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Elementary School

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families:

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to navigate this “new normal”!!!

We will be recognizing and honouring our Veterans and military this year without our traditional Remembrance Assembly. Instead, we will be turning O'Connell Drive Elementary School's Centre Court into a **Remembrance Exhibit**. Every class will be participating by adding to the exhibit, whether it be by decorating and placing a wreath with their own creations (example: poppies, doves), or perhaps displaying their own artwork, poems, etc. As this is an exhibit, there will be no touching. It will just be very nice for students to view and discuss the other classes' creations on display as well as their own. Our plan is for the exhibit to go up on Friday Nov. 6th, so it will be in place for the week of Remembrance Day, and can remain in Centre Court for a week or two.

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent home prior to parent/teacher interviews, preferably by December 2nd. Once parents have had the chance to view their child or children's report cards, any questions or concerns can be brought to the attention of the teacher(s) at the time of your scheduled interview.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: Thursday, December 3rd is the official “parent/teacher” day for O'Connell Drive Elementary. There is **NO** school for students that day as teachers have professional development in the morning. These meetings will be done via phone or virtual, and teachers will be calling parents during their scheduled time. There will be **NO** in-person meetings. **Homeroom teachers will be sending home or emailing information in the near future on how to set up a meeting.**

School Cancellations: In the event of school cancellation, please call 464-INFO or check the front page of the Halifax Regional School Board website: www.hrce.ca. If you would like to receive text message notification of school closure, visit www.hrce.ca as well and look for the icon at the left of the web page and follow the steps! **Please be sure to keep the emergency dismissal information you provided us with this past month for your child up to date in the event of a school closure during the day. Please note that O'Connell Drive Elementary belongs to the “Eastern Shore District High” family of schools.**

DATE TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 6 **Virtual Student of the Month Assembly**
- Nov. 9 **Picture Retake Day**
- Nov. 11 **Remembrance Day (no school)**
- Nov 18 **SAC 6PM / PTA 7PM**
- Nov 20 **Assessment & Evaluation Day (no students present)**
- Nov. 27 **Crazy Hat Day for the IWK**
- Dec. 3 **Prof. Development (AM) ; Parent/Teacher Interviews (afternoon & evening) - no students present**

Covid 19 Reminders: As the weather gets colder, students will be bundling up in heavier clothing and footwear, as well as carrying some extra warm attire with them to and from school in their book bags. To help eliminate some of the weight, effective Monday, November 9th students will be able to leave their indoor shoes here at the school in their own labelled reusable bag that will be hung on hooks. Whereas their book bags are very heavy, we ask that you try to eliminate any unnecessary items and check with the teacher about the essentials that are needed each day. **Please avoid sending toys from home, and please remember to send your children with water bottles.**

Reminder of our on-going ‘Tree of Knowledge’ fundraising campaign. The tree in center court which is the ‘centerpiece’ of our school, is continuously budding!! For a \$35 tax-deductible donation to O'Connell Drive School, an individual, family or company can add an engraved metal leaf to our stylized tree mounted on the center court wall. The leaf will be permanently attached as a lasting reminder of the donor's support. If you're interested in ordering a leaf, please contact the school for an order form. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have questions and/or require further details.

No Child Without: Medic Alert is free for students between the ages of 4 and 14. If you are paying for this service or are interested in applying please view the following web site: <http://www.nochildwithout.ca/>

Drop Off Zone : Drivers using our morning Drop Off Zone are reminded to please wait in line until the zone is clear before moving forward. Pulling out of the zone and passing a vehicle unloading students could potentially cause serious injuries or accidents in the parking lot. We would also ask that students exit vehicles on the passenger side so as not to be opening car doors on the traffic side of the parking lot.

Safe Arrival: If your child will be absent for any reason (illness, late arrival, away, etc.), we ask that you please call the school (902-827-4112) and leave a message with your child's classroom teacher prior to 7:45 am. If you have to call after 7:45 am, please call the school office at extension 2. It is important we receive this information, especially for students arriving late. This will avoid the school calling home and work numbers and leaving messages that may cause some concern.

Student of the Month Virtual Assembly - In October we had our first Virtual Student of the Month Assembly. As a school we celebrated one another by seeing each class picture wearing pink for anti-bullying day! We also celebrated learning in Art, Social Studies, Math and Literacy by sharing images of students working and showing what they have learned. We concluded by acknowledging and congratulating the students of the month for September. We will be celebrating October's Student of the month on Friday, November 6th. Stay tuned as we announce these students at a later date.

At this time we ask that you please join us in celebrating the following Students of the Month for September: Congratulations to All!!

CLASS	STUDENT OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER
Pre- Primary Corkum	Logan
Primary Poirier	Emmy Lou
Primary MacLennan	Orla
Grade One Roberts	Adelyn
Grade One Browne	Blake
Grade Two Sinclair	Madison
Grade Two /Waterhouse	Maggie
Grade Three Whitman	Lucas
Grade Three/Four Stoddard	Leia
Grade Four Gillie	Kerri
Grade Five Fitzsimmons	Alexander
Grade Five/Six Swain	Adrianna
Grade Six Bent	Laura
Grade Six Halloran	Tabby

Allergy/Scent Awareness Policy:

Our school has a scent and allergy awareness policy. We have several students who are highly allergic to peanut and nut products including tree nuts. Please help ensure the safety of all our students by not sending in any peanuts or nut products in your child's lunches. For more information about children with life threatening allergies please contact <http://www.nochildwithout.ca>.

Lost & Found: If you notice that your child or children are missing any of their belongings, please remind he/she to come look through the Lost & Found items. After a period of time, any remaining items will be donated to charity.