



SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Sept	8	Picture Day with Pridhams
Sept	9	Stand Up! Speak Out! Wear pink today
Sept	27	Staff PD Day (NO SCHOOL for students)
Sept	29	Terry Fox Run
Sept	30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - NO SCHOOL
Oct	1	Treaty Day
Oct	11	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct	22	Staff PD day - (NO SCHOOL for students)
Nov	11	Remembrance Day (no school)
Nov	12	Assessment & Evaluation Day (NO SCHOOL for students)
Nov	25	5-7pm Parent / Teacher meetings
Nov	26	AM—Parent/Teacher meetings PM —PD for staff (NO SCHOOL for students)
Dec	22	First Day of Holiday Break
Jan 5, 2021		Students return to school

Please see your student agenda calendar for additional important dates



If your child is not able to attend school for any reason, please call the school at 902-896-5530. Leave a message with the child's name, class, what symptoms they have if they are unwell or at an appt. If they have Covid symptoms, please call Public Health as well.

In the lower parking lot

Student Drop off: 9:15—9:25 AM
Student Pick-up: 3:15—3:25 PM

We are thankful for all that you have done and will continue to do to keep traffic flow to the lower parking lot only and to be positive models of following safe expected behaviours.

Wela'lin! Merci!

Our most sincere appreciation.



Daily Covid-19 Monitoring

A copy of the Corona-virus daily checklist was updated on August 25th and is available here:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/Daily-COVID-checklist-en.pdf>

Please make it a daily practice in your home to talk about the importance of staying home if feeling unwell. We expect higher than typical absences from school this year as folks adjust to cautiously monitoring how they feel. There is no negative consequence for students who feel unwell & stay at home. In fact, we expect everyone who feels unwell to do just that, as the poster indicates.

If your child is feeling unwell, please call 811 and follow the direction of Public Health.

If one child is feeling unwell, the others who are well are able to come to school unless advised otherwise by Public Health.

Please call the school to report your child's absence if unwell and if they have Covid-19 symptoms, please share with us, as it may help us to better inform Public Health of any patterns in our school population. Anytime daily total student absences are over 10%, we are required to report that to Public Health on a regular basis.

TEACHER COMMUNICATION PLANS

On Monday Sept. 13th, all families will receive a Communication Plan from their child's teacher indicating how to contact, topics that will be taught this school year and other tips for their class. Please make sure your child's teacher's email is not in your e-mail spam folder & that you give your email program (Hotmail in particular) permission to accept emails from the teacher's address and our school newsletters and notices.



Student School Photos will be happening with Pridham's on **Wednesday Sept. 8th**. (Yes! The second day of school!) Wear your best smile!!

Wednesdays will be School Spirit Days at NRES - beginning on Sept. 15th, show your School spirit & wear RED or BLUE every Wednesday!! We are the #NorthStars!!



Students are asked to **BRING a FULL WATER BOTTLE** with their name on it in their backpack each day. We have touchless water-bottle filling fountains for refilling bottles throughout the day as they need it.



HOTMAIL & emails from the school

Sometimes Hotmail identifies our school emails done through PowerSchool as "junk". Please check your junk folder & mark emails from our school (usually from: bishopameroha@ccrce.ca or gouldrb@ccrce.ca) as deliverable.

At any point if your emails change, please keep us informed so we can update that information.

SCHOOL AGENDAS

Please use the school agenda your child received on the first day of school for communication between home and school (ie, changes for after school dismissal arrangements)

NO SCHOOL - September 27th & 30th



Monday Sept. 27th is a Professional Development & Student Services work day.

Thursday, September 30 is National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

There will be no school for students on these days

ORDERING LUNCH FROM THE CAFETERIA

To encourage less exchange of items from home to school, we encourage folks to make weekly or monthly purchases from the cafeteria if that works for you. Daily orders are always also available. Please be sure to have your child's name and teacher on each ticket as some students don't remember ordering in the morning & we can't help them without names on tickets.



COMMUNICATIONS

Follow us on TWITTER- we update frequently @NorthRiverElem



Follow our school's PUBLIC Google Calendar for special events & reminders

<http://nres.ccrce.ca/node/328>

and visit our North River Elementary Web Page frequently for information at your fingertips, including the cafeteria menu and a digital copy of our newsletters!

<http://nres.ccrce.ca/>

Teacher contact emails:

Classroom teachers are always the first line of contact for any questions or concerns regarding your child/ren. Calling before or after school is the best time to reach teachers by phone at (902)896-5530. When we all work together, we are better!

Teacher	E-mail address
Primary – Colleen Dale	DaleC@ccrce.ca
Primary/1 – Shelby Lohead	loheadsa@ccrce.ca
Grade 1 – Sherrise West-Lynds - Kelly Bonnell	westlyndss@ccrce.ca BonnellK@ccrce.ca
Grade 1 / 2 - Katie Kennedy	KennedyK1@ccrce.ca
Grade 2 - Joanne Mills	MillsJL@ccrce.ca
Grade 3 - Maureen Farrell	FarrellM@ccrce.ca
Grade 4 - Kara Jessome	jessomeck@ccrce.ca
Grade 5 / 6 – Krista Wilson (formerly Turner)	wilsonkd@ccrce.ca
Grade 6 – Ashley Dalrymple	dalrympleae@ccrce.ca
Phys Ed – Jeana Searle	searlej@ccrce.ca
Music – Sarah Parker	ParkerSA2@ccrce.ca
Core French – Veronique Parker	bourquev@ccrce.ca
Learning Centre – Tanya Parker	ParkerTE@ccrce.ca
Learning Support – Lisa Matheson	MathesonL@ccrce.ca
School Counsellor – Tanya Ozolins	OzolinsTL@ccrce.ca

Allergy Aware School

We are a peanut & nut aware school
As well as a scent-sensitive Environment



DAILY BREAKFAST PROGRAM at NRES

We offer breakfast program access for all students. Breakfast items will be offered at the entrance for students to take from the Breakfast carts as they head to their classrooms. School staff & student volunteers are currently "manning" this program but we could use the support of a few volunteers who already have their volunteer package (criminal record check & child abuse registry) completed.



Please call the school if you could do a day or two a week on a regular basis from 9:05-9:30.

We have some new faces at NRES



Ms. Gould is our new Admin. Assistant in the office & will most likely be the voice you hear when you call the school.
In the Phys. Ed. Teacher role this year, we are sharing Ms. Searle with Great Village Elementary and she will be here every day (for full or part days)
In Grade 1/2, please welcome Mrs. Kennedy as a classroom teacher in Rm. 14.
In Grade Six, Mrs. Dalrymple will be the teacher in Rm. 15.
Mrs. Jessome is our Grade 4 teacher in Room 10 this year.
Mrs. Ozolins ("Mrs. O") is our School Counsellor, shared with Cobequid Consolidated.
Veronique Parker is the French teacher sharing Rm. 8 (on opposite days) with our Music Teacher.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

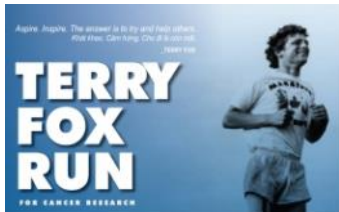
Can you help with...
Breakfast Program? Each Morning 8:50-9:30? One day? Many days?
Parent-Teacher Group- meeting schedule to come, watch for it!
These meetings to support our school are always open to all parents.
School Advisory Council- we need 2 parents & a community member! Want to know more? [School Advisory Council Handbook](#)

September 29—Terry Fox School Run Day

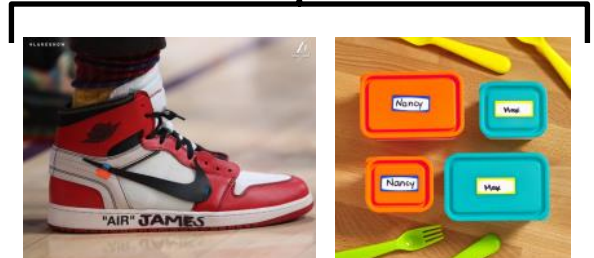
On Wednesday September 29th students will take part in the 41st annual Terry Fox School Run. Students will work together to accumulate as many laps as possible during their time and will learn about Terry Fox and his journey along the way.

If you would like to support our school's fundraising efforts you may make a donation online at

<https://terryfox.org/schoolrun/parents/>



We will not be collecting money at school so we thank you for making your donations online.



PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!
Help us help return items to students!
Please put student names on sweaters, backpacks, lunch containers, shoes, etc. so that we can help students solve missing item mysteries or return items found to the right owner.

This year, most elementary schools have switched to an 8 day cycle, with Sept. 7 being Day 1. Please check the Google Calendar on our school website if you need to check what day it is.

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As, well our times have changed slightly

- 9:05 - buses arrive - Students play on playground
- 9:15 - bell to come in / drop off can begin
- 9:25 - Announcements - all students should be in their classrooms
- 10:40 & 10:55 - recesses & playground
- 12:25 & 12:53 - Lunches & playground
- 3:20 - Walkers/pick ups dismissed
- 3:25 - Buses begin loading

Please do not arrive at the school before 9:05 as there is no supervision before this time.

NEWSLETTERS

A paper copy of our monthly newsletters are available by request—please call the school (902) 896-5530 if you require a paper copy rather than the e-mailed copy.