

Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Elementary

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Upcoming Dates

**October is Mi'kmaq
History Month**

October 7
SAC Meeting at 6pm

October 11
Professional
Development Day
(no classes)

October 14
Thanksgiving Day
(no classes)

October 17
School Picture Day
(more information
to follow)

October 25
October Conference
Day (no classes)

School Hours P-5
8:40 Playground
Supervision Begins
8:55 Students enter
9:00 Classes Begin
10:35-10:50 Recess
12:00-12:55 Lunch
3:00 Dismissal

Message to Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Families:

We are excited on how wonderful the start of the school year has been. We have had several drills during the month of September and the staff and students did an amazing job. We had our Curriculum Night which was wonderful to see all the families that were able to attend. It was a great opportunity to meet the amazing team at AMTB. Teachers have spent most of September working on routines, getting to know their students and finding out where they are in their learning. Students are actively engaged in meaningful curriculum based activities. Some of our students are working on the "Carboard Challenge" which promotes creative thinking and imagination while building amazing projects.

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School Pictures

We have a new school photographer this year Adam's Photography. School Pictures will be taken on Thursday Oct. 17 for all students. We will share more specific information in the near future.



Head Lice

Since, your child is back in school you should do regular head lice checks. It is recommended after a bath/shower and to check above the ears and at the back of the head (the hot spots) first. If you do encounter this situation, we have all been through it and ask that you call the office so we can be aware and offer support. There is a policy in place which prevents us from notifying an entire class if there is a case of head lice found in the classroom.

Contact Information:

We appreciate ongoing communication between home and school. Please make sure to ensure your contact information (current email, phone number & address) is up to date on PowerSchool under HRCE Demographic Updates (Returning Student Registration) . Here is the PowerSchool Parent Portal Login link <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and PowerSchool Parent Portal Information - tutorial/instructions link <https://www.hrce.ca/our-schools/families/powerschool>.

End of Day Dismissal Requests:

If you are picking your child up early you should do so before 2:30pm. After 2:30pm we are starting to get class instruction complete and preparing for dismissal. As well, if you requesting changes in dismissal plans please let the office know by 2:30pm it can be difficult to reach classes at the end of the day that are already in the hallway getting packed and dressed to go home. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

What is SchoolsPlus?

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help families navigate complicated situations when they are involved with many different services. This helps ensure everyone is communicating clearly and working on shared goals. SchoolsPlus can also help connect families to community resources and offers mental health support in schools. Contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator for your school to make a referral. You can find additional information [here](#).

School Transportation:

If you are eligible for bussing and have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to use BusPlanner online at <https://hrcetransportation.mybusplanner.ca/> or contact the HRCE Transportation Team directly: Transportation@hrce.ca or 902.431.4723. October 21-25, 2024 is School Bus Safety Week in Nova Scotia! You can find out more information about School Bus Safety Week, including more safety tips, [here](#).

School Cancellation

The decision to cancel school will be made as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible and it will be communicated on the radio, HRCE website, the main switchboard and through the school cancellation number:464-INFO (4636). Consider signing up to receive e-mail or text message notification of cancellations . Please listen for Halifax West Family of Schools (our feeder high school) or Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay in all cancellation announcements. Before dropping students off at school on inclement weather days, parents should ensure that staff are onsite and are immediately available to provide supervision. When busses are cancelled and schools are open, parents must use their own discretion with regard to sending their children to school. If no busses are running in the morning none will be running at the end of the day. When schools are open, meaningful learning activities will be going on in classrooms. Students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather and/or bus cancellation will not be penalized because of assignments given or due on that day.

Lunch Monitors:

We are looking for a few people who love spending time with children who have a few hours a day (12pm-1pm Atlantic Memorial Site) to join our Lunch Monitor Team. We are looking for people to work every day and we are also looking for a few casuals who would be available to fill vacancies when needed. This is a paid position which is excellent for someone looking for a part-time job. If you would like more information on how to apply please reach out to us at email: amtb@hrce.ca.