



November, 2017 Newsletter



Inglis Street Elementary School

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November Dates to Remember:

- 6 - SAC meeting 6 pm in library - all are welcome**
- 6 – Flu Shots for families in our Inglis Library 2:30-5:00pm**
- 7 – Nourish Your Roots food boxes – pick up 1-6pm gym**
- 9 – Multicultural Dinner 6 pm**
- 10 -Remembrance Day Ceremony 11 am**
- 13 - Remembrance Day Observed - no school**
- 22- Assessment and Evaluation Day -no school for students**
- Dec 5- Report Cards go home**
- Dec 5 –Dec 7 - Scholastic Book Fair 1:00 to 3:45 pm. (Dec 7, 6 to 8 pm)**
- Dec 7 - Professional Development (morning) - no school for students**
- Dec 7 - Parent-Teacher conferences (1pm-4 pm/6-8 pm) - no school for students**
- Dec 19 – Holiday Concert 6:30 pm**

Message from the principal

Hello Inglis Street School families!

What a fantastic sunny and warm fall we are having. We encourage families to enjoy the extra sunshine and visit our school garden area – we recently had three new benches installed so you can sit and relax. Thank-you to our city councilor Wayne Mason for the generous donation!

We are excitedly gearing up for our annual multicultural dinner. It's one of the loveliest evenings of the year (and delicious!) I look forward to seeing you and sampling the dishes you bring to share!

Sherri MacDonald

Inglis Street School is Nut Aware We have several students in our school who have severe life-threatening allergies to nuts so we request **no products containing nuts be eaten by students at school**. Our staff and students are on the alert and will often let us know when products containing nuts come to school. We ask students to return the food to their backpacks and offer them an alternate nut-free snack. This includes products like Nutella spread on sandwiches. If you send in prepackaged snacks look for the peanut free sign on many packaged products. We also discourage our students from sharing or trading lunches or snacks. Your continuing vigilance and cooperation on this matter is appreciated.



Flu Shots – We are having a flu shot clinic at our school on Monday, November 6 from 2:30-5:00 pm. This will be set up in the back of the library and is free for all parents and children (over age 5) who present a valid NS Health Card. A big thank you to Inglis Street parents, Glen and Diane Ward who have kindly offered to provide this service to our school community.

Parent Teacher Association News - Thank you to our wonderful PTA team who worked hard to put on a fantastic Halloween Event! Our PTA raised over \$1000 for the

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school through this annual Halloween fundraiser. It was spooktacular! If you are interested in finding out more about the PTA please come to the meetings we have regularly. As well you can join the moderated, private PTA Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/666832173497901/>



Remembrance Day - On November 10 at 11:00 am, we will have a ceremony in our gym to honor those who have made sacrifices for us. All community members are welcome to attend. Students will be given a poppy to wear at the assembly. We will collect donations from students for the poppies and proceeds go to support our veterans.

Multicultural Dinner forms were sent home earlier this week inviting you to come and share your talents, food and culture. This event gives the families of our school a chance to meet each other, taste wonderful foods from around the world and celebrate our diversity! We are asking each family to contribute to this event by bringing food that reflects your family's heritage - perhaps your favorite cookies, or your grandmother's favorite casserole. **If you are able to attend, please return the forms asap letting us know what type food you are sharing and whether you and/or your child will be performing.**

Parent Teacher Interviews - There will be no school for students on Thursday, Dec 7. The morning session is reserved for professional development and parent-teacher interviews will be in the afternoon from 1 to 4 pm and from 6 to 8 pm. The interviews are for 10 minute blocks. On-line booking system will begin on November 23, 2017. We will send home further instructions for booking on-line.



Book Fair - Inglis Street will have our annual Scholastic Book Fair from Nov. 29 to Dec 7 from 1:00 to 3:45 pm. Also we will be open on the evening of Dec 7, from 6 to 8 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help set up on Nov. 28 in the afternoon and to help sell throughout the week and also to help repack on Dec 8. Please email our librarian, Mr. McDonald at rmcdonald@hrsb.ca if you are able to help. Watch for the Book Fair flier - your child and their classroom may win \$25.00 worth of free books!

Holidays Concert - Our Holidays concert will be on December 19th this year. Please reserve this date.

Free and Low Cost Programs offered by Halifax Recreation Halifax Recreation offers many free or low cost programs such as Open Gyms, Free Skating, Emera Oval activities and recreation programs. More information can be found at: www.halifax.ca/recreation/free-programs-offered-by-recreation.

School Cancellation Procedure for Inclement Weather or Mid-Day Closure The decision to cancel school will usually be made as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible and it will be communicated on the radio, the Board's website, the main switchboard and through the school cancellation number: 464-INFO (4636). You may also receive notification of school cancellation by text. Please visit [hrsb notifications](#) to sign up for text notifications. We are in the Citadel High Family of Schools. Please listen and or look for either the family name or the individual name of the school in all announcements.

If a mid-day school closure takes place, parents will be called.

**Please note that at the elementary level we need to contact parents before we dismiss students to walk home. If we are unable to reach a parent or designate of a particular child, that child will remain at school until we make contact with you. We almost always call the parents' cell number first, then other numbers on the list. Please make sure that if you change your cell, work or home phone numbers, that you e-mail the school with your updated information. If we cannot reach a parent we will try to make contact with the people you indicated on your child's registration form as an "Emergency Contact".

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Safe Arrival - Please call the Safe Arrival number 902-421-7646 or the main office line 902-421-6767, or send a note if your child is going to be absent or late. If sending an e-mail or a note, please remember to contact the main office as well. **Please note there is no staff supervision on the school yard until 8:45 am.**

“Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.” “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.