

Issue 3

Bicentennial School



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November Newsletter



Bicentennial School completed their five year plan for improvement last year and was given accreditation status. This year we are starting with year one of a new plan which once again will have a math and literacy goal. This year will be spent doing our self-assessment, collecting and analysing data to help formulate our goals. You will notice that the name of the plan has changed from "Planning For Improvement" to Continuous School Improvement.



Remembrance Day Assembly (November 9th)



There will be a Remembrance Day ceremony at school on the **November 9th (Friday) 11am.**
Open to parents/Guardians.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Remembrance Day in lieu	Nov 12th
Parent/Teacher (Early Dismissal (1-3pm) and (6-8pm)	Nov 14th
Bus Cluster 3-PD Day	Nov 26th
Assessment & Evaluation Day P-9	Nov 30th
Christmas Concert (Snow date-Dec 12th) more info to follow	Dec 11th



We **raised \$250 this year for the Terry Fox Foundation** . Thank You to the students of Bicentennial for the great efforts of our school for this year's Terry Fox Run. Thank you especially to the grade 8 students for their leadership in the planning and execution of this year's run. And to the grade 5/6 class for showing tremendous spirit in helping the youngest children in the afternoon.

Thanks for your great work in Terry's name.

School Fundraising for 2012-2013

Information will be sent home soon in regards to our fundraising activities. We are looking for parents to set on a fundraising committee along with a few teachers from the school to decide on a viable fundraising event for the school. In the past we have always had a walk-a-thon but thought we would try something different. Please send an email to kcampbell@hrsb.ca if you are interested.

Stop Bullying!

Bullying

Some of the ways bullying behaviors differ from inappropriate behaviors are:

- Bullying is a repeated behavior
- Bullying is an unfair match and/or there is a power imbalance or abuse of power
- Bullying is intentional and hurtful behavior if you believe you are being bullied or if you believe a friend or classmate is being bullied, tell an adult - report the incident to your principal, vice-principal or school counselor.



PEBS NEWS

Eighteen Elementary students were very excited to be able to "cash in" their winning coupons for Free Gym and Lunch Bunch from our October assembly. We're very proud of our seven "Student of The Month" certificate winners who enjoyed going out for lunch with Ms. Campbell. The Grade Primaries will be hosting the next assembly in November. More names will be drawn for the Free Gym time. We look forward to seeing whose names get drawn from our big bin next month.

Safety Tips for Halloween Night.

Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips

Children under nine years old should be supervised by an adult when trick-or-treating.

Children over nine years of age should trick-or-treat with an adult or in a group with older, responsible children.

Make sure that drivers can see your child. Use costumes with bright fabrics and decorate costumes with reflective tape. Give each child a flashlight to carry.

If your child is trick or treating without an adult, make sure he or she knows how to cross the road safely.

Your child should wear face paint or make-up instead of a mask. Make-up and face paint are better than masks because

they don't block your child's ability to see.

Children should cross only at corners or pedestrian crosswalks. Children should walk, not run, from house to house and stay on the sidewalk or at the side of the



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road facing traffic.

Children should stay in well lit areas and

should only visit homes that have their outside lights turned on.

Children should not go inside homes.

Tell your children to bring their treats home before eating them. Before your children eat their candy, make sure you inspect it

Community Outreach News

In October, Schools Plus Community Outreach Workers held their monthly team meeting here at bi-centennial school. They set up in what will be our soon to be FAMILY ROOM! More exciting news will follow with a grand opening coming soon!

Special thanks goes to our local business of Two If By Sea, located on Ochterlooney Street for their gracious donation of treats for the meeting. TIBS is a continued supporter of



our school community- so thanks TIBS!!!

Keep your eye out for special events in our Family Room with Laura McAvoy, our Schools Plus Community Outreach Worker.

Promoting Fitness...



Intramurals are well underway with the **grade 7's participating on Wednesday's** and the **grade 8's and 9's on Thursday's**. We would like all students in these grades to feel welcome and are always open to new opportunities that promote our student's personal fitness.



Infinity M.A. Karate (est. 1982) www.kai-shin.com Introducing Classes;

Northbrook Comm. Ctr.

Sat Nov 17th/12 rest.

Tues: 7-8pm and Sat: 11-12noon Ph# 469-0000

Fluoride Program for the Elementary Students.

Every Wednesday we have two parent volunteers that offer their personal time to help the Public Health Nurse with the fluoride application to each student.

A Big Thank You to Ms. Hodder and Ms MacKinnon!



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CAREER NEWS

The Grade Nines have been presented with a variety of career development opportunities designed to begin the process toward high school course selection. Grade Nines are encouraged to participate in Take Your Kids to Work Day which takes place on November 7th. The students have received information and permission forms to be completed by November 2nd. Any student who would like to participate but who is having difficulty finding a placement has been asked to see either their homeroom teacher or Ms. Manning as soon as possible. Students who have expressed an interest in careers in health care will have an opportunity to visit the IWK Health Care Career Fair on November 2nd. Other career development presentations such as Junior Achievement and Skills Canada will be offered to the Grade Nines in the coming months.

Inclement Weather

To ensure parents are aware of the board's policy and procedures for canceling busses and/or schools in the event of inclement weather, please be advised of the following.

The Halifax Regional School Board takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools in the event of severe or inclement weather. Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are posted on the board's website at www.hrsb.ns.ca, on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRSB_Official](https://twitter.com/HRSB_Official), recorded on 464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. You can also receive notice of school and bus cancellations by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRSB website.

Volunteers:

We are always looking for volunteers for our class events, sports and outings. If you wish to be part of our volunteer team please have a current criminal records check submitted and as well if you are volunteer driver—a "Trip A Form" is required—which can be found on our website or office. We appreciate your time and support to the children of Bicentennial School!

Christmas Angel Giving Tree

We are accepting (Gift Cards) of any denomination for families in need of Bicentennial. Keep this in mind when you are doing your pre-holiday shopping.

As well...we are accepting food bank donations. The box will be placed in the front foyer.

Thanks for your support!

