

# Dwight Ross Elementary School Newsletter



October 2018

Dear Dwight Ross Families,

It is hard to believe but we are moving through October quickly and fall has arrived! You can feel the chill and dampness on the playground and the need for warmer clothing.

We had our first school spirit day on October 5th and the theme was painted faces. The students were very excited to share their creations.

This month we had some special visitors from the CFB Greenwood Fire Department who taught us about fire safety. A big thank you to those folks for helping to keep us all safe.

Friday we enjoyed our first school dance. Thank you to our PTA and all the volunteers for their donations, time and efforts. A great time was had by all. We are looking forward to the upcoming PTA lunch and Good News Assembly.

Congratulations to all of our Cross Country runners who participated at the DRES and AEE Cross Country meets. You did a great job representing our school. We are proud of you!

HAPPY FALL,  
Mrs. Lander-Pinard

Check us out @ <http://www.dres.ednet.ns.ca>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 19: Early Dismissal 11:30 am
- Oct 24: Take Me Outside Day
- Oct 25: PTA Spaghetti Lunch
- Oct 26: NO SCHOOL
- Oct 29: Picture Retakes
- Oct 31: Good News Assembly 1:15 pm



We want our students to reach their full potential. To reach this potential it is important that students come to school regularly and on time. When a child is frequently absent or late they miss important learning experiences. If you are facing challenges getting your child to school please do not hesitate to call and we can work together to find a solution. There is a Provincial Attendance and Engagement Policy that is designed to identify and address absenteeism before it becomes a problem for students through early and targeted interventions. This policy can be found online at <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/student-attendance-and-engagement-policy>

## Mi'kmaq History Month

October is Mi'kmaq History Month and we hope to be able to share many of the successes of our First Nations Peoples with our students. Events and celebrations will be taking place across the province, and a schedule will be posted on the Office of Aboriginal Affairs website:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/abor/office/what-we-do/publiceducation-and-awareness/mikmaq-history/>

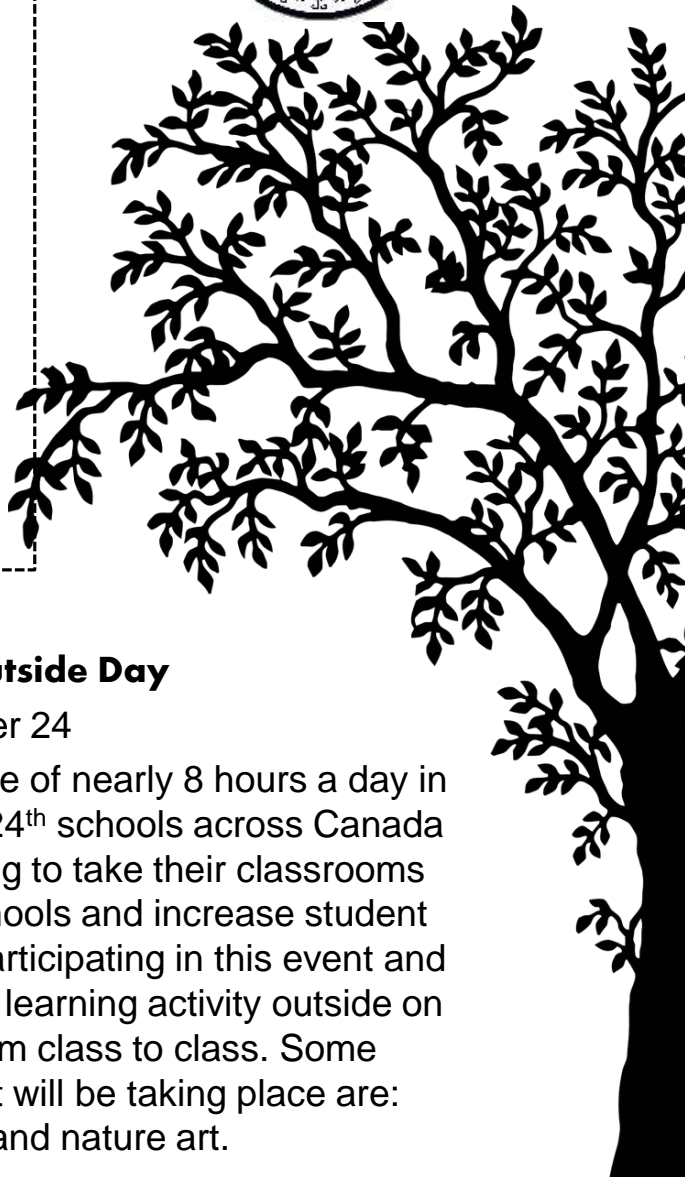


### DONATION WANTED

Do you have a picnic table (in good condition) that you no longer want or need?

We are currently looking for 2 picnic tables for the Grade 4/5 students to use during recess times.

Please contact Mrs. Lander-Pinard @ 765-7510 if you have a table you would like to donate.



### Take Me Outside Day

October 24

Youth are spending on average of nearly 8 hours a day in front of screens. On October 24<sup>th</sup> schools across Canada are engaging in the challenging to take their classrooms outside the 4 walls of their schools and increase student outside time. DRES will be participating in this event and each class will participate in a learning activity outside on that day. Activities will vary from class to class. Some examples of the activities that will be taking place are: nature walk, outdoor science and nature art.