



# JOSEPH GILES ELEMENTARY

Safety. Kindness. Patience. Making Connections

## Nov 18-Nov 22 Week 2

Hello Families,

First, there is NO SCHOOL on Friday November 22 for Assessment day. Friday is the end of term 1. Teachers are writing report cards.

Parent-Teacher Meetings are for Grade primary-six and all in person this year. You can book your parent teacher appointment at <https://parentinterviews.com/josephgiles/> You can find help at <https://help.parentinterviews.com/docs/parents/> If you aren't able to come in person, you can contact the teacher to get a meeting by phone. You can call the main office at 902-464-5192 if you need support to book an appointment.

The hot lunch program is hitting a groove in school with a consistent delivery time to the school, and our processes to get them to the students. Some students are loving the meals while others are not. Please check in with your child if they are getting the meals to help plan which ones work for them. Deadline for the next order block is this Wednesday at noon.

Have a great week, Mr Fry and Mrs Ewing

## Important Dates

Nov 20: ADDITIONAL Photo Retake Day in the AM

Nov 22: Assessment day- no school

Dec 3: Report cards go home

Dec 4: Evening Parent-Teacher meetings 6-8

Dec 5: No school for students. Parent Teacher meetings 1-3 pm

Dec 10: Winter Holiday Concert day

Dec 20: Last day of classes for 2024

Jan 3: First day of classes for 2025

**Monthly Focus** This year, we're excited to share that we are doing a monthly focus for our school (assemblies, announcements, posters, and in class lessons): the 7 Sacred Teachings from the Mi'kmaq culture—Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Wisdom, Humility, and Truth. These teachings embody universal values that transcend cultural and community boundaries. Each month, we will highlight one of these teachings, helping our students connect with values that promote understanding, compassion, and a sense of belonging. To deepen this journey, we are collaborating with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education's (HRCE) Mi'kmaq Education Services- Arlea Walsh, who will provide professional development for our staff and students. This partnership will help us honor these teachings in a way that is culturally respectful and enriching for everyone. We launched this initiative at an assembly last Thursday, and we look forward to sharing this journey of growth and learning with our school community. Thank you for your support as we work together to nurture these values in our students.



Thanks to Catherine Thompson, our HRCE Regional Arts Specialist who created a 7 Sacred Teachings display. This is in the centre of the main hallway for all students to see daily.

Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22
		<p>Additional Picture Retakes in AM-</p> <p>Deadline -NOON-to order next block of hot lunches</p>		<p>No School</p> <p>Assessment Day</p>