



**ASIAN/HEARING AND
SPEECH/GAELIC
HERITAGE MONTH**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 01 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 05 Cinco de Mayo
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 15 Black Excellence Day
- May 17 Popcorn Day
- May 21 Circassian Remembrance Day
- May 20 Victoria Day
No students



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Grade 3 Provincial Assessments:

On May 14, 15, 16 and 17th in the morning grade 3 students will be writing the Provincial School Assessments in both Language Arts and Mathematics. Classroom teachers will be sending out information to parents/guardians regarding the assessment. No special preparation is necessary. A positive, relaxed attitude will help children do their best. What your child has been doing in school has been preparing them for the assessment. Please make sure your child is in attendance on the dates above and is on time. We thank you for your support.

Gaelic Nova Scotia Month

May is Mios nan Gàidheal |Gaelic Nova Scotia Month in Nova Scotia which is a time to celebrate and create awareness of the history, culture, language, contributions, and achievements of Gaels across the province.

Virtual Events:

Throughout the month of May, there are various virtual events taking place across Nova Scotia. Visit the Gaelic Nova Scotia Month Planning Committee event page at <https://www.gaelic.ca/>

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Enjoy Gaelic Nova Scotia Month!

May 15 is Black Excellence Day

Celebrating Black Excellence Day on May 15, 2024, within Halifax Regional Centre for Education is important for several reasons:

1. Representation and Recognition: 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 educational system.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.



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Primary Orientation:

We will be hosting our new primaries and their parents on May 22nd for primary orientation. Invitations to families have been sent out by Basinview for the pre-primary families and from BSS for our families who are attending a day care or are at home. Our current primaries will still be attending school on this day in alternate locations.

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Bike Safety

The Making Tracks Bike Safety video series was created in partnership with Ecology Action Centre's Making Tracks program and Halifax Regional Municipality's Get There by Bike campaign. This six-part video series covers everything from bike and helmet fit to navigating infrastructure. You will also learn how to combine cycling and transit, what to wear while you cycle, proper bike signaling and so much more. [Bike Safety with Making Tracks](#) — [Active Atlantic](#)



BSS Home and School:

April was a busy month for the Home and School – Sissiboo coffee orders have been delivered and our Popcorn Day raised \$853! This month we are starting May Madness! A month of collecting donation for our Spring Fair-please watch your emails for further information. Our final Popcorn Day of the Year is on May 17th. We would like to say another huge Thank You to all our Amazing Popcorn Sponsors this year. Thank you so much, your generosity is appreciated. Finally, please put this date in your calendars now-our Spring Fair is Saturday June 15th 10am – 1pm. There will be games, food, prizes and more. Pop that date in the calendar now!

CLASS REQUESTS:

Classes for next year are being prepared shortly. Please be assured that a great deal of thought and time is spent in creating class lists. Many different circumstances are considered when your child is placed in a particular class. Requests for class placement will not be accepted unless you feel you have a **serious** academic concern for your child. If so, you should draft a letter clearly stating your concerns and submit this to the office. These concerns will be considered by the administrative team but it does not mean we will be able to honour your request. Also, please remember that classes can change after August registration, and even in September!

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, a time to reflect on and celebrate the contributions that Canadians of Asian heritage continue to make, to the growth and prosperity of Canada. Canadians are invited to take part in the events that honour the legacy of Canadians of Asian heritage who, throughout Canadian history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated across Canada since the 1990s. In December 2001, the Senate of Canada adopted a motion proposed by Senator Vivienne Poy to officially designate May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to designate May as Asian Heritage Month.

Lost and Found:

Our lost and found is piling up! We would like to return items to their rightful owners if possible before giving away these items to a charitable organization.

We will have classes take their students down to have a look as well so we can have as many items reclaimed as possible.

Items will be cleared out at the end of June.



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