

Enfield District School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

What a wonderful start to our school year! September gave us a chance to adjust to new routines. We are beginning to adjust to cooler temperatures and many students are seeking warmer gear during recess breaks especially. Bikers are telling us that their fingers are cold.

Students have been part of our safety drills as we practiced code red (fire drill) and code blue (lockdown). Our local fire department and RCMP participated in the drills and shared that our students safely practiced both drills. Students will be reviewing bus evacuation with bus drivers this week. We will continue to practice safety drills throughout the year.

Our annual Terry Fox Run fundraiser raised \$1400 for cancer research. Ms. Aikens was covered in chocolate and was topped off with sour chocolate milk. Special thanks to Ms. Aikens as she always comes up with creative ideas to bring awareness to a very worthy cause.

For the third year, our students participated in orange shirt day. This day brings awareness to Canadian history and history that happened in our own province through the story of a little girl.

As we begin our second month of school, we are starting to look ahead to our next school community event. Special thanks to our PTAG as planning is underway for our annual Fall Harvest.

Tina Knol
Principal

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Mi'kmaq History Month
- ◆ Orange Shirt Day
- ◆ Photo Retakes
- ◆ Fire Prevention Week
- ◆ Thanksgiving
- ◆ Fall Harvest
- ◆ Provincial Conference
- ◆ Wear Orange & Black for Halloween

Mi'kmaq History Month

<http://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>

If you have any Enfield School clothing that no longer fits your child, feel free to send it in to the school and we will pass it along to students who can benefit from them.



Tuesday, October 8
School Photo Retakes

PTAG – 6:00 pm
Monday, October 7 &
Monday, November 4

SAC – 7:00 pm
Monday, November 4



Safety Drills

Throughout the school year students and staff will be practicing safety drills. A code red drill is an evacuation from the school (fire drill), a code black is evacuation and relocation from the school premises (Enfield Legion) and code blue is a lockdown of the school. From time to time all students and staff will be practicing these drills. School Administration work closely with staff, the Enfield Fire Department and the RCMP to ensure the safety drills follow safe procedures with everyone’s input.



School Website
www.end.ccrce.ca

SchoolsPlus is an integrated service delivery program that is held at our school. Government, health, and other community organizations work together to deliver services to families. SchoolsPlus referrals are open to all children, youth and families, particularly those for whom additional supports and services are needed for their success. Your SchoolsPlus Facilitator is Anneliese MacPherson. Anneliese can be reached at 902-497-3048 or macphersona@ccrce.ca for more information. Additional information is also available at: <https://schoolsplus.ednet.ns.ca/> or Facebook – www.facebook.com/groups/EastHantsSchoolsPlus/

Thank you Ms. Aikens!



SiP - School Insurance Program
<http://sip.ca/parents-students/>



Bus evacuation practice for all students will be held at the school on Friday, October 4th.

This year marks the 13th year Ms. Aikens has shared the Terry Fox story with the students of Enfield District School. She has found creative (and messy) ways over the years to raise money for this worthy cause. This year our students and staff raised \$1400 and over the last 13 years Ms. Aikens has helped to raise close to \$18,000! Ms. Aikens your contribution to the Terry Fox Foundation is appreciated by the students and staff of Enfield District School!

Hello from Attendance Support!

Hello everyone! It's hard to believe that it's October already! Where did September go? Let me take a moment and introduce myself. My name is Kareen Knox and I am the Attendance Support Worker for Enfield Elementary (Mondays), Elmsdale Elementary (Wednesdays) and Riverside Education Centre (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays). I have been a teacher for 16 years working in the areas of science and math, and most recently as a resource teacher.

The Attendance Support Worker is a pilot position created by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions. **Regular attendance and arriving on time are both critically important to student success.** The cumulative time lost catches up with students academically, socially and emotionally, which can lead to further challenges for students and families. **Elementary school is an important time to create good attendance habits** to prepare for middle school and to avoid the possibility of credit loss in high school due to missed time.

Some tips that might help your student arrive on time and maintain regular attendance are:

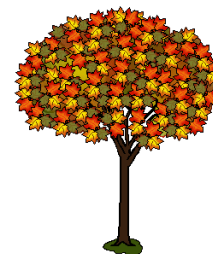
- organize and/or pack schoolwork, lunches, clothes, etc. the night before
- get lots of rest
- set an alarm
- create a plan for the day and maintain a structured schedule
- schedule appointments outside of school hours where possible
- plan vacations to coincide with school breaks
- contact the school when your student does need to miss time

It can be challenging for some students to attend school. It's important for all students to know that **school is a better place when they are here**, and that **it matters when they are not**.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to know more about the supports that are available to help students improve their attendance and arrive to school on time.

Wishing all students and families of the Enfield District Elementary community a wonderful year!

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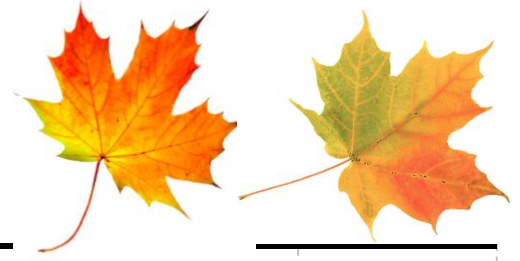
Fall Harvest is an evening of fun for our students and school community that is organized by our school's Parent Teacher Action Group (PTAG). And we need volunteers to help organize and plan this year's Fall Harvest.

The Fall Harvest is one of our school's biggest fundraising activities. And all proceeds go back into our school for events, activities, and more.

Notices will be sent out in the new few weeks requesting help to organize and plan this event.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Treaty Day	2	3	4 Return Cafeteria Orders	5
		MKMAQ HISTORY MONTH				
6 Fire Safety Week	7	8 Photo Retakes	9	10	11 Return Cafeteria Orders iWalk— Students Walk to St. Bernards Park (weather permitting)	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day (no school)	15	16 Norcard orders returned to school	17	18 Return Cafeteria Orders Card Day	19
20 Waste Reduction Week	21	22	23	24 Return Cafeteria Orders Fall Harvest (5:00-8:00 pm)	25 Provincial Conference (no classes)	26
27	28	29	30	31  Students invited to wear Black & Orange for Halloween	Nov 1	2