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November Newsletter

We sincerely hope that all of our families in the community are fully recovered from Hurricane Fiona and getting ready for the busy and festive winter season that lies ahead.

Attendance

While It is always best practice to stay home if you are feeling sick or unwell, the most important factor in your child's academic success is being here. If your child is home sick please call the school to let us know they are home sick/appointments etc.

Attendance is a priority here at Rankin School of the Narrows and we all have a role to play in making sure our attendance is strong. Our attendance improvement plan includes:

- Families will be contacted daily by the office when students are absent.
- Teachers will call home for any student missing 5% of classes to have a conversation about ways in which we can all work together to improve attendance.
- When a student has reached 10% of possible classes missed, the school administration will call to arrange a meeting so everyone involved can find the best ways forward to support your child's attendance.

Electronic Bus Passes

The Cape Breton-Victoria Regional Centre for Education is introducing a new electronic bus pass system for students this year. The system will add a layer of safety to the transportation service that CBVRCE provides by accurately recording where and when children board and leave a bus.

Students in Pre-Primary to Grade 12 who travel by bus will receive the cards from their school. The pass system is known as the Zonar ZPass and uses radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags. These are an addition to the multi-colour tags that students may receive at the start of the school year to indicate which bus to get on.

Through the ZPass program, the CBVRCE's transportation office will have the ability to verify which students are on which buses and where they are getting on and off. The information can be used for parent notifications, to determine ridership data and to inform parents and school officials in case of emergencies such as traffic accidents or a missing child.

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Lanyards with retractable clips will be provided to each bus student to attach to their backpack. As a student passes their Bus Pass card by the reader upon entering or leaving the bus; the time, date, and location is logged and transmitted to a secure database via a GPS system. The cards do not contain any personal information and the data transmitted can only be accessed by authorized CBVRCE staff. Families are asked to notify the CBVRCE Transportation Department at **902-562-4595** in the event their child's Bus Pass card is lost or stolen to prevent unauthorized use of the card. Upon notification, the Centre will disable the lost/stolen Bus Pass and issue a new card that will be handed out by the driver. In the event a child does not have a Bus Pass card while boarding the bus, they should notify the driver at that time. ***If parents/guardians have any questions regarding this program, please contact transportation at 902-562-4595.***

Important Dates

November 8: School Remembrance Day Service

November 11: Remembrance Day. No students present

November 15: SAC Meeting

November 18: No classes for Primary to Grade eight. No students in those grades will be present. There is school as usual for Grades 9-12.

November 28: Report cards sent home online for P-12

December 1: Parent Teacher for all grades 4:30pm -6:30pm

December 2: Parent teacher for all grades 9:00am -11:00am

Hot Lunches

For our Hot Lunches we prefer that you order with the SchoolCash Online system if possible. If you are unable to use this for some reason, then please make your order in advance with the office. If you require assistance with ordering using the SchoolCash please do not hesitate to reach out to the school. Here is a list of the upcoming lunches.

November 2: Hot Lunch: Goulash. Use SchoolCash online or \$3.25.

November 16: Hot Lunch Pizza Burger. Use SchoolCash online or \$3.25.

November 25: Hot Lunch spaghetti. Use SchoolCash online or \$3.25.

November 30: Soup and Tea Biscuit. Use SchoolCash online or \$3.25.