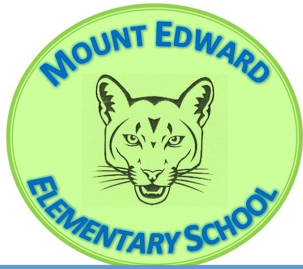


October 2022 Newsletter



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**A reminder to always
report if your child
will be absent from**

TACOS IN A BAG

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 (1 ounce) package taco seasoning mix
- 4 (2.5 ounce) packages corn chips
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1 chopped fresh tomato
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup salsa
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Place ground beef in a large skillet. Cook and stir over medium heat until browned. Drain excess oil. Mix in the taco seasoning and prepare according to the directions on the package.

With the bags unopened, gently crush the corn chips. Snip the corners off the bags using scissors and slit open the bags along the side edge. Spoon equal amounts of the beef mixture, lettuce, tomato, Cheddar cheese, salsa and sour cream into the bags on top of the crushed chips. Serve in the bag and eat using a fork.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a smooth month getting back into daily school and classroom routines. As I visit classrooms, I am always impressed by the quality of instruction and the variety of engaging activities I see. I am equally impressed with the positive attitude and level of engagement that students bring to their learning.

Check out our school website for regular updates and important school information, as well as your child's backpack for a variety of school and class information. The relationship between home and school is important. I encourage you to maintain regular communications with your child's teacher.

At this time, I would like to discuss the importance of all students arriving to school at 8:50 am daily and lining up with their class outside of the school. When students arrive to class late, it is not only disruptive to the late student, but also the rest of the class. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Lori Bartkiw, Principal

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

NUT FREE

Please note that Mount Edward School continues to be a Nut-Free environment. We do have students and staff with severe peanut/nut allergies and it is crucial that you do not send your child with any peanut or nut products such as hazelnuts, walnuts, Nutella, cashews, brazil nuts, pine nuts, tree nuts, etc. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

NO PARKING

Please be advised that no vehicles are to be driving on the school grounds at any time during the day. This includes dropping off and picking up students from Excel at the end of the building and parking in the school driveway that is for emergency/authorized vehicles. We appreciate your support in respecting these parking rules to keep our students safe. Please share this information with anyone who may be dropping off or picking up your child. We also remind you to obey the no parking signs in front of the school. When cars are parking in the no parking areas, it is difficult for the buses to maneuver around them safely to get to the school. We have also had concerns with parents/guardians parking in neighboring driveways. This is not permitted at any time as they are private property.

SAFEARRIVAL BY SCHOOLMESSENGER

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring all students arrive to school safely each day. Parents/guardians of students who attend our school now have the option to report their child's absence in advance using a toll-free number, the PowerSchool Parent Portal or the SchoolMessenger app!

SchoolMessenger SafeArrival – an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for families to inform their child's school if they will be away – powers all three of these options.

If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

- **Toll-Free Number**—Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.
- **PowerSchool Parent Portal** — Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- **SchoolMessenger App**—Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address).

For more information about reporting your child's absence and a list of frequently asked questions, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/safearrival>

UPCOMING DATES

October 10	Thanksgiving Day—no school
October 20	Picture Day
October 28	PD Day—no school for students
November 11	Remembrance Day—no school

BELL TIMES

8:50	- Entrance Bell
10:30- 10:45	- Recess
12:00- 12:50	- Lunch
2:55	- Dismissal – All Grades

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

Paying school-related fees is about to get easier! We're excited to let you know that HRCE has launched a new system that will allow you to make payments electronically with the click of a button. You will be able to make all payments safely, securely and quickly through **SchoolCash Online**. We plan on starting up our pizza lunch in the coming weeks. All orders will have to be placed thru this new system. There will be no more paper orders with cash changing hands.

Our school will post items for purchase and assign school fees relevant to your child. You can make all purchases and payments from your phone, tablet or computer. We would like families to register as soon as possible.

To get started, please register for **SchoolCash Online**. It's free and takes less than two minutes. You will receive an email once items are posted for purchase. Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/> and click **Register** to get started. You can also go to our school's website and click the link on our home page.

Need support? Connect with the SchoolCash Online help desk at schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support. We hope that **SchoolCash Online** makes paying school-related fees more convenient!

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Currently, we still have vacancies for 3 community representatives on our SAC. If you know of anyone from the Mount Edward School community who may be interested, please forward them this information.

School Advisory Councils (SACs) play an important role in supporting student success at the community-level. They are volunteer organizations that receive their authority from the Nova Scotia Education Act. SACs are advisory bodies to individual school principals, regional centres for education (RCEs), and the Conseil Scolaire Acadien provincial (CSAP) on a range of issues related to their local schools and the overall school system. SAC membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents/guardians, teachers, other school staff, students, and community members. SAC membership should reflect the diversity of the school community.

**Weird but true - Horses and cows
can sleep lightly while standing up!**

If you are interested in serving on the SAC, please complete the following information and return to the office ASAP.

MOUNT EDWARD SCHOOL
ADVISORY COUNCIL—EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Name:	
Names/Grades of children attending Mount Edward	
Please indicate reason for interest in serving on SAC	
Contact Number:	