



Joseph Giles Elementary School Newsletter



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REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

Important Dates to Note

November

- 8 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- 13 - Flu Vaccine Clinic (2:30-6:00)
- 11 - Remembrance Day (no classes for students)
- 18 - SAC Meeting (6pm)
- 18 - PTO Meeting (7pm)
- 22 - Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)
- 22 - Term 1 Ends
- 25 - School Trip to Alderney Landing Theatre
- 27 - Parent/Teacher 6-8
- 28 - PD am (no classes)
- 28 - Parent/Teacher 1-3 (no classes)

DECEMBER

- 11 - Set-up for Santa Shop
- 12 - Santa Shop
- 17 - Holiday Concert
- 18 - Snow date for Holiday concert
- 20 - Last day of school for 2019

November Newsletter

Message from Principal

It is hard to believe that it's November already. We have been very fortunate to have enjoyed a great fall so far. Our children have been outside for most days at recess and lunch. Now that the weather is getting cooler, it's important that the children have hats, warmer coats and clothing for cooler weather. You are asked to put your child's name on the clothing as there can be more than one similar jacket left unclaimed at the end of outdoor time.

Joseph Giles is pleased to be honoring all Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP members and all other first responders who have served and/or are currently

serving our country Friday, November 8th. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 am. We would like to extend an invitation to parents and family members to join us for this event. Any members of the Armed Forces or RCMP, or first responders are invited to attend in uniform. Students who are in Cadets, Scouts, Guides, etc. are also encouraged to wear their uniforms. We ask that those in uniform remain at the office to walk into the gymnasium together at the start of our ceremony.

We have received poppies from the Royal Canadian Legion to distribute to students to wear at our assembly. A small donation to support our Legion would be greatly appreciated. All monies collected go to support programming. Donations can be sent into the school any day leading up to Remembrance Day.

Jimmy Hurley



Parent Navigator

Parents and Guardians – Do you need someone to talk to about...

Understanding supports within your child's school and the ways to access these supports?

Supports available for your child in your community?

Concerns regarding your child's academic, emotional, and/or social well-being?

Processes such as school registration, bussing, or the Parent/Guardian Concern protocol?

An upcoming parent teacher or school meeting?

If so...contact an HRCE Parent Navigator!

Parent Navigators will help guide and connect you with the most appropriate resources to help address your questions. They are willing to connect through email, phone, or to meet in person in a comfortable setting in your community! No appointment or referral process is necessary. Simply reach out!

Parent Navigator Contact:

Tressa Moore – mooret@hrce.ca

902-464-2000 (ext.4362)

Self-Regulation Strategies

Parents, caregivers and school staff play an important role in helping children to self-regulate their feelings and behaviours. There are many opportunities for this in the day-to-day normal routines. Some of the ways adults can support children's development of self-regulation skills include:

Closely observing a child to help you see what they are coping with and where they might need more support. Providing the support children need at times when they are tired or angry helps them to develop their self-regulation skills.

Breaking down complicated tasks into manageable parts so that children can practice self-regulation without becoming overwhelmed. Activities like learning to get dressed, brushing teeth, turn taking, listening to others and working out differences give children an opportunity to practice their self-regulation skills.

Children learn how other people behave by watching the people around them. When parents, caregivers and others effectively manage their own feelings and behavior, they model self-regulation skills to children. Adults model behavior every day such as the way we talk to others, wait for the traffic lights to change or decide what to watch on TV.

Using words, gestures and touch as cues to help children regulate their feelings and behaviour and naming the feelings for young children like 'You sound angry' or 'I wonder if you are frustrated' will help children recognize their emotions.

Scouts Canada

The 5th Cole Harbour Sections of Scouts Canada are looking for new members.

Scouts have fun adventures discovering new things and experiences they would not have elsewhere. Along the way, they develop into capable, confident and well-rounded individuals, better prepared for success in the world. Scouts is the start of something great.

5th Cole Harbour meets at Joseph Giles each week. Beavers for 5-7 year-olds; Cubs for 8-10 year-olds and Scouts for 11-14 year-olds. To find out more: 1-888-855-3336 or Scouts.ca

Winter Coat Drive



If you have **winter jackets to donate (any size child-adult)**, please bring them to the school from **Nov 4 – 8**. Jackets will be donated to local shelters.

Arrival and School Bell Times

Please note: outside supervision begins at 8:10; students enter the building at 8:20; lunch is from 11:30-12:25; ALL grades dismiss for the day at 2:30pm. Students may not be on school grounds before 8:10am.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

We will be holding our Parent/Teacher Interviews on Wednesday, November 27th and Thursday, November 28th. You can sign up by following the link below or going to the Joseph Giles web page and clicking on the green Parent Teacher Interview link. Interviews will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the evening of November 27th and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on November 28th (The morning of the 28th will be a professional development morning for teachers, so there will be no school for children at all that day.) Please note that there is only one appointment time available per student. The link will go live on Nov. 12th.

<https://secure.parentinterviews.com/josephgiles>

Safe Choice Programs for Students

We will be offering our annual Safe Choice Safety Home Alone Safety (grades 4-6) and Babysitter Basics (grades 5-6) programs after school on November 25 & 26, 2019.

Safe Choice Safety programs develop awareness, knowledge, and skills to help Canadians make the Safe Choice. Registration flyers will be sent home soon. You can follow the link below to register your child for one of the programs.

<http://www.safechoice.ca/event>

PTO

Our Halloween Dance was a Spooktacular success. Thanks for attending this fun filled family event. The orders for the pie sale are due November 6th. An order form has already been sent home.

We are looking for student volunteers to bag groceries on November 23 at Cole Harbour Superstore. In the past, we've raised about \$1000. We'd like volunteers for 1 hour shifts. Notices will go out in early November.

School Advisory Council

We are seeking more members for our SAC. Parents/Guardians and Community Members are needed for our Council. Please contact Mr. Hurley at 464-5192 or by email: jhurley@hrce.ca. Sonja Bellefontaine is the SAC Chair.

Lunch Monitors

If you are interested in serving as a lunch monitor on a paid or volunteer basis please call the main school line and leave a message for Ms. McLeod (Vice Principal) or email her directly kmcleod@hrce.ca

