



Porters Lake Elementary Family Forecast

Important Dates

Sept 16: Terry Fox Run/Walk

Sept 17: Lockdown drill

Sept 23: Picture day

Sept 26: Wear Orange today:

Recognizing Truth and Reconciliation day

Sept 29: PD Day: No school for students

Sept 30: Truth and Reconciliation Day- No school

Oct 10: Picture retakes in afternoon

Oct 13th Thanksgiving - no school

Oct 24: Conference Day- no school for students

Nov 21: Assessment day: No school for students

Sept 15-19 Week 1

Hello PLES Families,

I'd like to give a warm welcome to our new Vice Principal, Kelly Hart She brings a wealth of teaching experience and is eager to support our students, families, and staff.

To ensure a safe learning environment, we've adjusted our lunch routine. Students now eat in classrooms and go outside together for lunch recess, improving supervision and building community. This has been successful so far.

We're also implementing our new **behavior matrix**, developed with staff and the SAC, to outline expected student behavior. You can find this document attached and on our website. We are working on classroom and hallway behaviour right now. Have a great week!

Mr. Fry Principal, Porters Lake Elementary

Other Info

-Lockdown Drill: We will be doing our fall lockdown drill on Thursday. Teachers will be reviewing the process with students. Our fire drill went well last week.

- Our **Terry Fox Run/Walk** will be Tuesday, Sept. 16th - we are having a special guest visit to run our assembly from the Terry Fox foundation this year so that's exciting! PP-2 students will run/walk the field, and 3-6 will be on the trail near the school. Remember to return your permission forms. You can donate at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/PortersLakeElementary>

- **Demographic Form Updates** On September 9, the Demographic Updates Form will be available to families in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. This form should be updated by every family to ensure all information about your child is current, including contacts, medical information, consents and demographics.



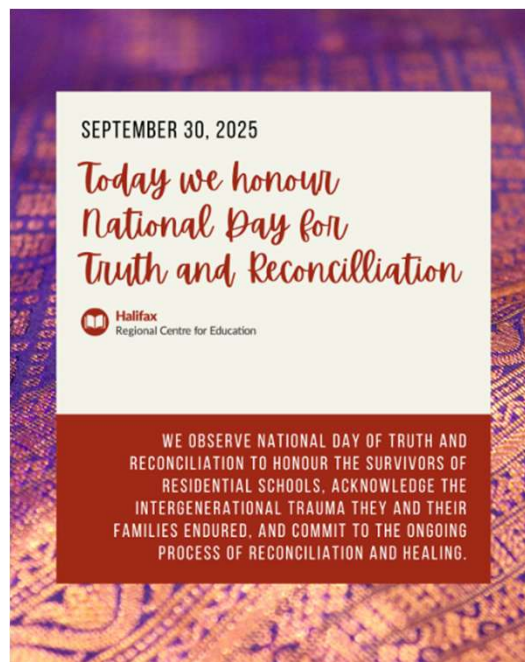
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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year on September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who didn't return from residential schools, as well as survivors, their families, and communities.

Orange Shirt Day, led by Indigenous communities, aims to raise awareness about the inter-generational impacts of residential schools and allows us all to show our support for the Every Child Matters movement.

As there are no classes on Monday, September 29 and Tuesday, September 30, we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 26.



HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

On Monday, September 22, the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program is starting in our school. From September 12 until next Wednesday at noon, you will be able to place your order for the first two weeks of nutritious, delicious school lunches by going to www.NSLunch.ca.

Ordering Lunches

Starting today at noon, you can go to www.NSLunch.ca, click "Order Now" and select Halifax Regional Centre for Education to order lunches.

A separate email with more details will come from the school today.

Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19
NEW VP STARTS	TERRY FOX RUN/WALK	HOT LUNCH ORDERS CLOSE		