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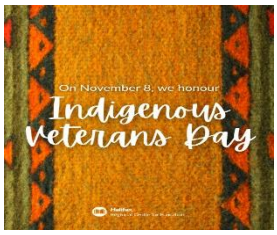
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Dear Bel Ayr Families ,

It is hard to believe that it is the month of November already. We had an exciting October with the well attended Halloween Howl. Thank-you to our Home and School committee for organizing such a great event. It was nice to see all the costumes during our costume parade on the afternoon of the 30th.

Looking forward to a great month!

November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day



On November 8, we recognize Indigenous Veterans Day and honour the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people who have served and continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces. Indigenous veterans have made significant contributions to Canada's military history, serving with courage and dedication while often facing discrimination and barriers to recognition when they returned home.

This day is an opportunity to learn about their stories, recognize their sacrifices and reflect on the importance of ensuring their contributions are remembered and honored.

We encourage families to take a moment to learn about Indigenous veterans and share their stories with the next generation. Learn more here.

November 11 is Remembrance Day. Each year on November 11, people across Canada pause at the 11th hour to remember. The poppy we wear, the silence we observe and the stories we share are ways of keeping the memory of those who served, those who never returned home, and the lasting impact of war alive for future generations.

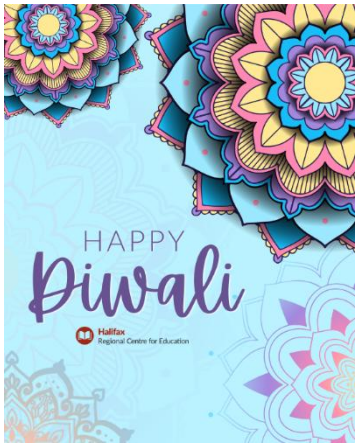
In our schools, Remembrance Day offers students an opportunity to explore the meaning behind these traditions and consider what remembrance looks like today. As we honour the past, we also reflect on the importance of peace, kindness and understanding in our own communities.



We will have an assembly on November 5th with musical Guest Terry Kelly. Students are encouraged to wear a uniform (scouts, guides, cadets etc.). We are also inviting any veterans or anyone that has served or is currently in service to attend our ceremony. If there is anyone that would like to say a few words and be an honored guest, please reach out to the school.

We invite families to join Canadians across the country in taking a moment to remember.

Happy Diwali



Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by millions of people around the world, including Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists. The celebration carries different meanings across traditions, but often centers on themes of light overcoming darkness, good overcoming evil, and hope, renewal and new beginnings.

Celebrations may include lighting diyas (small oil lamps), decorating homes, sharing special foods, exchanging gifts and gathering with family and friends. Diwali is an opportunity to learn about the diverse traditions and cultures represented in our school communities and to celebrate the many ways people find meaning, connection and joy.

We wish all those celebrating a happy Diwali!

November 13-19 is Transgender Awareness Week



Transgender Awareness Week is an opportunity to reflect on how kindness, inclusivity and understanding help create welcoming school communities where everyone feels they belong. Taking time to learn about experiences different from our own, listening with an open mind and treating others with respect can make a meaningful difference in someone's day and sense of belonging.

Families can help reinforce these values by encouraging children to lead with kindness, embrace differences and recognize that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and compassion. Together, we can help create school communities where every student feels welcome, valued and supported.

Kenny's Pizza Kit Fundraiser

This month Home & School is offering a Pizza Kit Fundraiser with Kenny's Pizza!

Every kit sold will earn our school $5 to put towards field trip bussing and school supplies!

How ordering works: Sellers collect orders and payment from their supporters and are responsible for submitting and paying for the full order through Bel Ayr School Cash on their supporters' behalf.

How pickup works: Sellers are also responsible for picking up their full order from Kenny's Pizza on Cole Harbour Road and delivering the kits to their supporters.

Options are:

- Cheese
- Pepperoni and Cheese
- Garlic Fingers

All kits also include dough and sauce
ORDER DEADLINE: **Monday Nov 16th**



Possible ART opportunity during Lunch Hour. Please click the link below to learn more:

https://forms.gle/7RMKrM5WF2qZF8DF7

Important dates to remember in November

- **Nov. 5th : Remembrance Day Ceremony with special guest Terry Kelly**
- **Nov. 8th: Indigenous Veterans Day**
- **Nov.10th: Picture retake day**
- **Nov. 11th: Remembrance Day - No classes PP-12**
- **Nov. 13-19: Transgender Awareness Week**
- **Nov. 16th: SAC meeting at 4:30pm at the school in Room 107**
- **Nov. 20th: Assessment & Evaluation Day End of Term 1- No classes for students**
- **Nov. 26th: Report Cards Go Home**

Planning for Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.



If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Non-bussed students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

1. By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
2. By text message, if you have opted-in. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: 978338

3. On the HRCE website
4. On Instagram

It’s important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.
For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/families/cancellations.

Thank-You for all your support,

Susan Aucoin and Sara Jennex