

African Heritage Month

February is African Heritage month and I know a lot of our teachers are doing some special activities during this month. We have a daily trivia contest beginning February 1st so please encourage your child/ren to participate if possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 1 Registration month
For 2019-20
8am-3pm.
- Feb 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb 5 Early French
Immersion Info
Session-Ft. Sackville
7pm
- Feb 5 Late French Imm
Info night RLJH
6pm.
- Feb 5 Lunar New Year
Dragon dance
- Feb 12 SAC 6pm.
HSA 7pm
- Feb 18 Heritage Day
No students
- Feb 19 Jersey Day (\$2.)
- Feb 21 Art Expo
6:30-7:30
- Feb 22 Popcorn Day (\$1)



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SAFE ARRIVAL/STUDENT ABSENCE 832-5800

HRCE Registration FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR begins on February 1st

Students will register for English programs at the school serving the area (neighbourhood) in which they reside. Students who live in an area of eligibility for Early French Immersion will register at the French Immersion designated school that serves their neighbourhood.

Primary Program: A child must have reached his/her fifth birthday **on or before December 31, 2019**. Parents/guardians must present the child's birth certificate, guardianship papers if applicable, passport, Immigration papers or adoption papers, proof of residency (such as a current utility bill, lease agreement, etc.), health card number and expiry date at the time of registration.

Early French Immersion Program (Grade Primary) The Early French Immersion Program is guaranteed to students who live within areas of eligibility of the HRCE.

Maude Lewis Heritage Day:

A Nova Scotia folk artist, was born Maud Kathleen Dowley to John and Agnes Dowley, in the town of Yarmouth, March 7, 1903. Maud lived with her husband Everett Lewis in a small house in Marshalltown Nova Scotia. Despite living with arthritis, and in poverty most of her life, her folk art paintings garnered much attraction and interest. Maud achieved national recognition in the mid 60's, becoming known as one of Canada's best-known folk artists. Her art and restored house are on display at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. Maud passed away in July 1970, but her reputation as an inspiring folk artist continues to grow.

PRIMARY FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION SESSION:

On February 5th, Sunnyside Elementary will be having an information session on French Immersion for interested parents of new primaries for the 2019-20 year. The meeting will be held at the Fort Sackville School site at 7pm. The session will provide information to parents regarding the early French immersion program offered at their school site. If you are not familiar with the program and/or not sure whether it is a program suited to your child then it is important for you to attend. Primary registration for French Immersion is completed by the end of February. As Bedford South does not have an Early French Immersion program, parents who would like to have their children considered for the program must first register in the English program at our site. Then, parents must follow the Out Of Area process to attend Sunnyside Elementary.

Out of Area Requests

Parents/guardians may seek placement for their child in a school outside of the neighbourhood in which they reside under the guidelines of the [Student Registration Policy](#).

Parents/guardians may obtain an Out-of-Area Request form at their child's neighbourhood school. Once completed, parents/guardians must forward the Out-of-Area Request form to the requested school **on the first school day in April starting at 8:00 a.m.**

Alternatively, parents/guardians may complete the online Out-of-Area Request form at www.hrce.ca beginning **on the first school day in April at 8:00 a.m.** The electronic submission is automatically sent to the receiving school. Instructions on completing the online option can be found at the above site.

Happy Chinese/Lunar New Year: Many people of Asian descent will be celebrating Chinese or Lunar New Year beginning on **February 5**. Chinese New Year is the longest and most important festivity in the Chinese calendar. The origin of Chinese New Year is itself centuries old and gains significance because of several myths and traditions. Chinese New Year is celebrated in China and in countries and territories with significant Chinese and/or Asian populations, including Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Mauritius, Philippines, and also in Chinatowns elsewhere. Chinese New Year is considered a major holiday for the Chinese and has had influence on the Lunar New Year celebrations of its geographic neighbours. Within China, regional customs and traditions concerning the celebration of the Chinese New Year vary widely. People will pour out their money to buy presents, decorations, material, food, and clothing. It is also traditional for every family to thoroughly cleanse the house; in order to sweep away any ill-fortune and to makeway for good incoming luck. Windows and doors will be decorated with red colour paper-cuts and couplets with popular themes of "good fortune" or "happiness", "wealth", and "longevity." According to the traditional Chinese calendar 2019 is the **year of the pig**.

Bedford South School wishes all families celebrating Chinese / Lunar New Year a happy holiday.



Our dragon parade at BSS is on February 5th at 9:15. We encourage students to wear red or gold or both. If you have traditional festive clothing to wear please feel free to do so.



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Drop off Loop:

The loop continues to be a challenging spot for the school to keep safe for our students. We once again ask those parents/guardians who choose to drive their children to school to be respectful in the kiss and go loop.

- Move forward when dropping off as far as possible.
- Have students ready to get out of the car quickly.(i.e. dressed and ready to go)
- Do not get out of your vehicle.
- Do not park on any part of the inside loop/island. This is a fire lane!
- Choose a street close to the school to drop your child and walk them in.
- Best of all, please walk to school.



ART EXPO:

We are so excited to present our annual Art Expo! The students love to explore and create art projects throughout the year but often they do not get to show them to our school community. This year, we want to showcase some of the wonderful types of projects and artwork the students in grades 3-6 have created. Please join us on February 21st, between 6:30 and 7:30. Art work will be posted on the walls outside of the children's classrooms. The show will be gallery style/walk.

Lates, Lates, Lates:

Despite numerous alerts via email and notices in the newsletter we still are experiencing many students each day who are late. Again, let me remind parents/guardians that when a student is late they disrupt their learning and the learning of others. We are striving to teach our children to be responsible citizens. Part of being a responsible citizen is to be on time. When a student is late, each student has to come in to the office and their name has to be recorded and they are then given a late slip. Late slips are given because teachers have already sent their attendance to the office. Each student who is late has to have their attendance manually changed in our system. This is a timely process for our secretary. If you can imagine it takes the secretary approximately a minute or more for each child. Each day, we have approx. 40 students or more late each day which amounts to a lot of wasted time. Students are late if they arrive after the bell at 8:35. Please have them here on time. Next week we will be sending home letters to parents of students who have been chronically late this year to date.

WINTERLUDE:

A musical celebration, Saturday, February 23, 2019. McGinnis Room, Student Union Building

University Ave,

Dalhousie University

Performances by the students of the Halifax Regional Arts Music (West)

Afternoon Concert

2-4pm

Tickets at the door: \$10.00 under 12 free

Featuring: Honour Choirs, Junior High Chamber Ensemble, Fiddle Fax and Orffestra Kingswood

Evening Gala and Dance:

7:00-9:00PM