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Dear Families,

We just wanted to send a quick email to say how great your kids are! In the classroom and through the hallways, we see kind, funny, and clever young people. We have had a great start to the school year, and we have no doubt that the rest of the year will be just as successful as the first two weeks.

We wanted to say thank you to those families that were able to attend curriculum night. It was nice to see everyone and start the year off with families inside our school! Next week we will host curriculum night for the 3 classes whose teachers were out sick. A reminder to all families if you couldn't make it, to reach out to your child's classroom teacher and obtain the handouts and have a chat.

A lot of great things are happening here at SMBE. We celebrated the accomplishments of Terry Fox and continued his message of perseverance and hope today. Thank you for your generous donations we raised over \$560.



Mark your calendars...Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, Sept 27 - Hold and Secure Drill

Friday, Sept 29 - wear ORANGE in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day

Monday, Oct 2 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation- No school for students

Tuesday, Oct 3- Photo Day



NEW ONLINE HRCE Demographic Update form

You should have or will be receiving an online form that replaces the paper registration form that we would normally send home each September to collect demographic updates. Additionally, this form will include the "Publication of Student Personal Information and Student Work" form that is required to be updated yearly. You will receive an email containing directions on how to access the form.

If you are having any difficulties signing into your PowerSchool parent portal account, please try resetting your password.

- 1. Open a web browser and navigate to the Portal Sign In page at: https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca
- 2. Click on the link: Forgot Username or Password?
- 3. Click on the Parents tab.
- 4. Under the Forgot Password? section, enter your Parent Username. Your Parent Username is your full email address.
- 5. Enter your Parent Email Address (use same email address entered in Step 4).
- 6. Click the Reset Password button.
- 7. A Password Reset Request email will be sent to you. Click the link in the email to reset your password.
- 8. Navigate back to the Portal Sign In page at: https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca
- 9. Enter your Parent Username. Your Parent Username is your full email address.
- 10. Enter the password you set via the Password Reset Request.

Once logged in, review your account details. We encourage all families to complete the self-identification section of the form, which is very important for our school to receive supports where necessary.

If you are still unable to log into your account, please contact Roberta Inglis at Smbes@hrce.ca



MATH HOMEWORK HUB

Homework Hub continues to be available to all Nova Scotian students from grades 4-12. The Homework Hub provides electronic textbooks, instructional videos, vocabulary review, practice questions, and live tutoring. Tutors at The Homework Hub are all Nova Scotia teachers. Please reassure students that while they interact with the tutor, it is through typing and/or speaking depending on their comfort level (this is not a video chat). Students can find the link on their GNSPES launch page. Homework Hub 4-6 and NS Homework Hub 7-12.

The hours of operation for online tutoring via Homework Hub can be found below.

o Grades 4-6: Monday-Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm



School Bus safety is important for all students who ride the school bus at SMBE. Please remind your child to stay seated in their seat and to keep their hands and objects inside the windows. We have received many emails this week about unexpected bus behaviour and we are hoping to work together to support our students safety. Please have a discussion with your child about expected school bus safety. Sitting in their seat, hands and feet to self, objects and body parts stay inside the bus and to recognize that hand gesturing to other vehicles can be distracting to drivers and is disrespectful.

Social Media

Kelly Joy and Lynn Reichheld (School Admin Team) have access to the most up to date and accurate information available. If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact the school directly. Besides the official HRCE.ca webpage and twitter, SMBES does not have any affiliation or contribution of information on any community social media platforms/groups other than our school website - https://smb.hrce.ca and X (formerly twitter) - @StMargBay. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of information found on any other platforms.

Have a great weekend,

Your Admin Team