



Sambro Elementary Newsletter October 2021

Well we made it through September! The kiddies have been doing great. They are really enjoying being able to play with all their friends on the new playground. Hot lunch is up and running and so we have some yummy food coming our way daily. Teachers have completed assessments and are being very creative teaching curriculum inside and outside. Thank you to those of you who visited with teachers on line on Curriculum Night.

Please find attached a Monthly calendar to print out and put on your fridge as a reminder.



HATS OFF!

To all the teachers for their hard work this past month getting everything ready, assessing their students, participating in PD and just enjoying their days with your child.

Health Initiative

We will continue with our Health Initiative

Food: Nutritious snacks and lunches

Drink: Water as our choice of drink

Movement: Going outside everyday unless it's stormy. So please dress you child for drizzle or cold days.

Playground

If you have any old pots and pans or cups (plastic not glass) dishes etc for the play kitchen please send them to school. We are also wondering if anyone has a small dory that maybe has a hole in it or you can't use anymore that we can put in the sand pit area to climb in and out of.

Forms

We are looking for the following forms to be returned to us asap
Inclement Weather/Emergency closure contacts
Registration Form
Consent for Publications
Permission for Walks (this will be coming home today or tomorrow)

PTA

Sambro PTA is back in action! We are allowed to hold fundraisers this year and have just launched our coffee and cookie dough sale. PTA money is used to support “extras” for our classrooms such as games, tech and instruments, as well as supporting school events. We have high hope of once again being able to hold a spring fair if gathering limits safely permit. We are looking for new members to join us and get involved in upcoming events. Parent Members at Large attend one meeting a month (usually the 2nd Monday of the month) and help plan and run fundraisers and events. Our next meeting is Tuesday October 12th. Please contact Nancy Ewing by email at sambropta@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved.

SAC

We will be meeting the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. Some meetings will be virtual and some will be in house depending on Covid numbers and protocols. You are always welcome to come to the meetings as an observer or share your concerns with members prior to the meeting. Your concerns will then be on the agenda if they can't be answered prior to the meeting.

Hot Lunch Program

We are happy to have hot lunch up and running again this year. Our program is run by volunteers, and we charge only what we need to cover food costs and kitchen expenses. Our goal is to make delicious healthy meals, from fresh ingredients whenever possible. We are looking forward to this week's Thanksgiving dinner and the chance to have the kids gather in groups to share a meal.

Some notes to keep in mind, if your child is sick on a day that they have ordered lunch, please feel free to deduct the amount off their next order. Please consider sending a container or baggie with your child so they can bring home their extra food if they are full or don't have time to finish eating.

We have a great team of volunteers, but we are looking for a few more people to fill out our schedule. Specifically, Monday, shift fill ins, and some Fridays for pizza delivery. If we do not have enough volunteers it will result in days being removed from the schedule. Please contact the school or Nancy Ewing at sambro.lunch@gmail.com.

Money:

Any money that is sent to school please put in a separate baggie or envelope with your child's name on it, the amount and what it is for. We would like to lessen the handling of money, so

your child will drop the envelope into a bin and then the bin will go down to Pat. Pat will sanitize and glove up to handle the money

Halloween Parade October 29th

On Halloween Day the students can bring their costumes to school and wear them in the afternoon. For safety purposes and with the varying ages in the school please do not send any “weapons” for example fake swords, knives, and guns. Students are asked to keep their faces showing so no scary masks. The parade will start around 1:00 in the gym if gathering limits allow but more likely it will be outside around the field.

Criminal Records Check and Child Abuse Forms

Throughout the year teachers may require volunteers to chaperone trips or help out in other ways inside and outside the school. If you think you may have an opportunity to help out please assure that you have a criminal record check and child abuse forms filled out and approved. Pat Dempsey is able to assist you with getting the proper forms.

Safe-Arrival

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason please call our Safe-Arrival line at **902-868-2802**. If your child arrives after the attendance has been taken, they must check in at the office so we can avoid unnecessary calls.

School Photos

School photographs will be taken October 12th, Retakes will be take place at a later date.

Breakfast Program

A school breakfast program offers a balanced, delicious and nutritious start to the day. We have a breakfast cart for when the students arrive at school that they can go to the cart and choose two items. We also have dry items in a bin in each room in case your child is throughout the morning or has forgotten their recess snack. The program ensures that all students have access to the program. There may be days where your child needs a little extra breakfast because they didn't get a chance to eat before the bus, or were only able to grab something quick before leaving home. Nourish Nova Scotia supports breakfast programs across the province with grants to schools. We are fortunate again to have support for our program this year. It's important that all students have a good start to the day to help with their learning.

Inclement Weather Plan

Winter is close at hand and along with it come concerns of ice/snow storms and possible early dismissals. On rare occasions, schools may also be cancelled because of some type of mechanical/electrical failure. When this happens, we need to be sure that someone is home or

that the students have a place to go if you are not at home. You have received a form that needs to be filled in and returned to tell us who to contact and where your child will go in the event of an emergency or early dismissal. **No student** will be released without a parent, emergency contact or designate being contacted by phone.

In cases of early morning inclement weather, the HRCE will decide whether or not to cancel school and will announce on the local radio stations, the HRCE website (www.hrce.ns.ca) and through the school cancellation number (464- 4636) usually by 6:00 a.m. As well, you can be notified by email and/or text. Click the notification button on the HRCE website to register (www.hrce.ns.ca). We belong to the J.L. Ilsley Family of Schools. If school is cancelled for the J.L. Family, then Sambro is closed. If busses are not running but schools are open in the J.L. Family, then we are open for walkers and students driven to school. Listen carefully, as exceptions are also announced. For instance, they may say: All schools in the in the Halifax West Family of schools are closed today along with Sambro, Harrietsfield, etc. In this example, J.L. Family would be open with the exception of Sambro and Harrietsfield.

Occasionally, the school may be cancelled during the school day. In such cases, the HRCE will inform the schools by 11:00 a.m. Radio stations will also announce school closures. If you see that weather conditions are becoming more severe, then please listen to your radio for a possible announcement of a mid-day closure.

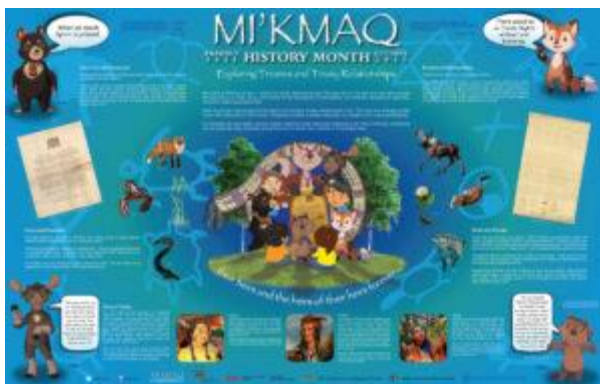
Thanksgiving Feast

We want to thank the PTA for once again, organizing a wonderful Thanksgiving feast for Sambro Ketch Harbour School. Our students will be enjoying a wonderful meal on October 8th prepared by our Moms and Dads. We have so many things to be thankful for every day. **No school** on the Monday the 11th

Professional Development for all teachers on October the 22nd No School for Students.

Cultural Recognitions and Celebrations

Mik'maq History Month



Mi'kmaq History Month 2021

Exploring Treaties and Treaty Relationships

For generations, our ancestors have entered into treaties with other Nations in a long tradition of relationship-making. These relationships, based in ceremony and consensus, protected our ways of life and honoured reciprocity.

This year we will explore these concepts which highlight four major themes; Ceremony and Consensus, Peace and Friendship, Denial and Damage, and Renewal and Reconciliation.

Throughout the month we will be able to explore Mi'kmaw treaty-making, the Covenant Chain of Treaties, and important facts about key treaties and their protectors.

We are all responsible to the treaties, and without oral histories, there would be no treaty rights today.

During October, schools will hold special events to recognize this month, in addition to learning about and honouring Mi'kmaw culture throughout the year.

This month and throughout the year, we recognize the contributions of Mi'kmaw people to Nova Scotia and the importance of treaties as both the building blocks of Canada and living documents that affect everyone in Canada today.