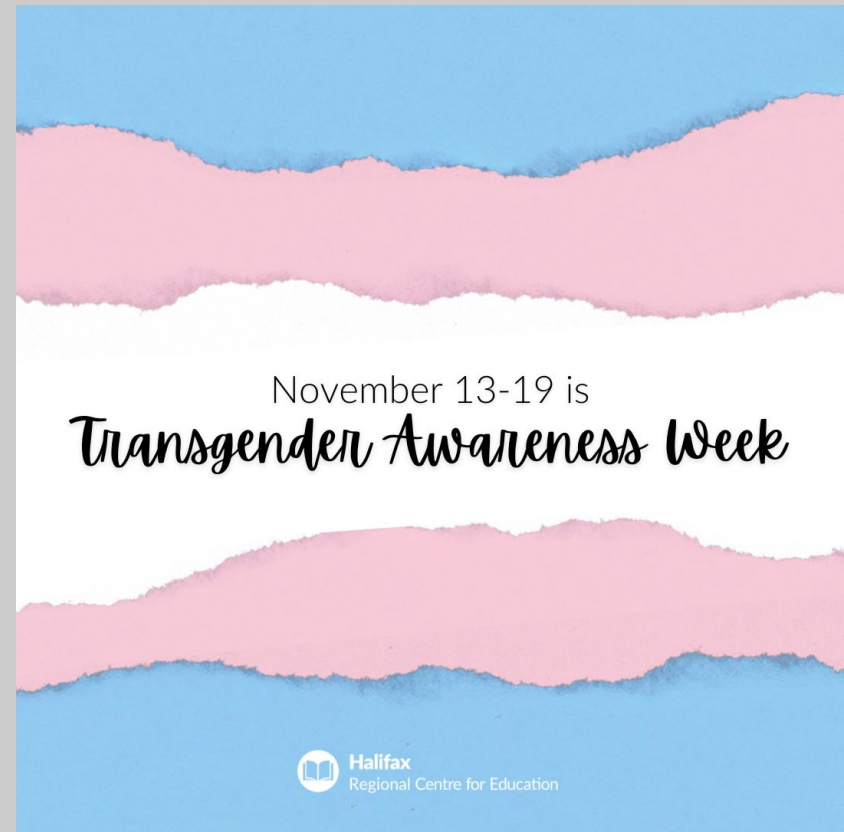
Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week, observed in the second week of November, focuses on raising awareness about the issues facing transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. The week highlights the challenges transgender people face, such as discrimination and lack of healthcare access, and promotes acceptance and inclusivity by encouraging supportive policies and practices.

The week helps to foster solidarity within the transgender community and with allies, providing emotional support and strengthening the transgender movement. It culminates in the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, a day to honour those lost to anti-transgender violence, emphasizing the need for continued protection and support.

Be an ally

An ally is someone who actively and consistently supports, stands with and advocates for the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. The best way to be an ally is to listen with an open mind. It is our responsibility to treat all people with dignity and kindness.



Author Visit with Sal Sawler

Last week we had a very special visitor to our school. Sal Sawler, author of the book “When The Ocean Came to Town” joined us to share this new book and engage the students in a lively discussion about the ocean, storms, and community. At the back of the book, the author shared some ideas on how to become a community builder: start a community garden, donate some good clothes and toys that you no longer use, hold a lemonade stand and donate the money to a local animal shelter, clean up trash at your local playground, park or beach, comfort a friend who is sad. The students and staff of TJES loved this visit and the wonderful message that was shared.



Reminders

- Please watch for signs indicating areas that parking is permitted around the school grounds.
- TJES is a peanut and nut free, and scent aware site. Please do not send nut or peanut products to school. This is especially important with Halloween treats being sent for recess.
- Visitors must check in at the office.
- Supervision of students does not begin until 8:20 so they should not arrive until that time.
- Please label clothing items, water bottles, etc.
- Please send water bottles and cutlery each day with your child.
- Keeping a change of clothes in backpacks is a great idea that prevents us from calling home when a change is necessary.
- If your child is absent from school please call the Safe Arrival Line at **1-833-582-6940**