September 15, 2022

Dear Shatford Families,

As you are aware, the Province of Nova Scotia has declared September 19, 2022, to be a day of mourning in honour of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s funeral service. As such, there will be no school for students on September 19, 2022.

This is also a reminder that the Province of Nova Scotia annually recognizes September 30th as Truth and Reconciliation Day. This is day of reflection and therefore no school for students. **Please have your children wear orange if possible on September 29th.**

Thank you

Sarah

**Safe Arrival**

Just a reminder that Safe Arrival is automated. Please use one of the options to call in your child’s absence from school. (See attachment) You can also use this 1-833-582-6940 and save in your phone.

**School Clothing**

Shatford has a school clothing website. Check it out. Orders must be in by Nov 21st.

Great Christmas Gifts. The school does not make any profit on these items.

Safe Arrival 1-833-582-6940 / http://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival

**Home and School Meeting**

Our first Home and School meeting is scheduled for Sept. 29 6:30pm at the school and everyone is welcome. The Home and School is a cooperation of parents and staff that organize events and fundraisers for the betterment of our students. In the past , the Home and School organized events for students and families such as Halloween dances, spaghetti suppers and Family Barbeques. The Home and School supports the school to purchase the extra things that would not be possible. As well Home and School helped fund free class trips, cultural events, artist in the classroom and many other things. We would love to have new members even if you can only make some of the meetings or want to volunteer to help with school events. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email me. swile@hrce.ca

One of our first events will be a Halloween Family Dance on Oct. 27th. Stay tuned for more details.

**Grade six assessment – Oct 3 to 14**

All the grade sixes across the province are expected to take part in a provincial assessment in language and math. Information is taken from these assessments to guide teachers practice and to help students in any growth areas. If at all possible please ensure your students are in attendance for these days. (See brochure sent home.)

**Curriculum Night**

Curriculum night is fast approaching. It will take place on Sept 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm. This is a night that teachers present information on the curriculum at their grade level. Students can also show their parents where their desk is etc. Each teacher will give the same presentation twice to accommodate larger families. One session will start at 6:30 and the second one will start at 7:00pm.

Just a reminder that this is not a time to talk about your specific child. This is about what is being taught. If you are wondering how your child is doing , you can call the school or email the individual teacher.

**Chaperones for class trips**

We are starting to book some class trips (Oct 3 for grades 3 to 6 and Oct 7 for grades p-2) which are connected to our curriculum . In order to take students on trips we need chaperones**. All chaperones need the following paperwork submitted to the school before the trip date**. Each chaperone requires:

1.Vulnerable Sector Check (which includes a Criminal Record Check)

2. Child Abuse Registry Check.

**Sometimes these checks take two weeks** to get the results so if you would like to chaperone start applying as we do have some trips already planned for first week in October.

**Terry Fox Walk and Run**

On September 29th  at 12:35pm we will honour Terry Fox’s memory and courage to fight cancer by walking and running around the school. Donations are welcome. Last year, we raised over five hundred dollars and that is amazing for such a small school. You can send in money the day of the event, afterwards or you can do a donation online by using the following link.

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/ShatfordMemorialElem>

Here are the instructions if you and your child want to set up a page to individual gather donations for this great cause.

Click on login and use your email address to create a password – After you do that the first time, your username will be your email and your password will be set. You’ll then be able to update and edit your page how you’d like.

