

# Dutch Settlement Elementary

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<https://dts.hrce.ca/>

As a school, we are focused on building relationships with students to support an inclusive learning environment for each student based on his or her strengths, experiences, interests and backgrounds.

## A Note From Mrs. Richard

What a first month we have had!

The last week of September we received news that we were being given an additional teacher to support the growth in our school population. We reconfigured our school from 6 classrooms to 7 classrooms within a couple of days. Those students who moved to new classes have settled very nicely into their new classrooms and routines! Thank you so much to our families for being so supportive during this transition. Your positive response truly helped make this transition a great experience for everyone.

**We are very excited to share that Ms. Carly Evans will continue on as the teacher for the newly created Grade 3/4 classroom for the duration of the year! Welcome to Dutch Settlement Ms. Evans!**

If you have not already done so, please make sure to update the demographic form online that was emailed to each family. This is very important document for schools. We require the most up to date information in order to contact families and support students. If there are no changes, this still needs to be submitted.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Tina Richard  
Principal





Our students are welcomed to the breakfast room every morning with some cheerful, friendly smiles!

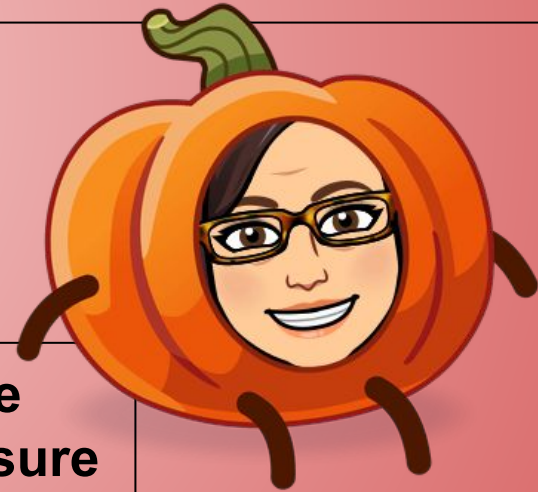
Our hallways look extra bright with the new coat of paint! The students have been so excited to see this transformation.

## Important Dates:

- Thanksgiving in October 9th - no school for students
- Grade 6 students will be writing the Provincial Assessment October 5, 6, 12 and 13
- October 13th Firefighter
- October 13th Free Pizza lunch sponsored by the Dutch Settlement Fire Department
- October 25th - Picture Day
- October 26th - Halloween Howl
- October 27th - Provincial Conference Day - No School for Students
- October 31st Halloween and School Spirit Day. Students are invited to wear Orange, black or purple.

## Important Reminders:

- We are a nut free school. Please do not send nut products into the building.
- Doors open at 7:40 when buses start arriving. There is no supervision prior to this time.
- The weather shifts quite frequently each day. Layering is a great idea so children can add/remove a sweatshirt when needed.



**If you are visiting our building at any time during the day (pick up, drop off, late arrival etc) please make sure to go directly to the office to check in with Ms. Harnish.**

## **Breakfast Program**

Eating breakfast is a very important part of having a positive start to the school day. Breakfast items are available every morning as students enter their building and are available for ALL students.

## **Planning for Emergencies**

In September we practiced a fire drill, Hold and Secure and Lockdown. We also had buses come to Dutch Settlement so that all students had the opportunity to be part of a presentation by two of our bus drivers for bus evacuation procedures.

## **Head Lice**

Please ensure that you are checking your child's head frequently for lice. If you find any live lice, or nits, students can return to schools once they have been treated. Please review with your child the importance of keeping hats in backpacks or tucked in the sleeve of a jacket.

## **Safe Arrival**

If your child is going to be late or absent, please remember to call the toll free attendance line at 1-833-582-6940. This will allow you to mark your child absent for the day. Should the student arrive late this will be changed at school when they arrive.

## School Closures

There are times throughout the year that HRCE may need to make a decision to close schools for a variety of reasons.

**Dutch Settlement is part of the Musquodoboit Rural High family of schools.**

### How will I find out?

- Check the HRCE website at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)
- Follow HRCE on X (formally Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- Call the HRCE information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)
- Listen to your radio (All local radio stations are informed)
- Sign up to receive e-mail or text message notification of cancellations ([link](#))

As weather changes it is important to monitor the HRCE website for closures, early dismissal and delayed openings.