

VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Chignecto-Central Regional School

October News

The mission of Valley Elementary is to develop lifelong learners, encourage responsibility, and promote achievement of individual potential.

SAC requires a parent representative. Please contact the school if you are interested in fulfilling this role. It is a commitment of 6 meetings a year and we meet on the third Wednesday of the month. This is an opportunity to be involved as we work toward improvement of our school community.

Student Attendance and Engagement Policy*

Effective October 2, 2017 a new Student Attendance and Engagement Policy from the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development was implemented. As parents of elementary aged children there are some key points that you should be aware of:

- ◇ Absences—Absences from school should be a rare event. Reasons for absences must be communicated to the school. SC (special circumstances) no longer exists as a code for absences.
- ◇ Interventions –Your child’s teacher will be in contact if absences or late arrivals occur for 10—15 % of school days. When absences and lateness occur for more than 15% of school days the school will work with families to support increased attendance and punctuality.

*The policy is available here: www.ednet.ns.ca/student-attendance-and-engagement-policy

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Oct. 9th—Thanksgiving
- Oct. 11th, 12:45—Demonstration and assembly with the Valley -Kempton Fire Department
- Oct. 13th, 12:45—Farm Credit Drive Away Hunger Food Drive
- Oct. 26th - Halloween Dance
- Oct. 27th—Conference Day, no school for students
- Nov. 18th- Christmas Tea
- Nov. 30th, 6-8pm; Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- Dec. 1st, Parent/ Teacher Conferences & Professional Development, no school for students
- Dec. 14th, 6pm—Holiday Concert

ALLERGEN POLICY: PEANUTS, TREE NUTS, PEANUT BUTTER, TREE NUT BUTTER, EGGS, MAYONNAISE, RANCH DRESSING AND CAESAR DRESSING ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO VALLEY ELEMENTARY. IN ADDITION FOODS WHICH CANNOT EASILY BE DISTINGUISHED FROM THE ABOVE PRODUCTS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE TO SEND TO SCHOOL.

Cougar Dome Event

This Saturday, October 7th the Cougar Dome will be hosting a free event at the Truro`s Farmers Market from 9:00am – 1:00pm. on our Mini Nets and Bubble Bump Soccer. Our team of instructors will be there to animate the activities... We will be located in front of the library! Join our High Performance Tennis Academy athletes in this fun event!

Terry Fox Run/Walk



The Terry Fox Run/Walk was a huge success. Our school of 212 students donated \$747 to cancer research! Students enjoyed an extra recess to celebrate!

E-mail Failures

There have been several parents not receiving emails from CCRSB accounts. This is happening with Outlook.com (formerly known as Hotmail.com or Live.com) If you have a Hotmail address our emails to you are not delivered. To resolve this, the owner of the Hotmail account can add our domain as a safe sender.

To Add Safe Sender to Outlook.com (Formerly Hotmail)

- 1) Open your Outlook mailbox.
- 2) Select Options from the top right (gear icon next to the question mark).
- 3) Select Options > Safe Senders (under Junk email)
- 4) In the space provided, enter the address. Example: You can either enter a specific email address (Ex: SmithJ@ccrsb.ca) or use ccrsb.ca and ad.ccrsb.ca to whitelist the domain (all emails from CCRSB)
- 5) Click the + symbol to add to list.
- 6) Ensure the safe mailing lists box has the address you entered, and select save.



Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving!

FCC Drive Away Hunger

Valley Elementary has become an annual supporter of the Colchester Food Bank by participating in the FCC Drive Away Hunger campaign. On Oct. 13 at 12:40 this year's contributions will be weighed and collected by representatives from Farm Credit Canada We will be sending home specially marked bags to use for dona-

Volunteers:

We appreciate and welcome volunteers in our school. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at our school please obtain a volunteer package from Mrs. Davison at the office. This must be done prior to volunteering at the school.

Newsletters will be Online:

All school newsletters will be posted on the Valley Elementary School Website. This enables us to save paper and ensures that you can find up to date information on the website at any time. Our school website can be found at <http://www.ves.ccrsb.ca/>. Special arrangements can be made for paper copies upon request.

Monthly Assemblies:

An assembly is held at the end of every month. At this event we acknowledge birthdays that occurred and special events .

Monthly Theme Days:

Each month, a special dress up theme is selected and students are asked to contribute a small donation to a worthy cause. Last month, we supported the Terry Fox Foundation. It's a lot of fun for staff and students and a great way to introduce students to the importance of making small gifts to others.