

# EREC NEWS

East Richmond Education Centre

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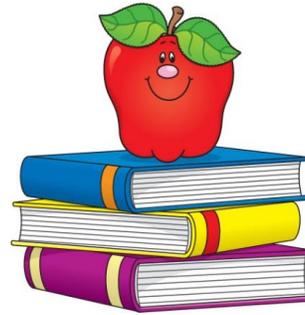
## **WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE:**

After a long six months, we are finally welcoming our students back to EREC! Like most, we are experiencing a variety of emotions from excitement to worry.

We realize you have been receiving many emails and updates from the Regional Centre for Education, the school and maybe your child's teachers. A lot of information has been coming at you so if you have questions, please reach out to us. We'll do our best to answer your questions.

There is no doubt that things are going to be different at school. Classrooms look different, routines are different, playtimes look different and teaching may be different too but what hasn't changed is the dedicated people we have working to make sure the school is safe for the children. Optimism and kindness will get us through this pandemic together!

Yours in education,  
Sonya Sauvé  
Principal



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	StandUp to Bullying Day
Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Day – no school

## **PACKAGES SENT HOME AND VIEWED ONLINE**

Your child will be coming home with a sealed envelope with forms to review and sign and return.

There is also a parent information package posted on the school website Document Depot for you to review. [erec.srce.ca](http://erec.srce.ca).

There is also a list for you to check off and sign that you have read the important information.

## **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Breakfast program will begin September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHOOL TIMES**

School will be open for students at 8:10 AM. Please do not drop off your child earlier. Teachers will not be present for supervision until this time. 8:10-8:30 is Homeroom, a time for students to prepare for the day. Classes start at 8:30.

At the end of the day, walking students may leave at 2:30 following the first run of buses. This is necessary in order to insure the safety of your child. Any parent picking up their child/children are asked to do so at this time so that orderly dismissal may occur. We have a large population and hallways will be crowded.

**SCHOOL INSURANCE PROGRAM**  
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Every eligible child attending public school in Nova Scotia is automatically insured by the School Insurance Program's Basic Plan student accident coverage. This coverage is provided without deductible and at no cost. Basic Plan coverage can cover things such as physiotherapy, dental and medical equipment expenses, up to policy limits.

However, if parents/guardians wish to purchase additional coverage, the Gold Plan increases the time that your child is covered to 24/7 including summer vacations. Many of the specific loss accident payments are triple those of the Basic Plan. Please refer to the [School Insurance Program \(SIP\) Accident Insurance Policy brochure](#) or visit [www.sip.ca](http://www.sip.ca) for more information.

**WELCOME FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELLING CENTRE**

I hope you and your family had a fun and relaxing summer vacation!

It is my hope that this school year will be full of successful experiences for all students.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns about your child.

Since I cover two buildings, email is the best way to contact me: [margaret.gracie@srce.ca](mailto:margaret.gracie@srce.ca)

You can also reach me by phone at 902-535-2066.

Best Wishes,

Margaret Gracie, M. Ed, CCC

**INFORMATION SHARING WITH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Annually, students across Nova Scotia are offered services delivered by Public Health including the Grade 7 School Immunization Program, Pre-school Screening, Enhanced Vision Screening Program and the Fluoride Mouthrinse Program. Public Health works with the education system to distribute information about these programs and to obtain consent for student participation.

Occasionally, Public Health practitioners may need to contact parents/guardians of students where consent information is incomplete or unclear, or when a consent form has not been returned. Public Health will not contact you if you have signed a consent form indicating you do not wish to have your child participate in one of these programs. The Strait Regional Centre for Education will share limited information such as names of parents/guardians and students, with Public Health for the purposes of operating these public health services for students.

Please contact your local public health office if you have any questions about these public health programs. If you have any questions about how your information is shared, please feel free to contact the school or our Regional Centre's Information Access and Privacy Manager at 902-625-2191.

**NOTES OF APPRECIATION**

Thank you to Seaside Communications, Mallorie White and Tupperware consultants and Cynthia Francis for their donations to help our students.

**CONSENT FOR THE PUBLICATION OF STUDENT PERSONAL INFORMATION AND STUDENT WORK AND MEDIA COVERAGE OF SCHOOL EVENTS**

The Strait Regional Centre for Education believes strongly in the need to protect the privacy of all students and recognizes the issues around the publishing of student images and personal student identifying information, especially on the public Internet and social media sites. However, the Regional Centre also believes that the showcasing of students, their work, activities and achievements, is an important part of school life and can be a very positive experience for students. Therefore, it is the practice of the Strait Regional Centre for Education and all schools to have written informed consent from parents/guardians before any student identifying information, including name, grade, school, video/voice/audio recording, images (photos) of students and/or student work, is used in print, online and in social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), and prior to any student media interviews.

In addition, as part of our efforts to celebrate the achievements of our students and to promote the school's various educational, sports and cultural events, media partners are invited to the school from time to time throughout the year to cover these activities so that our good news and success stories can be shared with our school communities. As such, there is a strong possibility that your child(ren) may be identified either by name, grade, school, video/voice/audio recording, images (photos) and/or student work, in print, online and in social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

There are other times when one of our media partners may contact the school to profile a specific student, program or event that may involve a student(s) being interviewed, photographed, video recorded and/or audio recorded.

Students participating in extra-curricular activities or events where the public is invited (e.g., school concerts, sporting/team events, school fairs, field trips, fundraising, cultural and awareness events, etc.) may be photographed and/or reported on by the media or the general public. If photography or video recording occurs at these types of events, it is not possible for the school or Regional Centre to control the use of such recordings and therefore privacy cannot be expected at these events. It is important that when taking pictures or recordings, individuals are respectful of the privacy rights of anyone captured in their recording and that they not share them in any way without the consent of the individual or parent/guardian.

All media requests, and associated contact with students, are carefully considered before being approved. We do our best to ensure that the personal privacy of students is protected and respected.

If you have any questions related to the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**FEMININ HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS**

The Strait Regional Centre for Education provides free feminine hygiene products in all schools with Grades 5 to 12 students. These products are located in all female and non-gender specific washrooms.