

Bedford South

Important Dates:

May 5 -Cinco de Mayo
May 5- Red Dress Day
May 11- Mother's Day
May 13 - H.S.A.
May 13, 14 & 21, 22- Grade 3 Assessments
May 15 - Black Excellence Day
May 16 - Popcorn Day
May 17 International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
May 19- Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
May 29 - Primary Orientation (stay tuned for details in an email in May)

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 19	NO CLASSES Victoria Day
JUNE 26	NO CLASSES High school students only for assessment and evaluation
JUNE 27	NO CLASSES PP-12 for assessment and evaluation
JUNE 30	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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May is:

- Asian Heritage Month
- Gaelic Nova Scotia Month
- Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
- Polish Heritage Month
- Speech and Hearing Month

Important Weeks:

- May 11-17 is Education Week
- May 25 to 31 is Nova Scotia Access Awareness Week

2025- 2026 EXCEL Registration

The EXCEL Before and After Program is a recreation based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by Halifax Regional Centre for Education. At each school site where EXCEL is offered, the dedicated staffing teams plan games and activities that suit the needs and interests of all registered students. Since EXCEL began more than 25 years ago, staff have continually enhanced the program based on experiences and feedback. Today, with more than 4,000 participating students, EXCEL is one of the largest programs of its kind in the Maritimes, providing inclusive and engaging programming for participants.

For more information about registration, fees and programing, please [click here](#).

If you have additional questions, please contact the EXCEL Before and After Program Registrar's Office: Kimberly Lozon at 902-464-2000 ext. 2787 or excelregistrar@hrce.ca and Gail Hartling at 902-464-2000 ext. 2236 or excel@hrce.ca.



Black Excellence Day

May 15 is Black Excellence Day

What is Black Excellence Day? In essence Black Excellence Day is about acknowledging, celebrating, and uplifting Black contributions while fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment. The following are ways you celebrate the fourth annual Black Excellence Day:

Celebrating achievements: Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community. It highlights the talent and accomplishments within the Black community, ensuring that Black students have an opportunity to highlight all their positive contributions within the education system.

Promoting equity and inclusion: Recognizing Black Excellence fosters a culture of equity and inclusion within schools. It sends a message that all students, regardless of their background, have the potential to excel and make valuable contributions to society. By celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity, schools create a more welcoming and supportive environment for all students.

Education and awareness: Black Excellence Day serves as an educational opportunity to raise awareness about the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black people. It provides a platform to share stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership, helping to combat stereotypes and promote understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.

Empowerment and inspiration: By celebrating Black Excellence, students are inspired and empowered to pursue their own goals and dreams. Seeing examples of successful Black individuals from various fields, such as science, arts, politics and sports, can motivate students to strive for their own excellence.

Community engagement: Black Excellence Day can serve as a platform for community engagement and collaboration. It provides an opportunity for schools to partner with local organizations, leaders, and activists within the Black community to organize events, workshops, and discussions that promote dialogue and understanding.

Overall, celebrating Black Excellence Day within HRCE schools is important for fostering a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and appreciation for the diverse talents and contributions of Black individuals.

Principal's May Message



May 1st is known as May Day, a celebration of spring and renewal. In Finland, it's called Vappu—a major festival marking the survival of winter and the arrival of summer. Here at Bedford South, May also signals that we're heading into the final two busy months of the school year!

May 1st was also School Administrator's Day in Nova Scotia. We want to give a huge shoutout to Ms. Taylor and Mr. Greenwood for their dedication and hard work supporting our students and staff each day—we truly appreciate them.

April passed quickly with the Easter holiday and several exciting events. Thank you to our amazing HSA for organizing a successful BINGO Night—we appreciate everyone who attended and helped make it happen. Early April also brought some author visits to our school library, which our students thoroughly enjoyed.

As the weather warms up, our classes have been taking learning outside—reading in the sunshine, exploring science through scavenger hunts, and doing measurement activities around the school grounds.

Looking ahead, our Grade 3 students will participate in the Provincial Literacy and Math Assessments:

- Literacy: May 13 and 14
- Math: May 21 and 22
- Please help your child be present and well-rested on these days.
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We are also looking forward to year-end field trips, which will begin throughout May and June. With so much going on, the next two months are sure to fly by!

We love seeing your children each day and encourage consistent attendance unless they are sick. If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they are fully recovered. Also, please make sure they come dressed appropriately for the weather and bring a labeled change of clothes—accidents can happen!

Planning for next year is already underway. If you know a child who will be turning 5 by December 31, 2025, please encourage their family to register them for school as soon as possible at:

👉 [HRCE Student Registration](#)

If your family is planning to move, please notify the office as soon as you can—this helps us with planning.

Finally, if your child's pick-up routine changes—especially if they won't be taking their usual bus—please inform the office as early as possible that day.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's make the most of these last two months!

Warmly,
Ms Foster
Principal



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To learn more about Homework Hub!

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Empowering Futures:
Innovation in Education

**Education
Week**
May 11-17
2025



Celebrating Education Week 2025

Education Week 2025, May 11 to 17, is a special opportunity to acknowledge educators, school support staff and partners for their outstanding work. This year's theme, Empowering Futures: Innovation in Education, celebrates educators who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to infuse innovation into their classrooms and schools.

We applaud educators, school staff, and partners who embrace innovation in meeting the evolving needs of students in preparing them for a rapidly changing future.

Congratulations to HRCE's winners:

- Alicia Hennessey | Teacher | Lockview High
- Rhonda McLean | School Counsellor | St. Agnes Junior High
- Diana Hatchette | Teacher | John Martin Junior High
- Rosaline "Rosie" Bona | Principal | Rockingham Elementary
- Peta-Gay Clarke | Lead Early Childhood Educator | Central Spryfield Elementary
- Kristin Welbourn | Library Support Specialist | Bay View High
- Phillip Jackson | African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker | Duc d'Anville Elementary & Clayton Park Junior High
- Matthew Hughson | Mi'kmaw/Indigenous Student Support Worker | Sackville High & Leslie Thomas Junior High

Please take a moment, if you feel inspired, to send a note of appreciation to an educator in your child's life who is having a positive impact!

Access Awareness Week

Access Awareness Week takes place annually during the last week of May to raise awareness about disability, access and inclusion. This year, Access Awareness Week runs from May 25-31, and the provincial theme is "Our Voices, Our Votes: Disability Rights in Action."

The provincial Accessibility Directorate is providing all HRCE schools with posters to help bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. The posters are being mailed directly to schools from the directorate and should arrive in the coming days.

For 38 years, Nova Scotians have organized community events, flag raising, forums, and concerts during Access Awareness Week to bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. More information can be found [here](#).