



Beaver Bank Kinsac News



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October is Mi'kmaq History Month. This year we are learning about and celebrating Mi'kmaq beadwork & the art of beading. To learn more about Mi'kmaq History Month, click here:

<https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>

Dates To Remember

- Monday, Oct. 10 – Thanksgiving Day – No school
- Thursday, Oct. 20 – Evening School Halloween Dance (more details to follow)
- Wednesday, Oct. 26 – Virtual PTA meeting @6:00
- Wednesday, Oct. 26 – Virtual SAC meeting @6:45
- Friday, Oct. 28 – Provincial Conference Day – No school for students
- Monday, Oct. 31 – Black & Orange Day – Halloween

- Wednesday, November 9 – Picture Retake Day



We would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to...

All of our staff and students who honoured and celebrated the life and accomplishments of Terry Fox by running and walking to raise money for cancer research. Thank you to all of you who donated. We raised **\$320.00.**



Parent/Teacher Association

The Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) is a group of family members and school staff who work together to plan fun school events and raise money to support learning. Our first meeting will be held virtually on Wed., Oct. 26 @ 6:00. We will share a link with you the day of the meeting.



School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a committee of parents, school staff and community members who meet a minimum of six times per year. Each school is mandated by the Education Act to have an SAC to advise the administration on educational matters. Our SAC chair is Patricia Sabourin. You can reach her via email at hrce-sac-bbk@gnspes.ca. For more information about our SAC you can check us out here: <https://bbk.hrce.ca/bbk/school-advisory-council/20212022-bbk-sac>

We are currently looking for new community members. If you are interested in learning more, please send an email to Kelly Clarke at kclarke@hrce.ca. Our first meeting will be held virtually on Wed., Oct. 26 @ 6:45.



Black & Orange Day

On Mon., Oct. 31 we are asking all students to wear black and orange so that we can celebrate Halloween at school.



BBK Gear

The BBK store is now live!

Check out our BBK gear at: <https://headlinepromotions.ca/beaverbank/>

The location for pick up is [6375 Bayne St.](#) in Halifax. Shipping is also an option for a \$14.99 fee.



Student Supervision

This is a reminder to families that student supervision begins at 8:05 in the morning. In an effort to minimize the number of students waiting outside of the front door, we are asking for students who arrive before this time to wait with a parent/guardian until the front door of the school is opened to welcome students.

Safe Arrival

Buses begin arriving in our parking lot at 8:05. Students enter the building and go directly to their classrooms. We recommend that students who are being dropped off arrive between 8:20 and 8:25. The bell will ring at 8:25, we will play O'Canada, share the morning announcements, teachers will complete their attendance and classes will begin. **Students arriving after 8:25 will be late and will need to check in at the office before heading to class.**



Parking Lot Safety

Our school parking lot has become very busy and less safe for our students with both cars and buses trying to let students off in the mornings. We are very concerned that all of this traffic will result in someone getting hurt. In an effort to maximize student safety please:

- Do not park in the school parking lot
- Let students out of cars onto the sidewalk in the kiss-and-go lane
 - Follow the arrows and other markings on the road
- Do not pass buses in the loop – wait behind them until the students have been let off the bus and the bus has pulled away

We sincerely appreciate your help with creating a safe school yard for all of our students and staff.



Schools Plus

Schools Plus staff are here to support Beaver Bank Kinsac Elementary families.

We can:

- Help get answers to your questions.
- Connect you with services that can make a difference for your family.
 - Help you fill out forms.
- Help you apply for funding (to help pay for things like recreation programs or eyeglasses).
 - Support you during a stressful time.
- Help you get ready for a meeting with a school, agency, landlord, etc. We'll help you feel prepared and have a voice.
 - Work with you and school staff to help your child be successful!

SchoolsPlus services are free and confidential.

Contact your Schools Plus Community Outreach, Isaac LeBlanc, to see if he is the right fit for you and your family: Isaac.LeBlanc@hrce.ca

Check out our website: <https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/schoolspluslockview/>



No Child Without

Parents/Guardians can visit the website <http://www.nochildwithout.ca> to apply for a free medical alert ID bracelet for your child.



Information

Please follow us on Twitter @bbkinsac and on our website at <https://bbk.hrce.ca> for information and updates. You will find contact information for our school staff on our website. Please feel free to contact us anytime!