

CRICHTON PARK CHRONICLE

October 2025

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Mi'kmaw History Month

Oct. 1 - Treaty Day

Oct. 9 - Home & School Meeting 6pm *note date change

Oct. 13 - Thanksgiving, no school

Oct. 24 - Conference Day, no school

Oct. 30 - Picture Retakes/Make Up (please communicate with teacher)

Oct. 30 - Halloween Howl 6:30pm

Grade 6 Provincial assessments 9-11am Oct. 7, 8, 15, 16.

School-wide expectations that promote a positive, respectful and safe learning environment for all-

- Respect the identity of others (don't comment on anything that cannot be changed in 30 seconds)
- Show respect to adults in school
- Listen in class and use my voice when it's time
- Use my hands and feet safely
- Respect others' personal space
- Use manners and a kind tone of voice
- Be kind and helpful to my peers and adults with my words and actions
- Be a responsible digital citizen when working online



Crichton is Nut free and Scent free.

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CRICHTON PARK?

Dear Families,

Our amazing Grade 6 leaders have met and started contributing to CPS in many roles! These roles include helping with announcements, assemblies, special events, the school garden as well as supporting our younger students on our playground!

Students and staff enjoyed our Terry Fox walk and run last week. The school community raised over \$2500! Thank you for your support. We appreciate our volunteers who were able to make this community walk happen!

Our students were respectful and thoughtful during our Truth and Reconciliation assembly last week. We gathered to honour residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

Yours in education,
Suzanne Hawkes and Tracy MacDonald

This year's Mi'kmaw History Month poster explores oral tradition as a living record of Mi'kmaw science, history, identity, and values. Storytelling remains central to how Mi'kmaw people teach, learn, and live well in Mi'kma'kik.

Friendly Reminders

- **Dogs at School:** Please keep dogs off school property when students are present including arrival and dismissal.
- **Office Protocol:** Please check in at the office if entering the school for any reason during the school day.
- **Parking lot:** Staff parking only from 8am-4pm. Please use street parking for drop-offs and pick-ups, including Excel.
- **Student Safety:** Students may be out front during the school day, so avoid driving and parking in front of the building.
- **No Stopping Zone:** The area in front of the school is a no stopping zone (refer to HRM signage).
- **Address Updates:** Inform the office of any changes to your address currently in PowerSchool.



Literacy News!

In September, classroom teachers spend time getting to know their students and who they are as learners. Schools will be using Universal Screening in Reading for Grade 1 and 2 students. This is one of the many ways teachers will assess learning.

What is Universal Screening in Reading?

It's a short (1-5 minute) activity that helps us see how your child is developing key reading skills. Think of it as a quick check-in on their reading journey, like looking at a map to see where they are and what might help them move forward.

Why do we do it?

The screening helps teachers understand children's strengths and where they may need extra support. This allows us to plan instruction, so students get what they need to succeed in reading.

Important to know:

This is not a test. There's no "pass" or "fail." It's a way for teachers to ensure students are supported in their learning.



With upcoming events and fundraising approaching, please consider signing up for School Cash! 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.schoolcashonline.com/> and click Register to get started. Need support? [schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support](https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support)

GREETINGS FROM THE HOME AND SCHOOL

The Ice Cream Social following Curriculum Night was a smashing success as a large slice of the school community had the opportunity to connect with one another with cool treats in hand and smiles on faces.

Our first 50/50 draw of the school year raised \$950, which will go towards the costs of an upcoming field trip and new musical instruments, contributing to the HSA mission of improving many aspects of the student experience at Crichton Park School..

The next Home & School meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00 pm, and we would love for you to join us! We'll be getting all the details in place for the Oct. 24 Halloween Howl event, and getting several other balls rolling for other events and fundraising efforts.

If you have any questions or comments for the HSA, please send an email to crichtonparkhsa@gmail.com or join our community Discord Server by visiting this link: <https://discord.gg/JnKFeDhAcx>
Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you soon!

Check out Rafflebox!

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/crichton-park-school>