



# Porters Lake Elementary Family Forecast

**Sept 29-Oct 3 Week1**

## Important Dates

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

Dec 3: Report Cards sent home

Dec 4: No school for students. Progress Meetings in the afternoon and evening

Dec 8: Holiday concert P-2,

Dec 9: Holiday concert 2/3-6

Dec 19: Last day of school before Holiday break

Jan 5: First day back after holiday break

Thank you, PLES Families, for your **support and understanding** as we navigated the challenges of reorganizing our school. With over 70 student moves, getting settled was a true team effort—and we couldn't have done it without you!

We're thrilled to share some great news: **The hot lunch program** is off to a successful start. Student satisfaction is high, especially with the **new menus**.

Our recent Professional Development session focused on P-2 **literacy interventions** to ensure every student is reading at grade level. Our Grade 3-5 teachers also took time to preview the new curriculum being launched this year.

Moving forward, our core focus will be on **supporting student learning** and using the partnership between our teachers, staff, and our families.

Have a great (short) week.  
Mr. Fry

### **Pick-Up and Drop-Off Guidelines**

**Visitor Check-In:** We kindly ask that all visitors stop at the **main office** when entering the school building.

**Student & Item Assistance:** Our school staff is here to help! They can guide students to their class and make sure any dropped-off items are delivered properly.

**End-of-Day Pick-Up Window (1:45 PM – 2:10 PM):** This time is extremely busy with student dismissals, making it challenging for us to relay last-minute messages or coordinate unexpected pick-ups. To ensure a smooth process for all students, please:

**Arrange pick-ups well in advance.** If you are picking up a student early, please plan to arrive **before 1:45 PM**.



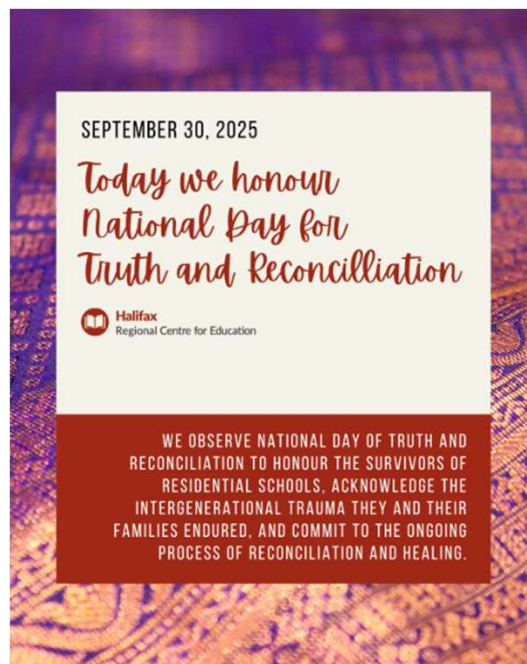
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## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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

**As there are no classes on Monday, September 29 and Tuesday, September 30, staff and students wore orange on Friday, September 26.**

**Weather:** Students will be outside in various types of weather. It is important to have a change of clothes, and be prepared for various types of weather. For example, we'll be outside in light rain, mist. We will not be outside in heavy, prolonged rain.



## Grade 1 and 2 students:

In September, classroom teachers spend time getting to know their students and who they are as learners.

Schools will be using Universal Screening in Reading for Grade 1 and 2 students. This is one of the many ways teachers will assess learning.

### What is Universal Screening in Reading?

It's a short (1–5 minute) activity that helps us see how your child is developing key reading skills. Think of it as a quick check-in on their reading journey, like looking at a map to see where they are and what might help them move forward.

### Why do we do it?

The screening helps teachers understand children's strengths and where they may need extra support. This allows us to plan instruction, so students get what they need to succeed in reading. Important to know:

This is not a test. There's no "pass" or "fail." It's a way for teachers to ensure students are supported in their learning.

Monday 29	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3
No school for students PD day for staff	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No school)			