



North Queens Community School



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Administration Message

Welcome to Autumn

September has definitely whizzed by! Congratulations to staff and students for their exhibition parade contribution, coming in first place!

Well done! Thank you to everyone who helped this succeed.

Our third annual open house will be held on Tuesday, October 6. Please plan to attend.

I look forward to a bountiful October.

Yours in education,

Jennifer Weare
Principal



Bus Notes

We would like to remind students and parents that bus transfers are approved by bus drivers which means we need to give them notice. Please make sure that instructions are clear regarding drop offs (include civic addresses and the name of the person residing at that ad-

dress, also the bus route number). Students who are traveling on a different bus with a transfer will be dropped off at the stop which is closest to the civic address they are traveling to. All bus transfers should be written down and handed to the homeroom teacher during the morning exer-

cises. We will not be accepting bus transfer requests after lunch unless it is an emergency. Students will need a bus transfer slip each day when they are not traveling on their regular bus or going to a different stop.



Open House

We are having an Open House on Oct 6 from 6 to 8 pm. This is an opportunity for parents and guardians to view student work, visit our classrooms, complete paperwork for volunteering, visit booths of student clubs and activities

and so much more! We are hoping that families will take this opportunity to explore our school, meet with our teachers and help students set goals for learning for the year ahead. This is an important session and we truly hope that each

parent and child will make every effort to attend. Your presence will truly help your child launch into a great school year and make you informed of the things that happen at our school.

Important Dates:

October 6—Picture Day!

October 6—Open House, 6—8 pm

October 7—School Trip to Keji

October 12—Thanksgiving Day—No School for Students

October 13—SAC Meeting for North Queens Community of Schools

October 14—Voting Day for grades 7 to 12 students

October 21—PLC, Dismissal at 1:15 pm

October 23—Professional Development Day—No School for Students

November 4—PLC, Dismissal at 1:15 pm

November 9—Picture Retakes and Graduation Pictures

November 11—Remembrance Day—No School for Students

November 18—PLC, Dismissal at 1:15 pm

*“It’s not about time, it’s about choices. How are you spending your choices.”
~ Beverly Adamo*

Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights Coordinator

A Message from our Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights Coordinator

Each school board in Nova Scotia has a position known as the Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights Coordinator (RCH). The purpose of this role is to provide supports in schools for students of African Nova Scotian and/or First Nations, Aboriginal, or Inuit ancestry. This is done with the help of the Student Support Workers and school support liaisons. Our goal is to support our students and to raise awareness of the

diversity within the South Shore throughout the year and within all schools.

As RCH Coordinator this year, one of my goals as outlined within the boards Strategic Plan is to help raise the awareness and support students and families that self identify. If you have self identified, there are many supports within the schools for your student(s). Another part of my job is to help parents and students feel comfortable in their culture and backgrounds enough to self identify. If your child is of African Nova Scotian and/or First Nations, Aboriginal, or Inuit ancestry and have

not self identified at your school, but would like to, please contact your school. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the RCH coordinator or your schools student support worker if there is one.

Thank you and I look forward to working with schools this year and raising awareness about cultural pride.

My contact information is:

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Picture Day!

Picture day for our school will be in on Tuesday, October 6 (tomorrow!).

Picture retakes and graduation pictures are November 9.

Please write this on your calendar!

PATHS Update

This year NQCS will be using the PATHS program in the Primary – Grade 2 classes.

PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) is a social emotional learning program that

helps students recognize that all feelings are ok to have, but not all behaviours are ok. Students learn about different feelings and how to regulate their actions so they are appropriate in situations. Your son/daughter will be

bringing home different items for this program to share with you.

If you have any questions about this program please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

