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HALIFAX HIGHLIGHTS
OCTOBER 2026



Mi'kmaw History Month | October 1-31

October is Mi'kmaw History Month in Nova Scotia, a time to celebrate Mi'kmaw history, culture, language and contributions, and learn about the Peace and Friendship Treaties. Throughout the month, Downtown Halifax will host a number of events, including the Treaty Day Parade, flag raising and Wije'winen Kjipuktuk Gala. **Info HERE**

Eastern Shore Harvest Festival | October 24 |

As the Eastern Shore is adorned with the colors of fall, why not take the opportunity to indulge in some of the seasons tastiest offerings? Join the Eastern Shore Harvest Food Festival for a delicious celebration of the season, community, and local ingredients. **Info HERE**





"Big Fiddle of the Ceilidh, Sydney, Nova Scotia" by Mark Seymour, licensed under CC BY 2.0.

NOVA SCOTIA SPOTLIGHT

The World's Largest Fiddle

Needless to say, the fiddle is a pretty vital part of Nova Scotia's heritage. How better to represent that importance than a really, really big one? The Big Fiddle, as it is affectionately known, stands at 60ft and welcomes tourists as they dock in Sydney, Cape Breton. Made of solid steel, the giant fiddle was dubbed FIDHEAL MHOR A' CEILIDH or the "Big Fiddle of the Ceilidh". Ceilidh is a Gaelic word which translates to "visit".

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
Lu Yi

Hometown: Guang Xi Liuzhou, China
Favourite thing about Halifax: ALCC
Fun Fact: This is my second time living in Canada
Favourite Hobby: Drawing, painting and singing
Language Learning Tip: Sing songs in English
Current Obsession: Avengers movies



MONTH IN REVIEW

Vision Boards

Our students had a great time creating vision boards as part of our September activities. With the start of a new school year, it was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on their goals, dreams, and hopes for the months ahead. Everyone got a chance to be creative and collaborative, sharing their ideas, and looking forward to all the possibilities that a new year can bring!











Alderney Landing

This past month, our students explored Alderney Landing, where they visited Alderney Gate Park and browsed the shops inside the ferry terminal. Our students took an interest in some of the vendors, however, perhaps most of all, they relished the chance to get out in the sun before the fall season truly kicks off. Seeing our students happy faces in the sun is a great reminder that learning English can occur anywhere, not just the classroom!

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada, a day to honour residential school survivors, remember the children who never returned home, and recognize the lasting impact of the residential school system on Indigenous communities. It is an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing journey toward reconciliation and remember that every child matters.

