

20 October 2022

Hello HCJH Families,

Principal's Message

Over 2 years ago, I accepted the position of principal of the new high school being built in Bedford. At the beginning of November I will be released to prepare for the opening of this new school.

I truly want to express how happy I have been to serve as Principal at Herring Cove over the last 7 years. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with your children, the staff, and the community of Herring Cove. I have felt very supported by this community and have a lot of emotion leaving such a great place I have worked.

At this point, Mr. Curry will move in as principal and a new VP will be hired. Prior to his post here, Mr. Curry was Acting Principal at Five Bridges Junior High last and was put in the VP position here at Herring Cove with the intension of taking over as principal. We have full confidence that he will continue to move HCJH forward with a high focus on student success.

Again, thank you for all of the support over the years, I will truly miss HCJH.

Sincerely,

Sean MacDonald

YouTube Access

Within HRCE we have been using Google Workspace for Education (GNSPES) for a number of years. Google Workspace for Education is a set of education productivity tools from Google including Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Classroom, and more. Students use their GNSPES accounts to complete assignments, communicate with their teachers, sign into their Chromebooks, and learn 21st century digital citizenship skills.

Last year Google changed how students can access videos on YouTube and only allowed students to watch videos that were shared by their teachers. As this is limiting to students' learning, all schools with students in grades 7-12 sent notice to families indicating the opportunity to change the settings and make YouTube available to these students. Making this change in the settings allows students who are logged into GNSPES the ability to search and view YouTube videos that have been moderated (aligned with content rating 13+).

Google has a restricted YouTube experience for students in GNSPES. Students are not able to create channels, upload content, view or add comments, watch or create live stream events or participate in live chat amongst other things. (Full list of restrictions here <https://support.google.com/a/answer/10651918#zippy=%2Cyoutube>)

If you give consent for your child to access YouTube with GNSPES while at school, there is no further action required.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child(ren) to be able to access YouTube to support their learning, or if you would like to change the access that your child had to YouTube last year, please contact your child(ren)'s school vice principal Mr. Curry JCurry@hrce.ca with their name and GNSPES username by November 10th.

Important Dates:

October 27	Picture Retakes
October 28	Provincial Conference Day - No Classes
November 7	Gr 7 Immunization Clinic Round 1
November 11	Remembrance Day - No Schools
November 17	SAC meeting 5:30-6:30 pm School Dance 6:30-8:30 pm

Art Express Newsletter

Click on link to view newsletter from the [Halifax Regional Arts](#)

Homeroom Newsletters and Homework Site

Homeroom newsletters were sent out the end of last week. Take a moment to read through and see all that your children are doing. These provide information on what is happening in your child's classroom and subject areas. It also provides a nice window into what your child is learning and some ideas on how you can support your child at home.

Check out our homework site on our Webpage as it is a one stop shop for parents and students to know what homework/assignments they have and due dates for upcoming assignments, tests, etc. Click on the link below and select your child's homeroom class.

<https://sites.google.com/a/gnspes.ca/herring-cove-junior-high-homework-site/>

Safe Arrival Reporting

A reminder to set up SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival for reporting student absences. For detail information on how to use this method of reporting, go to: <https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival>

Please remember to mark the absence as a FULL day. The status will be changed once the student checked in.

Colder Weather

As the temperature plummets, please remind your children that dressing in layers prepare them for going outside at lunch, recess or breaks.

Chromebooks

We currently **ONLY** have enough Chromebooks for each student, with no extra at this time. It is very important that students and families are reminded that damage to the Chromebooks is at the cost of the family, as stated in the form that was sent home and signed. Chromebooks are not to be going home with students at the end of the day unless this has been arranged with the teacher in a special circumstance situation. Please talk with your children about taking care of the Chromebook they have to best of their ability.

Also, if you have the capability to purchase a Chromebook for your child, this is a great investment going forward as they will need it for many years to come. I know at the high school level they do not have enough for a 1 to 1 situation as the cost of repairs is a big challenge.