

# RICHMOND EDUCATION CENTRE/ACADEMY

October NEWS 2023



## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

September has been a very busy month, but now routines are established, and everything is running smoothly. Students have been enjoying the nice weather and lots of learning has been happening outside in our outdoor learning spaces.

Thank you for the prompt return of student forms and paperwork, we are still waiting on a few so please get those to us.

We had a fantastic turnout at our Staff/Parent Meet and Greet- lots of students, parents, great conversations and treats. Our Terry Fox Run was also well attended- thank you for your donations.



We practiced a fire drill, relocation drill and a lockdown drill this month-necessary drills to ensure we keep our students and staff safe at all times.

Baseball, soccer and volleyball are under way and hockey is going to start very shortly. Our gr. 9-12 students had a dance on the 28<sup>th</sup> and our Leadership groups are getting re-established to help plan activities for all grades.

We are currently looking for 2 community members to join our SAC- if you know of

anyone who may be interested, please have them contact the school.

Looking forward to a wonderful year! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out



Lisette MacDonald, Principal

## **Weather**

Students in grades 5-8 will be going outside every day, so please remind them to bring/wear appropriate clothing. The weather is slowly changing and we don't want anyone caught off-guard on a chilly day.

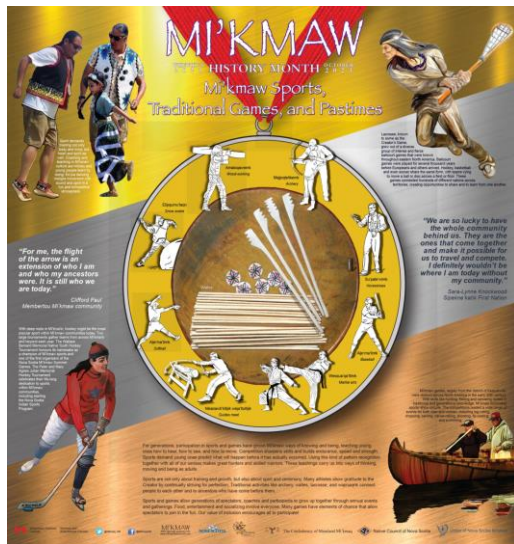
## **Truth and Reconciliation Day**

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

At RECA, we will be acknowledging and honouring those who never returned and those who are survivors. Friday, Sept. 29 is Orange Shirt Day. (Holiday observance is Oct.2)





## OCTOBER IS MI'KMAQ HISTORY MONTH

Dates to Remember OCTOBER:

Oct. 2- Truth and Reconciliation Day (No classes)

Oct. 9- Thanksgiving Day (No classes)

Oct. 10-13- Gr. 6 Provincial Assessments

Oct. 13- Picture re-takes

Oct. 19- SAC Meeting 3:15

Oct. 27- Provincial Conference (No classes)

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### *Student Sign-In/Out*

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If you are picking up your child, please come to the office and sign them out. Shelley/Karen will call them down to the office when you arrive. If your child is sick/absent, please email

[RECA.office@srce.ca](mailto:RECA.office@srce.ca) to report the absence or call 902-345-4949

### RECA BREAKFAST PROGRAM

**We are happy to provide breakfast items to all students every day. We serve bagels, granola/cereal bars, cereal, yogurt, cheese, milk and fresh fruit. We are always looking for ways to generate money to maintain this service, so if anyone wishes to donate to our program, we would be more than happy to accept any donations. The kids thank you!**



## Guidance News

School guidance counsellors are people you can turn to when you need help. They are good listeners, and they want to help you get the most out of school. School guidance counsellors help students handle all types of problems:

\*being bullied at school; struggling in school and needs extra help; new to the school and doesn't have friends yet; upset about a family problem, such as divorce or passing of a loved one/pet; having trouble concentrating on homework; having friendship troubles; feeling nervous about what to expect next year at middle school/high school

If you're going through any type of problem, you can first talk with your parents about it. However, another person to share your thoughts and feelings with is the school

guidance counsellor. If you want to talk privately with Ms Chiasson, ask your teacher or parent. You can also sign up in the Guidance Office to request a meeting.

*Adapted*

from: <https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/school-counselors.html?WT.ac=ctg#catschool>

**If you are a Grade 12 Non-O2 Student, or a Grade 11 O2 student, looking to apply to NSCC, please make an appointment to see Ms. Chiasson soon.**

**GRADS' GOOGLE CLASSROOM:** All important information for potential graduates will be posted in the Google classroom, as well as the website. All grade 12s have been invited. Please accept invitation.

**MEETINGS WITH GRADS:** I will continue to meet with Grade 12 students throughout the year to discuss their graduation path and post-secondary plans. Many are already in the process of applying to and/or contacting colleges and universities. Please come see me for help!

## COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

**APPLICATIONS:** Many colleges don't have a set application deadline, however most are first come, first served – some even let you apply in Grade 11 to hold a spot (i.e. NSCC)! Most universities will open their online applications this month for early admissions – having strong Grade 11 marks is a requirement. As well, some specialized programs fill up more quickly than others, so check with guidance or the institution to find out if you should be applying for early acceptance.

**TRANSCRIPTS:** A reminder that any students who need transcripts **MUST** order them in the Guidance Office as soon as they know they need them. We can email or fax them, to the institution where you have applied. However it is the student's responsibility to confirm that the institution received it.

## SCHOLARSHIPS &

**BURSARIES:** Graduating students should keep an eye on the RECA website ([reca.srsb.ca](http://reca.srsb.ca)) located under the Guidance Tab, as well as the Google classroom. All opportunities sent to me are posted as they become available. It is your responsibility to apply by deadlines! Most universities have an entrance scholarship deadline sometime in March, so please be aware of your application timeline.

As the school year progresses, please feel free to contact the guidance counsellors at the school if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach guidance at (902)345-4949 or by email: [denise.chiasson@srce.ca](mailto:denise.chiasson@srce.ca) .

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**Please contact the school if you have any questions/comments or concerns:**

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