

VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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12:45—3:30

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NOVEMBER NEWS

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

Principal's Message,

As winter approaches we are enjoying the outdoors each day at recess and lunch. Currently many of the students are very engaged building forts with natural materials. There is an abundance of leaves in the wooded area which are also offering great play opportunities. Please make sure your child(ren) are well dressed for the cooler temperatures outside. Although our students remove their shoes at the door to keep the floors dry I suggest having an extra pair of socks in the backpack just in case.

This year we are learning about the Seven Sacred Teachings. This month the teaching we are focusing on is Courage which is represented by the bear. Courage has been defined as having the bravery to do the right thing even when others are not. When we see a child demonstrating courage they will be given a red bead that will eventually become part of a dream catcher we are creating this year. We will display the beginnings of this project in December and add on to it each month as we learn a new teaching.

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COURAGE



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov. 09 - Remembrance Day Service 11:00 am ALL WELCOME
- Nov. 13 - Remembrance Day - Holiday
- Nov. 17 - Assessment & Marking Day
NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 18 - Christmas Tea
- Nov. 30 Parent/ Teacher Conferences (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)
- Dec. 1- Parent/ Teacher Conferences & Professional Development
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Dec. 14 - Holiday Concert (6:00 pm at CEC)
- Dec. 19 - Holiday Dinner
- Dec. 21 - Holiday Service (1:00 pm)
- Dec.22 - First day of Winter Break
- Jan.3 - School Resumes

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.

Buddy Bench

On October 23rd, we had the talented wood carver, Rob Milner from Eternity Chainsaw Carvings create an amazing and special "Buddy Bench" for our school. The importance of the bench is to allow a lonely child to reach out. A child who wants to be buddied up with someone for any reason, merely has to sit on the bench which will alert others that a child needs a buddy.

The bench will showcase two of the 7 sacred Mi'kmaq animals...the Eagle which is symbolic of Love, and the Bear which is symbolic of courage. It is a beautiful piece for our playground!



Remembrance Day Service

Thursday, November 9th - 11:00 AM

Classroom teachers will be accepting donations for the **Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund** until Friday, November 10th

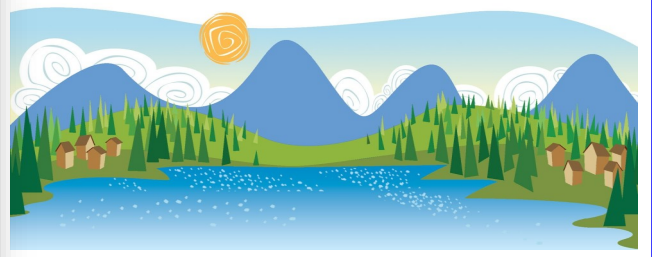
ALL WELCOME



BOB RIPLEY NATURE TRIP

We are so fortunate to be gifted a nature trip for the third year in a row at Valley Elementary. This idea was brought forth by his daughter, Margie MacIntyre, who wanted to honor her late father's love of nature, children, and the many years of service he shared with Valley Elementary. The students have enjoyed trips to the Wildlife Park, with a special ice-cream treat when they return to the school. Bob loved to treat the students to special things. As we near Spring, we will update you on where our next nature trip tradition will take us!

Thank you Margie!



Christmas Tea: Preparations for the Valley Elementary Tea (November, 18th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm) are in full swing! You will see communication coming home and we would like to thank you for taking the time to help in making this very successful Home & School Fundraiser such a fun tradition. Volunteer & Donation notices have gone home so far. Please contact the office if you did not receive one.

Cafeteria News: The students are given their change from daily orders that very day. We cannot be responsible for what happens after it is returned to the student in the morning. It is often used for purchase of recess snacks. If this is not something you wish to happen, please consider using exact change or a cheque (made out to **Cobequid Catering Society**). Thank you. For your cooperation in this matter. If your child has ordered lunch on a day they are absent, a credit will be issued. The credit must be returned to the cafeteria in order to be used as payment.

No Child Without: If you would like more information on the No Child Without Program (MedicAlert Foundation Canada), please contact Mrs. Davison in the office.

Administration of Medication: Prescription and non-prescription medication require paperwork to be filled out at the school. If the school will need to administer any medication to your child, please contact the office.