# Porters Lake Elementary Family Forecast

### Oct 6-10 Week 2

## **Important Dates**

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Oct 10: Picture retakes in afternoon

Oct 13th Thanksgiving - no school

Oct 24: Conference Day- no school for students

Oct 30- Halloween How

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

Hello PLES Families,

Communication is important for us to work together. In our school region the timeline is 2 business days to return messages, phone calls, and emails. Please keep this in mind when you are reaching out to staff. We want to make sure we are connecting and sharing information. If something is an emergency that needs immediate attention, please call the main office.

This week our Grade 6 students will be writing the Provincial Grade 6 assessments. These assessments take place over the next 2 weeks- it covers reading, writing, and mathematics. It is a check in for the students and school on the topics covered up to the grade 6 curriculum.

Have a great week!

Mr. Fry

Halloween Howl Planning: Our

Halloween Howl is set for October 30. We need some volunteers to organize and run this fun event. Please reach out to <a href="mailto:pleas@hrce.ca">plea@hrce.ca</a> if you are interested.

<u>Hot Lunch Program</u>: We are getting many students coming to the office for seconds of the lunch program. Please check with your child if they want a second entrée,

<u>Snacks and Waterbottles</u>: Please make sure your students comes with a water bottle. We do have a small cups if a child forgets their water bottle.

Toys At School: Just a reminder that students bring toys to school at their own risk. With hundreds of students, and many transitions toys can be lost, and broken. We don't want a broken or lost toy to interrupt learning.

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**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.

O Canada in Schools In September, the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development shared a new provincial policy about the playing of our national anthem in schools. You can read it here.

In keeping with this policy, we play O Canada at the beginning of each school day in our school.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the school office.



## October is Mi'kmaw Heritage

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

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

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

<u>End-of-Day Pick-Up Window (1:45 PM – 2:10 PM):</u> 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**.

Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10
	Grade 6 Assessment	Grade 6 Assessment	Grade 6 make up Bus Evacuation Practice	Fire Drill #2 Picture retakes