

October 2023 Newsletter



October

Mi'kmaq History Month

Wednesday, October 4

School Advisory Council
Meeting – 3:00 pm.
(rescheduled from Sept.
27)

Monday, October 10

Thanksgiving Day – **No
school for students**

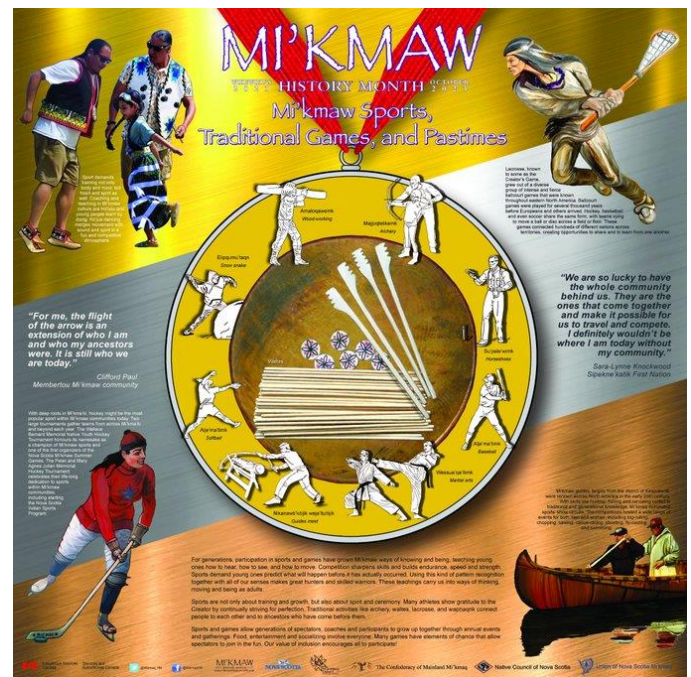
Friday, October 27

Provincial Conference
Day – **No School for
students**

Monday, October 31

Student Recognition
and Kindness Assembly.

Halloween Activities –
Students can wear
costumes in the
afternoon and treat
bags will be provided
for all students. Please
do not send treats to
school.



October 1 is Treaty Day and marks the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia. Throughout the year, and especially in October, teachers incorporate a variety of educational activities in their classroom instruction to highlight the connection of our past to today and how this information shapes our understanding of our shared history. In addition, schools organize activities to enhance Treaty Education.

Treaty Day and Mi'kmaq History Month is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our own understanding of the important history, culture, contributions, achievements and traditions of the Mi'kmaq community.

The theme of Mi'kmaw History Month 2023 is *Mi'kmaw Sports, Traditional Games and Pastimes*. As the poster shares, *for generations, participation in sports and games have grown Mi'kmaw ways of knowing and being, teaching young ones how to hear, how to see, and how to move. Competition sharpens skills and builds endurance, speed and strength. Sports demand young ones predict what will happen before it has actually occurred. Using this kind of pattern recognition together with all of our senses makes great hunters and skilled warriors. These teachings carry us into ways of thinking, moving and being as adults.*

School Advisory Councils

School Advisory Councils play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level.

A School Advisory Council is an advisory body to the school principal and the Regional Centre for Education on a range of issues related to the school and the school system.

Membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents, teachers, and other community members. We are currently seeking Parent members.

If you would like to be a member of our SAC please call the school or email: Jason.maclean@srce.ca



Terry Fox School Walk

Our annual Terry Fox School Walk took place on Thursday, September 22. We raised over \$240.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank You for your support!!



Strait Regional Centre for Education

Safe Arrival Process for Elementary Schools



Felix Marchand Education Centre and the Strait Regional Centre for Education believe that regular attendance at school supports greater student success and achievement. Attendance supports student learning and promotes a sense of responsibility that students will need as they transition from grade to grade. Promoting and supporting regular student attendance is a shared responsibility. All partners, students, parents/guardians, teachers, school administration and school board staff, must work together.

As a result, the following safe arrival process will be implemented at our school to help us account for any student's unexplained failure to arrive at school:

- Parents/guardians are responsible for notifying the school when their child(ren) will not be in attendance.
- If your child(ren) is going to be late or absent from school, the parent/guardian is asked to contact the school by email fmec.office@srce.ca or telephone at (902) 345-2560 before 9:30 a.m. An explanation is required.

- On a daily basis, homeroom teachers will complete morning attendance. A list of those students who are absent will be generated.
- If a student is marked absent during first class and we have not been previously notified by parents/guardians, we will call the numbers provided in the student demographic information.
- When direct follow-up contact with parents/guardians cannot be reasonably made, we will then determine appropriate action. This may involve contact with the RCMP.





Who: Grades 1-4

When: Every 2nd Tuesday starting
October 10th, 2:40pm-3:30pm

Where: Cafeteria

To register, please email/text no later than
October 6th:
dana.greene@srce.ca/902-631-6027

*First come, first serve, limited space



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