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Dear Portland Estates Families,

October was an exciting month of learning and growing together and we wanted to reach out and thank you all for your kindness, your support and to let you know that despite having had our first confirmed cases of Covid-19 in our school, we are having a wonderful start to the year at school and even occasionally starting to feel a little back to routine but we are still extremely cautious. Fall is upon us and we are in full swing with learning here at Portland Estates Elementary School. We are excitedly building momentum towards another great year. Thank you everyone for your dedication to following the Covid-19 protocols. With incidences of positive cases on the rise in the province, we will need to continue to be vigilant and careful with our habits.

The month ahead brings school photo retakes, our virtual Remembrance Day Assembly, Silly Hat Day, virtual Parent-teacher and Progress reports.

We want to close by sending out a big THANK YOU to our PEES families. With everything that is going on, you have all been extremely supportive and understanding. On behalf of our staff, we greatly appreciate everything you do.

Stay warm and stay well everyone,
Your PEES Administrative Team



Important Dates to Remember:

November 4, 2021 – Virtual PTO meeting (Please email Mrs. Henman-Poirier if you would like the link)

November 8- Picture Retakes

November 11- Remembrance Day – No school

November 19 – Assessment & Evaluation Day – No school for students

November 25 – Professional development day (am)/Virtual Parent-Teacher (1-5 pm) – No School for students

November 30 – Silly Hat Day!

November 30/December 1 -Progress Reports go home through Eduportal

December 1-21 – 15 Days of Peace in December

School Advisory Council - Thank You – We would like to extend a big thank you to Kari-Anne Pendlebury who has been a member of our School Advisory Council for a number of years. She has represented our school on numerous occasions and attended professional development as well on our behalf. Kari-Anne has concluded her term and we welcome our new parent member, Amber Maclean.

Scholastic Book Fair - Our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair is coming soon! Tell all your friends and family so they don't miss out too. It's a wonderful opportunity to do some Christmas shopping!

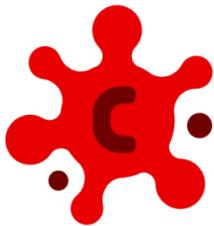
See the link below for more information (copy and paste):

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5167370>

Virtual Parent-Teacher/Progress Reports: Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for November 25 and will take place in the afternoon from 1-5 pm. Interviews will be either by phone call or Google Meet. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks as to how appointments will be made. At PEES, we welcome communication all year long. We all need to be on the same page in order to do our best for our students. On that note, report cards will be coming out at the end of the month as well and will be released through EDUPORTAL so please ensure we have the correct emails for **Contact 1** and **Contact 2** from your September Registration form (last year's information is archived). There should be no surprises on Progress reports as they should just reaffirm what you already know about how your child is doing.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY: This year our Remembrance Day ceremony at PEES will be delivered virtually. Our classes have been working hard on wreaths and other media presentations of remembrance. These have been compiled by Ms. Corrigan and Ms. Smith into a virtual ceremony of remembrance. We will have a school wide 2 minutes of silence at 11am on November 10. All of the students will be provided a poppy to wear on Nov 10th.

Poppy Donations for Remembrance Day - All Portland Estates Elementary School students will be provided with a poppy. The poppies have been provided by The Canadian Legion. If you would like to make a donation for your child's poppy, you can donate online to The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command Poppy Trust Fund. <https://legion.ca/home>



Thank you so much to all parents and guardians for your understanding with following the Covid protocols. We know that it can cause great inconvenience for some families to keep symptomatic students home, or to pick them up from school. Following the protocols helps to keep us all safe, and we are truly thankful for the kind cooperation and support from everyone.

Dropping off Items/Picking Up Students: Just a reminder to have all items (lunches, band instruments, clothing) labeled with child's name and Homeroom teacher's name, if you are dropping off items to the school for your child. When picking up your child- please call the office when you have arrived in the parking lot and we will dismiss your child from class.

Head Lice: Head lice is a nuisance and occurs frequently especially among younger students. In order to prevent the spread of lice, please consider checking your child's head regularly for lice and nits and report it to the school if you discover any - contact Public Health if you suspect head lice and require help.

No Dogs- Just a reminder that no dogs are permitted on the school grounds or the surrounding HRM property.

Dress for the Weather: As classes are spending more time outside this school year, please remind your child/ren to dress for the weather.

PTO News- Despite Covid, our PTO is still working at warp speed. They continue to sell Posh Pearl gift cards (\$40 each or 3 for \$100), Mabels labels, school clothing (link is on our website) and they will be gearing up to raffle off Theme baskets before the Holidays.

Masks/Water Bottles – Please remind your child/ren to bring masks to school as well as a water bottle.

RELIEF Lunch Monitors needed

Portland Estates Elementary School is in immediate need of a relief lunch monitors between the hours of 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm for the remainder of the school year. **A Criminal records check with vulnerable sector check and a Child Abuse Check** are required. Please contact the school office at 902-433-7100 if interested.