

 **A Message from Ms. Foster**

**Happy April, Bedford South Families!**

We hope everyone had a fantastic and restful **March Break**. It is wonderful to see our students back in the hallways, refreshed and ready for a busy spring season. We also hope those who observed the recent **Easter break** had a joyful celebration with family and friends. Easter is an important celebration for many, marking a time of renewal, hope, and new beginnings. We hope your celebrations were filled with meaningful moments, whether spent with family, participating in traditions, or enjoying time together as the seasons change. For those in our community celebrating, we wish you a belated very **Happy Easter!**

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in our **Parent-Teacher and Student-Led Conferences** earlier this month. These meetings were very well received, and our teachers were incredibly pleased with the high turnout and the opportunity to connect regarding student progress. As we move into this new month, let's continue to make this a year of growth and connection!

**Warmly,** Ms. Foster

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 **Reflecting on March**

- **Report Cards:** Official report cards were sent home via email on March 31. Please ensure you have reviewed your child's progress.
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 **Important Dates to Remember**

**April**

- **April 1:** Parent-Teacher or Student-Led Conferences (4:30–7:00 p.m.)
- **April 2:** Parent-Teacher or Student-Led Conferences (9:00–11:30 a.m.)
- **April 10:** Fire Drill
- **April 14:** SAC Meeting 6–7 p.m. (school library)

- **April 14:** Home and School Association Meeting 7 p.m. (Cafeteria)
  - **April 16:** HSA Bingo Night
  - **April 19–25:** National Volunteer Week
  - **April 22:** Earth Day & Administrative Professionals Day
  - **April 29:** Professional Development Day (**No School for Students**)
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### **HSA Bingo Night**

Our **Bingo Event** is happening next Thursday, April 16!

- **Tickets:** Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale now via [SchoolCash Online](#).
- **Attendance:** Every person attending **must** have a ticket.
- **Volunteers Needed:** We are still looking for several volunteers for this event! Your participation is vital in making this run successfully.
- **Sign Up:** Please sign up to help [here](#).

Your BSS HSA

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### **Safety First: Dismissal & Property**

- **Front Door Dismissal:** Families are asked **not to crowd the front door area** so teachers have a clear line of sight to identify parents before releasing students.
  - **Upper Parking Lot:** This remains a **Drop-Off Only Zone**. Do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the circle.
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### **Healthy Habits & Spring Safety**

- **Tick Awareness:** As the weather warms up, please be mindful of **ticks** when children are playing outdoors. We recommend checking your child's skin and clothing daily.
- **Spring Weather:** With spring puddles becoming more common, please ensure your child has **waterproof boots and extra socks**.

- **Change of Clothes:** All students should continue to have a **change of clothing** in their backpacks in case of wet weather.
  - **Scent Sensitive:** A reminder to refrain from wearing strong perfumes or scents when visiting the school.
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### Learning & Connection

- **Carpool Conversations:** Looking for an easy way to talk with your child about their digital world? **Common Sense Media** offers short prompts and mini podcasts to spark family discussions about technology and online behavior.
  - **The “Amazing” Adventure Guide: Unplugged Canada** encourages families to create opportunities for outdoor adventure and independence. Simple steps like walking to a neighbor's house or helping with groceries help kids build confidence and resilience.
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### Raising a Concern

We want families to feel comfortable reaching out with questions or concerns. Most issues can be resolved quickly by following these steps:

1. **Teacher/ECE:** Start by speaking with your child’s teacher.
  2. **Principal:** If unresolved, contact the school principal.
  3. **Family Navigators:** For additional support, contact **connect@hrce.ca**.
  4. **Formal Review:** If the concern remains, it can be reviewed by an HRCE Director or the Regional Executive Director.
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### Reminders: Inclement Weather

- **Announcements:** HRCE communicates closures or delays by **6:00 a.m.**
- **Stay Updated:** Check the HRCE website or follow **@HRCE\_NS** on X. Please ensure your **PowerSchool** contact information is up to date to receive alerts.