



# Eastern Passage Education Centre

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## Important Dates

- November 5 – Picture Retakes
- November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11 – Remembrance Day (No School)
- November 19 – Assessment Day (No School)
- November 25 – PD AM/Parent Teacher PM (No School)
- December 2 & 3 – Grade 7/8 Immunizations
- December 21<sup>st</sup> – Last day of school before break
- January 4 – First day back to school

### Message from Administration

As we near the end of our first term, we want to thank students and staff for all of their hard work and achievements so far this year. We are so proud of our students for their engagement in learning!

Based on the current epidemiology with respect to Covid-19, parent teacher meetings for the first term reporting period will be held virtually, or by phone. More information regarding booking times will be made available next week.

We appreciate all families who are continuing to send their children to school with their masks. All students are required to wear masks daily. We have a limited supply of disposable masks. Students may be asked to contact home if they arrive at school and do not have a mask with them. We are asking families to please remind students of the importance of wearing their mask, and be mindful of social distancing during lunch and outdoor break times.

As we experience cooler temperatures, please ensure that your children are dressed for the weather. Hats, coats, and appropriate footwear are essential considering students are spending more time outside both in the morning and during the lunch hour.

Yours in Education,

Sarah Shea

Mme. Lindal playing basketball with some of her students!



Last week, students and staff showed their school spirit by participating in different themed spirit days!



## Thank You to EP/Cow Bay Fire Fighters Association

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Fire Fighters Association for their extremely generous donation of \$10,000.00 to purchase new chromebooks for our students. This will be a tremendous support in achieving our goal of having a device for every student at EPEC!



## Changes to Grade 7 and 8 Report Cards

Please note, on your child's report card you will notice a change in the English Language Arts/French Language Arts grade section due to the renewed 7 & 8 curriculum. You will see all language arts sections have the same grade (see example below). It is important to know that this grade is reflective of your child's learning of the entire subject and is not a reflection of each of these sections. For example, the report below shows this student has made a grade of 85 in the French Language Arts/English Language Arts subject and did not make 85 in each of those strands. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

FRANCAIS IMMERSION 8 [ ] IPP Report Attached	Grade			Appreciation of French Language and of Cultural Diversity
Reporting Period	Listening and Speaking	Reading and Viewing	Writing and Other Ways of Representing	
Term 1	85	85	85	85
Term 2				
Term 3				
Strengths/Needs/Suggestions				
Teacher:				

  

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 7 [ ] IPP Report Attached	Strengths/Needs/Suggestions		
Reporting Period	Listening and Speaking	Reading and Viewing	Writing and Other Ways of Representing
Term 1	85	85	85
Term 2			
Term 3			
Teacher:			

## Homework Hub



Need help with a math question? Students in grades 4-12 have access to Homework Hub. Homework Hub is designed to help students with math. You can access Homework Hub easily through your GNSPES account and by clicking the Homework Hub icon. There are video tutorials, practice questions, vocabulary review and tutors. Activities are accessible 24/7. Live tutors are available for students at the following times:

- Grades 7-12: on school nights 5:30-9:30 pm
- Grades 4-6: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm.

## Parent Navigators

Parent Navigators are part of your School Learning Community team!

Typically, families reach out to a Parent Navigator when they:

### 1. Have questions about policy

If you are wondering who to speak to about all things related to HRCE, we can direct you.

### 2. Have registration inquiries

If you are registering a child for school and have questions or need help with the registration process, we are here to assist.

### 3. Are searching for resources and supports

Parent Navigators are here to help families understand how to access and navigate key supports within HRCE and communities.

### 4. Need to talk with someone

A Parent Navigator can have an informal chat with you over the phone, through email, or virtually via "Zoom."

### 5. Have no access to Technology

Have no internet? A Parent Navigator can assist with filling out and submitting electronic forms with you over the phone.

### 6. Are looking for answers

Are there questions we can help you get answers to? Please give us a call and we can either get the information for you or navigate you to a person who can help!

There is no referral process! Just pick up the phone and give a Parent Navigator a call, or send us an email.

Your School Learning Community Parent Navigator can be found at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca).

How to reach us:

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Math Before Bed is a website for parents who want to help increase numeracy with their children. The website offers free samples that are available to download. This is a great resource for parents! You can access Math Before Bed at <https://mathbeforebed.com/>.

### Students Leaving School Property



Students are to remain on school property at lunch unless parents have signed a permission form to allow their child to leave. When students leave school property, they need to be responsible citizens. Some examples of this are putting garbage in proper receptacles and being mindful of noise in the community especially in community parks.

### Bottle Fill Stations



We now have bottle fill stations at EPEC. We ask that students please bring a re-fillable water bottle to school to use these stations. The office has a limited supply of disposable cups and will not be receiving additional supply once our current supply is depleted. Please refrain from sending glass water bottles as they tend to get broken.

### Boys Soccer Team



The EPEC boys soccer team knew they were going to be facing an uphill battle all year being a Grade 6-8 school and facing competition from other schools that are Grade 7-9 but they never showed any signs of intimidation and battled hard in every game that they played. The team made it into the playoffs as the 4th seed but unfortunately that meant facing the #1 seed powerhouse Astral Drive in the first round and the season came to an end. Coach Chris Peters and his assistant coaches would like to thank all of the players for their commitment and effort this year! Mr. Mather would like to take the opportunity to thank the coaches for volunteering their time and energy to make soccer this opportunity for soccer happen. Players are reminded to return their jerseys and shorts to Mr. Mather as soon as possible.

### Youth Night



The Horizon Rec Centre, in collaboration with the Eastern Passage & Area Action Committee, have officially started offering a FREE youth drop-in centre. Youth night is **FREE** for youth ages 12-17 to attend. The program happens at the Horizon Rec Centre every Friday from 6:00-9:00pm with access to the gym and a dedicated program room. Proof of full vaccination is require as per Public Health protocols.

### Equity Team at EPEC



The Equity Team is a group of staff members from EPEC whose goal is to help create a more positive and supportive school culture for all members of our school community. They are responsible for proactively providing education and supports to staff and students regarding issues of racism, discrimination, sexual harassment and misconduct. Posters can be found around the school with the names of the staff members on the Equity Team.

## Wi'kipatmu'k Mi'kmawey/Honouring of the Mi'kmaw Way



In 1993, Premier John Savage and Mi'kmaw Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy declared October as the official month to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaw culture and heritage. Mi'kmaq History Month is celebrating its 28th-year and invites everyone to join in the celebration of Mi-kmaw culture and heritage.

Each October, community activities, events, sharing and showcasing the Mi'kmaw history take place across Nova Scotia. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to participate in Mi'kmaq History Month events.

At EPEC, Mr. Drysdale held 3 grade level assemblies. Each assembly featured students who learned how to drum The Honour Song and some of the history behind residential schools.



### Breakfast Program Donations

At EPEC we strive to provide a breakfast program that provides nutritious food options for all students who wish to participate. Our breakfast program currently runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items such as cereal they can be dropped off at the main office. If you have access to bagels or bread, we would be happy to accept! If you wish to make a monetary donation to our breakfast program, you can do so by sending cash or cheque to the school or online at <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>. Thank you for your continued support!

### Remembrance Day Assembly

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will be conducting virtual assemblies for Remembrance Day. We have a team of staff and students who will be putting together a presentation that will be shown to all classes on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**11 NOVEMBER**  
**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

*Lest we forget*



# REVIEW & RENEW IVHS ATHLETICS



SCAN  
for the  
SURVEY

The IVHS Enhancement Society was awarded a \$6000 Jumpstart grant, to REVIEW current IVHS sports, compile recommendations & purchase equipment - aimed to RENEW programming as:

- More DIVERSE • More EQUITABLE • More INCLUSIVE

## Who is this survey for? Past, Present & Future:

**ATHLETES - school, rec, league, hobby, etc.**

**ALL students, family members, friends, coaches, managers, school staff/advisors, volunteers, car-poolers, spectators, officials, etc**

**Open to ALL community members of ALL ages!**

**More Participation =**

**More Thorough Review, More Potential Funding & More Progressive Results!**



Please encourage others to participate!



**Jumpstart**  
Giving kids a sporting chance.

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Ensure equal opportunities & outcomes for girls, boys, co-ed and non-gender conforming sports.

Identify interventions to support participation, for Black, Indigenous, and all other marginalized/minority populations.

Identify opportunities to introduce non-traditional sports.

Determine what barriers are preventing students from participating in priority sports.

Identify areas to introduce sports and acquire equipment to meet physical accessibility needs.

Identify and allocate funding to reduce barriers to participation in school sports, including equipment, uniforms, facility upgrades, fees, etc.



**DEVILS**  
Enhancement  
Society

Questions & Survey Link Requests  
can be sent to Michelle Myers at  
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