



Hello Cavalier Community:

It is scary how fast the weeks go by – it is almost the end of October! In the past two months students have settled into routines, made new friends, and learned a lot. Although the days fly by it is always rewarding to take the time to have a conversation with one of your children. They are amazing!

Hope to see many of you at the family dance this week.

Sincerely,

Stephen Driscoll  
Principal

### **Important Dates & Reminders**

- October 26 - Halloween Family Dance – 6:00 – 7:30p.m.
- October 27 - Provincial Conference Day – No Classes
- November 6 - Home and School meeting – 6:00p.m.
- November 10 - Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30a.m.
- November 13 - Remembrance Day – No Classes
- November 14 - Send in donations for Green Christmas
- November 17 - Assessment and Evaluation Day – No Classes
- November 23 - Parent Teacher – No Classes
- December 4 - Professional Learning Day – No Classes
- December 6 - Green Christmas
- December 13 - Christmas Concert – 6:00p.m. (see list of classes performing below)
- December 14 - Christmas Concert – 6:00p.m. (see list of classes performing below)
- December 21 - First day of Holiday Break
- January 2 - School re-opens
- January 8 - Home and School – 6:00p.m.
- January 25 - Family Bingo – 6:00p.m.
- February 15 - Art Show – 6:00 – 7:00p.m.
- February 19 - Heritage Day – No Classes
- March 4 - Home and School – 6:00p.m.
- March 11 – 15 - March Break – No Classes
- March 29 - Good Friday – No Classes
- April 1 - Easter Monday – No Classes
- April 3 - Parent Teacher – 5:30 – 7:30p.m.
- April 4 - Professional Learning and Parent Teacher Conferences – No Classes
- May 6 - Home and School – 6:00p.m.

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May 20 –	Victoria Day Holiday – No Classes
May 30 –	Family Dance – 6:00 p.m.
June 8 –	Spring Fling – 10:00 a.m.
June 25 –	Grade 5 Farewell – 9:00 a.m.
June 27 –	Assessment and Evaluation Day – No Classes
June 28 –	Last Day of School

Calendar of dates is also on the [school webpage](#)

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

Supervision Begins	7:40am (Students should not be on the playground unsupervised before 7:40am)
School Starts	8:00am
Lunch	11:30am - 12:30pm
Dismissal	2:00pm

## **CHAPERONING AND VOLUNTEERING**

If you are interested in volunteering in the school and/or chaperoning on field trips, parents are required to have their paperwork up-to-date and on file in the school office. In accordance with HRCE's Student Protection Policy, prior to volunteering with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, all volunteers will provide a **Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check and a Child Abuse Registry.**

If you have any questions or wish to check the status of your paperwork, that is currently on file in the school office, please read

the volunteer information on the school website and/or email Cindy Harroun at [charroun@hrce.ca](mailto:charroun@hrce.ca)

## **HALLOWE'EN**

The Hallowe'en family dance is approaching frighteningly fast. We are looking forward to seeing all the costumes. Please do not wear masks or bring swords, guns, spears or any other costume paraphernalia that could be difficult to manage in a crowd or get lost or broken.

## **SINGLE USE PLASTIC**

Please remember to include a fork or spoon in your child's lunch. The school is unable to provide utensils any

longer.

## **ONLINE DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATING**

Parents may continue to update their demographic information until October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please check your email account from Sept. for information that was sent home on how to update this information. The email went to Contact #1 during mid September with two reminders being sent out as well. This will replace the paper copy of the registration form that we previously sent home in September. As well parents will be able to update their Media Release preferences at the same time.

## **BUS TRAVEL**

Southland Transportation provides busing. Bus drivers will review bus safety with children at the beginning of the year. All students will practice an emergency bus evacuation on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM**

HRCE has a new Student Absence Reporting System. There are three ways to report your child absent. Please visit <https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival> for more information.

## **SICK CHILDREN**

Sick children and children with contagious diseases should not come to school. Children who are sneezing and coughing frequently are also passing along colds to others, as well as not being physically able to keep up the active pace of the daily program. Consideration for your child's health, as well as the health of others is requested.



## **EXCEL Child Care**

The EXCEL Childcare Program is a department

of the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE). It offers an option to parents in selecting before school and after school care five days a week. The name EXCEL stands for Extended Care and Enhanced Learning. EXCEL will strive to provide EXCELlent programming for your child. The program is designed for students from grades pre-primary to 5. Our goal at EXCEL is to create an organized, fun atmosphere for your child and to provide you with the sense of security knowing your child is in good hands.

## **SCHOOL SAFETY**

At the beginning of the school year, your child may need to be taught the route to school or to the bus stop. Many parents ask an older child to tag along until there is no doubt that the child knows the correct way to school. It is always wise for children to walk with friends for both safety and social reasons. Children should always use available sidewalks and crosswalks.

In order to regulate the flow of traffic from staff, school buses, parents and

caregivers we ask you to adhere to the following:

- Student drop-off between 7:40am and 7:55am takes place on are asked to say good-bye at the end of the fence/sidewalk on Cavalier Drive.
- **Entrance to the parking lot between 7:30am and 3:00pm is only permitted for staff, busses and volunteers**
- Parents/Caregivers who are driving to the school to pick up students park on Cavalier Drive or Cavendish Drive
- The driveway policy remains in effect on inclement weather days as well
- Exceptions apply for students whose mobility is impaired for any length of time. Parents of students in this situation are asked to drop by the main office to discuss arrangements.
- Parents sign in at the main office when visiting the school

## **LUNCHES**

Parents are able to order hot lunches from The Lunch Lady. Check out the link below for more information. You will

need to send a utensil with your child on days that you order hot lunch. The Lunch Lady does not supply utensils.

<https://thelunchlady.ca>

## **RECESS**

All children play outside if the weather is suitable. It is important your child brings a healthy recess snack. Ideas include apples, oranges cut in sections, grapes, a banana, cheese and crackers, a muffin, or other healthy snack. Salty and/or sugary snacks provide a quick burst of energy, but do not provide the nutrition they require for learning.

### **Please Note:**

**Cavalier is a nut-aware school.**

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Emergency Management Plan has a number of steps to be followed to ensure the safety of all in the building. These procedures are discussed and practiced throughout the year so everyone is knowledgeable of what they should do in an emergency.

The three main components of the Emergency Management Plan are:

**Evacuation** – This is commonly referred to as a fire drill. A school may need to be evacuated for reasons other than fire, so we use the generic term 'evacuation'. We had our first drill this week.

**Relocation** – If our school had to be evacuated for a significant period of time during the day, we would have all students and staff relocate to another building in the community. Currently, this is the local church.

**Lockdown Procedure** – Unlike an evacuation where everyone leaves the building, the goal of the lockdown procedure is to have everyone remain in the building. Although infrequent, the possibility of a major incident creating a situation causing serious injury in our school is a possibility. There could be a hazardous leak outside the school, an animal loose in the building or in the general area, or a major health concern. Within this plan there.

## **SCHOOL CASH**

Please take a few moments to sign up for our [new payment system](#). HRCE is moving away from accepting cash in the school for missing library books, pizza days, school trips, etc. Thank you.

## **CAVALIER CLOTHING**

All orders for [Cavalier clothing](#) can be placed online and shipped directly to you. There is free shipping offered on orders over \$85 and discount rates when ordering multiple items so feel free to combine orders with your family and friends to get a discount. Also, if you sign up for the clothing site newsletter, they offer sale codes during the year.

You are able to customize the items by choosing your logo, style etc. and can even embroider on your child's name...so it's less likely to get lost! These items also make great Christmas and birthday gifts.

Another bonus is that Cavalier Drive will get a rebate cheque for 10% of the profits, so this is another fun way to support your school AND get something cool in the

process!

## **DECEMBER CONCERTS**

The following classes are performing on:

### **Wednesday, December 13**

P Chalmers and P/1 Womby

2/3 Arnold and 3 Raymond

2/3 Fraser and 3/4

Strang/Trainor

4/5 Parsons and 5 MacDonald

### **Thursday, December 14**

P/1 Ward and P/1

Pope/MacNamara and 1/2

McPhee

1/2 Lajo and 1/2

Surette/Boudreau

3/4 DesChamp and 4 Langille

4/5 McCarthy and 5 Dares