
October, 2017 Newsletter



Inglis Street Elementary School

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October Dates to Remember:

9 - Thanksgiving no school

10 - Pita Pit lunch forms due

10 - PTA Halloween Event planning meeting 4:30 pm in library all are welcome

16 - Pita Pit Lunch begins

26 - PTA Halloween event

27 - Provincial Conference day no school for students

Message from the principal - Hello Inglis Street School families! Now that a busy and full September start-up is complete, everyone is settling into a routine and lots of learning is well underway. Thanks to all of you who were able to attend curriculum night last week. Thank you to our PTA who supplied ice-cream and frozen treats to our community. If you were not able to attend please feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange a visit or to collect any information you need regarding the curriculum or day to day routines in your child's classroom. You can find the grade P-6 curriculum learning outcomes framework guide here:

<https://www.ednet.ns.ca/files/curriculum/P-6LOFs-Oct1-2015.pdf>

We are very excited to host our annual multicultural potluck and entertainment night on Thursday, November 9. It promises to be a night of wonderful tastes and delights from around the world; we will keep you posted about the details!

Sherri MacDonald

Safe Arrival - Please call the Safe Arrival number 902-421-7646 or the main office line 902-421-6767, or email **Mrs. Townshend at ises@hrsb.ca** if your child is going to be absent or late.

Parent Teacher Association Corner- Our PTA is already busy planning another school year full of fun activities for students and families to enjoy! The second PTA meeting is Tuesday, October 10 at 4:30 pm in the school library; this meeting is for any parents who would be willing to plan and support the PTA for our **annual Halloween event** being held on October 26th from 6:30-8pm. We are hoping to have a haunted house, games and snacks so our students can have a Halloween party and we can raise some funds for our school. Please bring your ideas for games and activities. Your support is always needed and greatly appreciated!

The Inglis Street PTA has a **Facebook group** to enhance communication between parents and staff regarding Inglis Street School and the PTA. If you have not already done so, we are inviting you all to join the group and encourage everyone to share and post information related to our awesome school. This group will be a positive and

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welcoming environment and therefore content will be moderated. If you have a question, (ex. When is picture retake day?) you can post that to the group and any parent in the group that has the answer can reply. We hope parents will find this a useful tool to feel connected and involved with our school. The PTA will also post about PTA fundraising events and opportunities for involvement. This Facebook group will not be officially affiliated with Inglis Street School, for official information it is always best to go to the school's website at <http://www.ises.ednet.ns.ca/>.

You can find the Inglis Street PTA Information group here ...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/666832173497901/>

Head lice - Lice are very common among children and we would like to remind you to check your child's head regularly – once a week as part of your routine. As hat season is rapidly approaching, please remind your child to put their hats and scarves in their coat sleeves or backpacks when they take them off at school. There is a pamphlet linked on our school's website that details how to prevent and treat lice.

<http://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/public-health-education/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf>

As well, you may call 8-1-1 at any time to speak with a Registered Nurse for more information and guidance if required.

School Cancellation Procedure for Inclement Weather 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 <http://www.hrsb.ns.ca/> and click on Notification Text in the left margin to sign up. 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 or take the bus. 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. Please make sure your contact information is up to date and accurate.

Attendance and Student Engagement Policy – Nova Scotia has a new attendance and student engagement policy. You can find the details at [Attendance Policy DOEECD](#). Although our attendance records at Inglis are excellent, one of the areas we would like to improve upon is decreasing late arrivals. Our first bell rings at 8:45 which signals our students that they will be entering the school in 5 minutes. The expectation is for them to make their way to their class line-up where the duty teachers will guide them into entering the building in an orderly fashion. This allows for time to greet their classmates, hang up their belongings and orient themselves for the day. At 9:00 am we play O Canada, welcome them to school and share information over the PA. Although we understand there are times when arriving late are not preventable, we ask our families to please plan their day so children can be ready to learn at 9:00 am each day.

Heating Up Lunches Although we have a microwave in each of our lunchrooms, they are mainly there to reheat and warm lunches and they are not intended for cooking. With the volume of students using 1 microwave, any items that require more than 30-90 seconds of reheating are not easily accommodated; in addition, because of our wiring, we do not have the electric capacity or supervision to oversee more than 1 microwave per lunchroom. This is especially challenging for our 4-7 year olds who require assistance and takes up our lunch monitor time and attention. We would appreciate if parents, as much as possible, pack lunches that do not require heating or use a thermos. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.