

MAY/JUNE 2024

# HORIZON ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

## IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 14 - NEPTUNE THEATRE PERFORMANCES  
AT THE SCHOOL

MAY 14 - PTO MEETING 6:30 PM

MAY 15 - BLACK EXCELLENCE DAY

MAY 16 & 17 - JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

MAY 20 - VICTORIA DAY (NO CLASSES)

JUNE 2 - CANADIAN ARMED FORCES DAY

JUNE 13 - FIELD DAY (RAIN DATE JUNE 14)

JUNE 27 - ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION DAY  
(NO CLASSES)

JUNE 28 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
REPORTS CARDS ARE EMAILED VIA EDUPOST

SEPTEMBER 3 - ORGANIZATION DAY  
1:00-2:00 PM PRIMARY ORIENTATION  
(TENTATIVE)

SEPTEMBER 4 - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING  
DAY & CURRICULUM NIGHT  
6:00 PM (TENTATIVE)

SEPTEMBER 5 - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING  
DAY (TENTATIVE)

SEPTEMBER 6 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR  
STUDENTS (TENTATIVE)

SEPTEMBER 12 - TAKE A STAND AGAINST  
BULLYING DAY

OCTOBER 16 - SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

CHECK THE SCHOOL WEB SITE FOR UPDATES  
AND INFORMATION: [HTTPS://HES.HRCE.CA/](https://hes.hrce.ca/)



## At-home reading tips for caregivers



**Look at your child's books** with them.

Discuss the pictures and build vocabulary by talking about new words.



**Talk with your child about their books.** Ask

questions about the story and encourage your child to ask their own questions.



**Make reading aloud a regular part of your routine** – just 15 minutes each day can make a big difference in raising a reader.



**Discuss examples that help them relate** to what they're reading. Connect the story to your child's world.



**Connect with your child's teacher** for more suggestions on how to support reading at home.



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**Thank you to the following people and businesses for supporting our Family Bingo Fundraiser:**

**Eastern Passage Community Village Vet**

**Discovery Centre**

**Cole Harbour Place**

**Museum of Natural History**

**The Keg Steakhouse + Bar**

**Shannon Dough Pizza**

**A&W**

**Preserving Traditions**

**Side Hustle Snack Bar**

**Brightwood Brewery**

**Passage PharmaChoice**

**Mic Mac Dental**

**Interlude Spa**

**Glenda's Barber Shop**

**Impressions Unisex Hair Salon**

**Fosters Floral**

**Playdium**

**Candy Depot**

**Glitz & Gems**

**Root of It All Remedies**

**Boondocks Restaurant**

**Shore Things**

**Tracey's Tasty Treats**

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**The Halifax Mooseheads**

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**Ashley Corbett Photography**

**Passage to Wellness & Beauty Artist Darlene Shears**

**Beth Payne Norwex Consultant**

**The Halifax Wanderers**

**Tall Ship Silva**

**The Nordic Passage**

**Special thank you to both Barbara Adams, MLA and Darrell Samson, MP for their sponsorship of the event.**



# Celebrate Black Excellence Day - May 15

Black Excellence Day highlights the brilliance, achievements and talents of students of African ancestry. It is a day to reflect, learn and applaud members of our community who are also of the African diaspora who have for generations contribute with purpose and intention to elevate our Nova Scotian community. HRCE's Diversity Team has created [a video](#) that highlights some of the significant Black Excellence that takes place in our schools every day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDA09BaJ8co>

## What is Schools Plus?

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help students with what they need to succeed – from home, to school, and back again!

Our Schools Plus Community Outreach Worker is: Samantha Galvin

Phone: 902.430.2387

Email: [samantha.galvin@hrce.ca](mailto:samantha.galvin@hrce.ca)

To learn more you can go to the web page:

<https://www.hrce.ca/students/student-services/schoolsplus>

## May is Asian Heritage Month



*Preserving the Past, Embracing the Future:*

**Amplifying  
Asian Canadian Legacy**

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH | #AHM2024



Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/asian-heritage-month.html>

## SAC Meeting

If you would like to participate on our **School Advisory Council** please email Nancy at [nliberatore@hrce.ca](mailto:nliberatore@hrce.ca) to receive a Teams link to the meeting. Please consider joining our SAC in September! Your participation is needed and very much appreciated.

## School Hours

8:15 am-8:25 am Students enter the school via their assigned door. Students traveling by bus enter through the Main Entrance.

8:25 am Begin morning routines

8:30 am Classes begin promptly

10:00-10:15 am Recess

11:30-12:20 am Lunch A

12:25-1:15 pm Lunch B

2:25 pm Dismissal

\*If you are dropping your child(ren) off at school in the morning it is important that they arrive on time- by 8:25 am. Students who are late for class disrupt the flow of the learning environment and miss instructional time and important routines to begin their day. If possible, please schedule appointments for your child after 2:30 p.m.



# Parking Lot Safety

Please drive slowly and use extreme caution when entering and exiting the parking lot. There is a "kiss and go" lane to drop off students and proceed to exit the parking lot. If you are leaving your vehicle to walk your child to their assigned door, please park your vehicle in the marked spaces and watch for moving vehicles. The driveway loop at the front of the school is for buses.

# School Website

You can find lots of information on the school website: <https://hes.hrce.ca/>. Staff contact information is on the *Staff Directory* page. More information is located on the *Our School* page.



# Animals on School Property

Please **do not bring pets** on school property. Children and adults can be nervous around animals. We want to keep everyone safe, including your pet. Thank you for complying.



# Peanut & Nut Aware

Please do not send food to school that contains peanuts and/or tree nuts, including **nutella**, which is made with hazelnuts. Students who bring sandwiches with WOW butter or other types of non-nut spread please indicate, with a note in your child's lunch bag, what the spread is and that it does not contain nuts. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

# PTO

We are looking for members for our Parent Teacher Organization. Members plan fun events for the children throughout the year. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 PM in the staff room at the school. All are welcome to attend! Please consider volunteering at one of our events.

# Lunch Monitors

We are looking for substitute lunch monitors. If you are interested in working 1-4 hours per day, one to five days per week, please call the office for details. New employees need to have their Criminal Record & Vulnerable Sector Check as well as a Child Abuse Register check and complete a lunch monitor application. Please call Ms. MacKenzie at 902-465-8651 ext.0 for more information.



## Safety on the Bus

The Horizon team has frequent conversations with students about bus safety. **Please speak to your child about the importance of staying seated on the bus and not distracting the driver while the bus is moving. It is important that children treat each other with respect, keep their hands to themselves and use appropriate language.** Buses may return to the school if students are not acting appropriately therefore delaying their drop-off. Safety is our priority. Please speak with the bus driver or contact [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) if you need to report a bus incident.

## Safe Arrival

You can report future absences using the SchoolMessenger app, website, or toll-free phone number. If your child is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from SchoolMessenger. If SchoolMessenger cannot reach you, office staff will follow up. To report your student absent, you can use any of the following methods:

### PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal

Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access theSchoolMessenger website to report future absences.

### SchoolMessenger App

Parents/guardians can download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and use their username and password for the PowerSchool Portal.

### Toll-Free Number

Parents/guardians can call **1-833-582-6940** to report future absences using an automated system

# Would you like to volunteer at Horizon Elementary?

Follow the steps below

1

Fill out the online form for the Child Abuse Registry search:  
<https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-child-abuse-register-search>

2

For your criminal record check email [horizon@hrce.ca](mailto:horizon@hrce.ca) and ask for an invitation to [mybackcheck.com](https://mybackcheck.com) or go to your local police station

3

Share your results from [mybackcheck.com](https://mybackcheck.com)

4

When you receive your C.A.R. clearance, bring it to the school main office to be copied.

For more information visit:  
<https://www.hrce.ca/volunteer>