



Sambro Elementary Newsletter

November 2021

Our children are having a lot of fun playing outside. They are using the hill, music center, sand kitchen, tennis court and play structures in the gravel area. It's getting colder out so please dress your children for the weather. We will continue to be going outside at least 3 times a day and going for class or school walks on occasion. Unless it is really raining out, or below -20 we will be going out to play. Physed will continue to use the Tennis Court and Field for their classes as long as the weather permits.



HATS OFF!

To Ms MacIsaac for taking the lead on our fun day for Hallowe'en. The students had a lot of fun and were very respectful as they moved from station to station. Hats off to our Grade 5 leaders for taking charge of their groups and ensuring everyone had fun during Hallowe'en fun day. Hats off to Nancy and Amy and the lunch crew for a super yummy Turkey Dinner on the 8th. We are all stuffed by the end of it. And thank you for the fun Hallowe'en lunch. A special thank you to Pat who has been spending many hours learning and navigating our new Financial system.

School News

We have received the cheque from Patti Cuttell our city councilor for our playground. We will be continuing our work on the playground.

Leave

Mr McPherson our awesome grade 4/5 teacher will be taking parental leave starting November 22 and returning March 21 after break. We are so excited for him as he starts parenthood with his first little one. Jennifer Roos an experienced teacher will continue Mr McPherson's work, as the classroom teacher. Ms Roos has been working here every Tuesday since September. She is very familiar with the students and our routines and has worked with Mr. McPherson. She will be a lovely addition.

SAC

Our next SAC meeting is this Monday at 6:00 pm. We would like to welcome two new members Darlene Blanchard as a community member and Julie Bujold as a parent member.

PTA

Our next meeting is this Monday at 7:00 pm. If you'd like to attend contact Nancy Ewing
PTA coffee and cookies fund raiser was a big success. The final total isn't in but it will be around \$2500.00. Thank you to all who helped organize and participate. **Pick up Friday 4-6 pm.**
Our wreath fund raiser has just completed. Wreaths will be picked up the first week of December. Date and time to be confirmed.

School Safety

Your child's safety is the first priority of our school. All staff are diligent when on duty and throughout the building. Many of our staff are trained in CPR and first aid and some are trained in Non-Violent intervention. We put many things in place to ensure that your child feels safe at school. If at anytime your child says they do not feel safe please contact me immediately. If something happens at school where your child is hurt you will be called. There are times when kids play a little rougher than usual and may fall or get pushed. Staff and myself deal with those situations as close as possible to the time of the incident happening. Part of your child's education is learning how to play and respond appropriately to interactions with their peers. We use these opportunities to teach your child appropriate play and responses. Attached is a document of some of the things we do to keep your child safe at school.

Health Initiative

Tips for Healthy Living

Food: A fun and nutritious snack could be a skewer of your favorite fruits or vegetables.

Drink: Water fact: Most headaches are caused by dehydration. Drink lots of water.

Movement: A fun outdoor activity would be geocaching..

Lunch program:

The hot lunch program is up and running smoothly. The students get their lunches delivered to them and handed out by the teacher or lunch monitor. Trays are picked up by lunch moms. The students get 20 minutes for each with the primary students a little longer. Sometimes the quantities are a little too much for your child so please send along a container that we can send the leftovers in. In this way you get to see what your child likes and dislikes and makes for a little snack at the end of the day. Please sit down with your child and the menu to choose lunches together. We are sometimes finding a large portion of a child's lunch in a waste basket.

Garbageless Lunch: As part of protecting the environment we are asking if possible for you to send your child's snacks and lunches in reusable containers to help us limit the garbage. One idea would be to buy the bulk size of gold fish or crackers etc and put some each day in a reusable container.

Thank you for your support with our health and environment initiatives.

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.

Our online financial system is up and running which gives you an option to pay for lunch, supplies and fund raising on line. All you have to do is register. Go to hrce.schoolcashonline.com to register. Info on our website.

When writing a cheque please use a ballpoint pen in black or blue. The bank machine the teller uses can't read red, green or a permanent marker.

Remembrance Day November 11, 2021 No School that Day

Canadians recognize Remembrance Day, originally called Armistice Day, every 11 November at 11 a.m. It marks the end of hostilities during the First World War and an opportunity to recall all those who have served in the nation's defense



IN FLANDERS FIELDS POEM
The World's Most Famous WAR MEMORIAL POEM
By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields**

*Composed at the battlefield on May 3, 1915
during the second battle of Ypres, Belgium*



