



Where did September go! The students and staff have transitioned nicely in to the new normal of school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

**Safe Arrival**

Please call the school by 8am if your child is going to be absent or late for school (902-883-3000). If we do not receive a call you will be contacted by the office to verify the student's absence. Please help minimize these calls by reporting absences.

**Nourish Your Roots Fundraiser**

Nourish Your Roots 2020 Community Campaign is now on! The Nourish Your Roots program, due to COVID19 was not able to be housed in schools and direct fundraising by students not permitted. Nourish NS is now providing the program through community partners and drop sites. The fundraising dollars are still going to the schools that applied to be part of NYR this year.

Please have a look on the site <https://www.nourishns.ca/nourish-your-roots-1> for more information as well as the attachment. To purchase a box and support your school you

will be given options around timing and which drop site works best for you. This is done on an individual basis, not a school basis and all ordering is done online through Nourish NS.

**Milk Program**

DSES will be offering a school milk program again this year. Milk for lunch hour, will cost \$0.40 and monies are collected twice a year (Oct. and Feb.).

Milk delivery will start October 13 and will run until the end of January 2021. In mid-January we will send out a request for milk for February until June.

**Terry Fox**

On line donations can be made on behalf of the school on The Terry Fox Foundation website at <https://terryfox.org/>

**School Closure Information**

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen incidents and the school needs to close, we are under the Musquodoboit Rural High School Family of Schools.

In situations where the school closes early, teachers will send an email to those families that have included an email address on the registration papers. It is important that you reply back to this email so we know it has been received, as we cannot send any student home until we hear back from every household. On days the forecast is predicting snow, please be aware of this and keep your phone handy for updates. This is not a time to make alternate arrangements and intended only to make you aware of the cancellation.

You can also sign up on the HRCE website for automatic alerts regarding school cancellation.

## Grade 6 Assessments

Grade 6 students will not be writing the provincial math and literacy assessments this year.

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### Head Lice

Head lice are tiny insects that live on the head. They lay eggs (called nits) close to the scalp. Head lice do not spread disease, and having head lice does not mean that you are not clean. Head lice are very common among children. Scratching the head can be a sign of head lice, but you can have head lice without any itching.

Check your child's head regularly:

- once a week as part of your routine
- after every sleepover
- every day during lice outbreaks at school
- Keep long hair tied back or braided.
- Teach your child not to share personal items that are used on their head. This means things like brushes, combs, barrettes, headbands, elastics, towels, hats, helmets, toques, and scarves.
- Teach your child to put their hats and scarves in their coat sleeves or backpacks when they take them off at school.

If your child has been in contact with someone who has lice, you need to check your child's head carefully to see if they have caught lice. Head lice spread easily, so if one person in the household has lice, others may have it too. Check everyone in the household on the same day

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## Bussing

We are unable to make changes to bus routes. The drivers have a manifest with student names and stop information and they must follow this manifest. Please do not ask the school or the drivers to make changes to your child's bussing routes. **Drivers are not permitted to receive notes requesting these changes.**

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### Curriculum Night

Curriculum night will be done differently this year. Teachers will be forwarding families the information on October 7. If you have any questions please contact your students teacher.

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