

Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Elementary

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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 parents/guardians that were able to attend. 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.

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School Pictures

We have a new school photographer this year Pineapple Studio Photography. School Pictures will be taken on Wednesday Oct. 11 for P-5 students and October 12 for Pre-Primary students. We will have a third date scheduled for class pictures and if your child is absent on the dates above to get their school picture. This school photographer doesn't provide retakes but has ensured you will have a variety of pictures to choose.



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.

Upcoming Dates

**October is Mi'kmaq
History Month**

October 2

Observance for
Truth and
Reconciliation Day
(no classes)

October 11

School Picture Day
Grades P-5

October 12

School Picture Day
Pre-Primary

October 27

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

Demographic Information:

We appreciate ongoing communication between home and school. Please make sure that you have updated your child's Student Registration form. You should have received messages from HRCE providing steps. If you have any difficulty please contact the school for assistance.

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.

SchoolCash:

Don't forget to register for SchoolCash Online so that you are able to make all payments safely, securely and quickly. Our school will post items relevant to your child. You can make all purchases and payments from your phone, tablet or computer. You will receive an email once items are posted for purchase. Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/> and click Register to get started. Need support? Connect with the SchoolCash Online help desk at [schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support](https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support)

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

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.

**WE ARE
HIRING**