



Eastern Passage Education Centre

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Dear families,

We want to thank families for coming out to curriculum night on Thursday September 29th. It was so nice to have such a big turn out and to engage in conversations about teaching and learning at EPEC. We want to acknowledge our students hard work and achievements so far this year. We are so proud of our students for their engagement in learning!

In consultation with our School Advisory Council, we are looking to develop an increase in community engagement at EPEC School. If you know of any community members who may like to get involved in our SAC or run a group or club during a lunch hour, please reach out to our school administration. We are also looking for expressions of interest from the community for people who may be interested in coaching girls' basketball. If this is something that you would like to be involved, please reach out to Mr. Mather in the gym.

At EPEC we believe in open communication between home and school. We want to build strong relationships with our students and their families. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the administrative team.

As we continue throughout the school year we will make an effort to communicate in a number of ways. Newsletters, Alert messages, parent notices, our website and Twitter will be the primary methods of communication to share all the great things that are happening here at EPEC. Paper copies will be available upon request.

As we move into Fall and the weather is changing, we ask that you encourage your children to dress for the conditions. Students will have daily opportunities to be outside and we want to ensure that they are wearing clothing that is keeping them warm and dry.

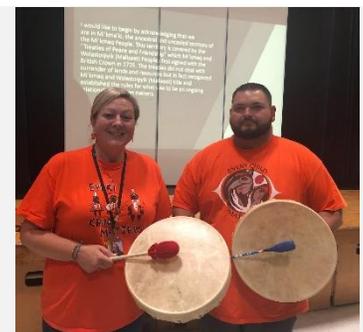
Yours in Education,

Sarah Shea & Erin Schaus



Important Dates

- October 12 – Pop-up Library at Lunch begins
- October 17 – Intramurals begin at Lunch
- October 20 – Bus Evacuation Drills
- November 11 – Remembrance Day (No School)
- November 14 – Picture Retakes
- November 21 – Assessment Day (No School)
- November 30 – Gr. 7 Immunizations
- December 1 – PD Day/PT Meetings (No School)
- December 2 – PD Day (No School)
- December 21-January 2 – Holiday Break (No School)
- January 3 – 1st day back to school



Ms. MacNeil and Mr. Drysdale our grade level assemblies for National Truth and Reconciliation Day.



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 grade level assemblies for staff and students which involved drumming and education around the significance of the day.

Volleyball Teams



The boys' volleyball team has been finalized and practices have begun. We look forward to hearing how they play and how all their hard work pays off! Good luck boys!

The girls' volleyball team tryouts are just getting started. The first tryout was this week. Good luck to all of our hopefuls!

Pop-up Library



Halifax Public Libraries will be returning to EPEC this year with their Pop-up Library program! Beginning on Wednesday, October 12th, students will be able to check out the pop-up library at lunch. The pop-up library will take place at EPEC every second Wednesday at lunch. Students will be able to check out or return books from the Halifax Public Libraries. Students who don't have library cards already may register at the pop-up library! This program aims to make the public library system more accessible to families and promote reading at home!



Breakfast Program Donations

This week we started our breakfast program for the year. At EPEC we strive to provide a breakfast program that provides nutritious food options for all students who wish to participate. 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!

Choir



This year at EPEC there will be a choir! Under the direction of Ms. Kennedy, our Fine Arts Specialist, our choir is open to anyone who enjoys singing. It will be held Wednesdays at lunch in the music room. No auditions necessary, just come on out and be ready to sing!

