

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 3rd so please encourage your child/ren to participate if possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 3 Primary Registration Month begins 8am-3pm.
- Feb 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb 11 SAC 6pm. HSA 7pm
- Feb 11 Parent info. meeting Late Fr. Immersion @ Rocky Lake @ 6:30 pm
- Feb 13 Early French Immersion Info Session @Ft. Sackville @6pm
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 17 Africville Day No students
- Feb 19 Winter Walk Day
- Feb 20 Art Expo 6:30-7:30
- Feb 28 Popcorn Day (\$1)



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SAFE ARRIVAL/STUDENT ABSENCE 832-5800

HRCE Primary Registration FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR begins on February 3rd

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, 2020**. 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, 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.

Heritage Day:

Introduced in 2015, each year this holiday will honour a different person or event, chosen by Nova Scotian school children. 2020 will mark the 10th anniversary of the Africville apology, Heritage Day will honour this National Historic Site, which holds great significance to the African Nova Scotian community.

Africville was a small community of predominately [Black Canadians](#) located in [Halifax](#), Nova Scotia, Canada. It developed on the southern shore of [Bedford Basin](#) and existed from the early 1800s to the 1960s. From 1970 to the present, a protest has occupied space on the grounds. The government has recognized it as a commemorative site and established a museum here. The community has become an important symbol of [Black Canadian](#) identity.

PRIMARY FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION SESSION:

On February 13th, Sunnyside Elementary will be having an information session on French Immersion for interested parents of new primaries for the 2020-21 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 **January 25th**. 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.



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Driveway Gate Closure:

Please remember that for the safety of students and to allow emergency vehicle access to our school, the gate is closed to vehicular traffic at the following times:

8:15am-9:15am

2:15pm-3:15pm

If you wish to drive your child to school there is access at the back of the school, Southgate. Also, many families park on the street close to the Ocean view path and walk in.

We can't thank the parents/guardians enough for being respectful of this rule. Already this year we have had three occasions at entry time when an ambulance had to get to the school. It was easy for them to get to the front of the school and tend to the emergency.



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 20th, 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.

Last week we sent home letters to parents of students who have been chronically late this year to date. At the end of this month we will be keeping late students in at recess.

WINTER WALK DAY:

Winter Walk Day at Bedford South will take place on February 19th. We encourage as many children, youth and their families as possible to walk that day. Winter is still a great time to walk and be outside! Schools, youth groups and others are invited to walk at school or around the neighbourhood, walk to school, or go for a hike on Winter Walk Day. Don't let cold, wind, snow or rain keep children and youth from heading out for a walk. If they dress properly and practice winter safety, they're ready to go! Walking is fun when you walk together. The extra physical activity is good for our bodies. It's good for the Earth too because it cuts down on the number of polluting cars on our streets.