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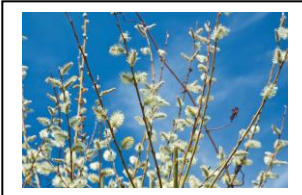
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 01 Easter Monday
April Fools
- April 02 Autism
Acceptance Day
- April 04 PD AM
Parent Teacher
- April 09 SAC 6:00pm
HSA 7:00pm
- April 14 Baisakhi
Wear yellow
Sir Lanka New
Years
Tamil New Year
- April 19 Popcorn Day
- April 22 Passover
Earth Day



Education Week 2024

Nova Scotia's annual Education Week will take place from April 14-20, 2024.

This year's theme is Connections to Community and recognizes the work of teachers, student support staff, administrators and Early Childhood Educators who take deliberate effort to enhance and empower their larger school communities, including families and the community at large.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the impact they have on our students and the outstanding work they do in our school every day.



Happy Education Week to our hard-working staff!
We appreciate everything you do for our students!



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Preparing for the Solar Eclipse

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is pleased to provide all students in Nova Scotia with eclipse glasses to view the upcoming solar eclipse safely.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, obscuring the view of the sun from a section of the Earth. This event is extremely rare, with the next solar eclipse not occurring in the province until 2079. Nova Scotia will be just outside of the zone of totality for the solar eclipse; for this reason, it is important that individuals have appropriate protection to view this historic event.

The solar eclipse will begin at 3:27 p.m., reaching maximum coverage at 4:38 p.m., and ending at 5:44 p.m.

For more information, visit

<https://thediscoverycentre.ca/solar-eclipse-solaire/>.

Reminder:

Parent Teacher Interviews will be on Thursday, April 4, 2024.

Interviews will be held between 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Interviews are scheduled for 10 minutes. If you have more than one student, please do not choose back-to-back times between teachers; so that you have time to get from one interview to the next and keep the timetable running smoothly.

Please use the [direct link](https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/4buhv) below to book an interview with your children’s teacher(s):

<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/4buhv>

Bookings will open on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, and will close Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

This April, the Autism Society of America is proud to continue its sixth annual #CelebrateDifferences campaign in honor of Autism Acceptance Month. Everyday, we work to create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community to live fully. We believe that acceptance is creating a world where everyone in the Autism community is connected to the support they need, when they need it. And by everyone, we mean every unique individual: *the implacable, inimitable, and irreplaceable you*. The Road to Acceptance project is part of the Autism Society’s greater efforts for Autism Acceptance Month, and is made possible by Goodnites. Our project aims to shed light on the diverse experiences and perspectives within the Autism community, fostering greater awareness, understanding, and inclusion. By asking questions about health, safety, employment, and other key topics, we can amplify the voices of individuals with Autism and their families, to create a more inclusive society.

Baisakhi in India:

(wear yellow)

The Baisakhi harvest celebration in countries such as in India is an occasion of dancing, singing, music, wearing of festive garments and religious praise. The festival marks the start of the New Year in the Nanakshahi solar calendar. Baisakhi, also known as Baisakhi, is a harvest celebration observed in countries such as India. **What Do People do During Baisakhi?** Many people in India celebrate Baisakhi by dancing, singing, dressing in holiday finery, observing wrestling bouts and enjoying parades.

Happy Passover:

The Passover holiday will be celebrated by many in the Bedford South family who are Jewish. Passover, or *Pesach*, as it is called in Hebrew, is a seven or eight day festival that celebrates the freedom of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt about 3500 years ago. It is one of the most important festivals/holidays in the Jewish year. In preparation for Passover some families clean their houses thoroughly to remove all crumbs of chametz (leaven). This recalls the Jews leaving Egypt who did not have time to let their bread rise. In many Jewish homes children enjoy taking part in a ritual search for any specks of leaven left behind. On the evening before the Passover begins, a special service called a Seder ('Order') takes place over a meal with family and friends in the home. The Seder plate on the table consists of: a lamb bone; a roasted egg; a green vegetable to dip in salt water; bitter herbs made from horseradish; and charoset (a paste of chopped apples, walnuts and wine). "Happy Passover" to all those Jewish members of our Bedford South family who will be celebrating.

Ramadan:

Ramadan is in the ninth month of the Islamic Calendar which follows the lunar cycle. So it falls on a different date every year.

Whenever, in the ninth month, the first appearance and sighting of the crescent moon (new moon), marks the beginning of the Ramadan.

Celebrated by one billion Muslims all over the world.

Ramadan in 2023 began March 22nd in the evening and will end in the evening of April 9th/10th when Eid will be celebrated. Eid or Eid al Fitr (The festival of the breaking of the fast) is a major annual Muslim festival.

The most important observances during the Ramadan is fasting. From the first light of dawn (suhour) until sunset (iftar) Muslims do not eat or drink anything. So a meal can be had before the start of fasting and then after sunset when one stops fasting.

Fasting is intended to teach Muslims about self-discipline, self-restrain, abstinence and about charity (zakat). It is also a time for spiritual reflection.