

Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Elementary

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October
2025

Upcoming Dates

**October is Mi'kmaq
History Month**

Learn more [here](#).

October 6

SAC Meeting at 6pm
(see School Website for
SAC information)

October 13

Thanksgiving Day
(no classes)

October 16

School Picture Day Pre-
Primary

October 17

School Picture Day
Grades P-5

October 24

October Conference
Day (no classes)

Coming Up:

November 3

SAC Meeting at 6pm

November 11

Remembrance Day (no
classes)

November 21

Assessment and
Evaluation Day
(no classes)

November 22

Holiday Market and Fair
10am-1pm

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:

A Wonderful Start to the School Year!

We are thrilled with how the school year has begun! September was full of activity, including several safety drills, and our staff and students did an outstanding job. It was also fantastic to welcome families to our Curriculum Night—a great opportunity to meet the incredible AMTB team.

Throughout the month, teachers focused on establishing routines, getting to know their students, and assessing where each learner is in their journey. Students are actively engaged in meaningful, curriculum-based activities every day.

We are also excited to share our new AMTB Matrix, which continues to provide clear and consistent expectations to support positive learning and behaviour for all students.

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Demographic Updates Form:

Demographic Updates Form is available to families in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. This form should be updated by every family to ensure all information about your child is current, including contacts, medical information, consents and demographics. Even if there are no anticipated changes, please still review this information and submit the form. This information will then be reviewed by the school before updates are finalized. **The deadline to submit the form is October 6, 2025.** 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>. If you need assistance reach out to the school at amtb@hrce.ca or 902-852-2166.

School Pictures:

Adam's Photography will be taking school pictures on Thursday, October 16 (afternoon) for Pre-Primary and Friday, October 17 (all day) for grades P-5. We will share more specific information in the near future.

End of Day Dismissal Requests:

If you are picking your child up early, please do so when possible before 2:30pm. After 2:30pm we are starting to get class instruction complete and preparing for dismissal which becomes a busy time. 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 20-24, 2025 is School Bus Safety Week in Nova Scotia! You can find out more information about riding the school bus in HRCE [here](#).

Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus and please don't run to/from the bus.
- Stand back off the road and don't push or shove when waiting at a stop.
- Always cross in front of the bus. Walk three metres (10 feet) in front of the bus to a point where you can see the driver and wait for the driver's signal to cross. Proceed to the centre of the road, STOP, LOOK & LISTEN and cross the road when it is safe.
- Never crawl under a school bus or cross the road behind the bus.
- Know the danger zones around the bus.
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School Bus Safety

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.

Remember: In Nova Scotia, it's illegal to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.



O Canada in Schools:

In September, the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development shared a new provincial policy about the playing of our national anthem in schools. You can read it [here](#).