



Sunnyside Elementary School

March 2023 Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

March 3--Fun in the Sun theme day
March 10--Read-a-thon kick-off
March 13-17 March Break
Mar. 20--Assessment and Evaluation Day (no school for students)
Mar. 20--Registration begins for primary and pre-primary 2023-24
March 29--Report Cards sent home
March 30--PD and Parent-teacher conferences-no school for students
March 31--Pizza Day

Principal's Message

With the arrival of March, we are looking forward to warming weather, more daylight and spring. As we move into the second half of the school year, it's amazing to see all the learning going on in classrooms, in the halls, and outside. Students were engaged in a variety of learning activities about African Heritage Month over the past few weeks, and they aren't done learning yet. Many of the projects and topics that they have begun will continue throughout the year. On Friday, our grade 6 French Immersion classes will be leading an assembly at Eaglewood to highlight some of the learning our students undertook this year.

Due to the inclement weather last Friday, we missed our Fun in the Sun Theme day. We will try again this Friday, March 3rd. Come dressed for sunny, warm weather (hats, sunglasses, bright clothes etc.) but remember to also bring something to bundle up in when we go outside to play. The forecast is for another snowy day and we want the students to be able to stay dry and warm playing outside.

We have some exciting activities planned for March. The Home and School Association will be sponsoring a school-wide Read-a-thon from March 10th to March 24th. More details will follow about this, including class reading parties and theme days. Term 2 ends on March 10th, prior to March Break and teachers will be participating in an Assessment and Evaluation Day on March 20th. There is no school for students that day. Report cards will be going home the week of March 27-30 and parent-teacher conferences will be on March 30. Staff will be involved in professional development the morning of March 30, so there is no school for students. March 31st will be Pizza Day.



Reminders

- Do not send nut or peanut products to school. This includes Nutella products.
- When students are being picked up early from school, please give Mrs. Tricia a call (902)832-8983 when you are about 5 minutes away from the school. This will allow us to call your child to the front door to be waiting for you.
- If your child arrives late at Eaglewood, remind them to check in at the office. When you drop your child off late at Fort Sackville, please call the main office so we can adjust the attendance. If students are going to be later than 9:40, please report them via SchoolMessenger and indicate they are absent all day. We will adjust when they arrive.

Registration

Schools in the CP Allen and new Broad Street families of schools begin their registration process on March 20. Students currently attending school at Sunnyside (primary-grade 6) or pre-primary at Basinview do not need to re-register. However, we will be reaching out to current students in pre-primary and grade 6 to clarify program choices for next year.

This year, HRCE will be accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year through our new online portal, PowerSchool Enrollment!

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and
- Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for non-citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.

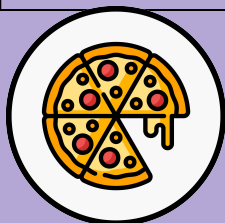
Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child.

For any parents who would like to learn more about beginning primary in French Immersion, please see the presentation [here](#). If you have questions, feel free to call the school at 902-832-8983.

Pizza Day

Our next Pizza Day will be Friday March 31st. You can order your pizza via SchoolCash Online. Orders close Tuesday March 28th



Head Lice

Please ensure that you are checking your child's head frequently for lice. If you find any live lice, or nits, students can return to school once they have been treated. You can contact the school for support on treating lice if needed.

Medication at School

At times, students may need to take medication at school. We are directed by HRCE policy in these situations. Ideally, medication schedules should be set up so that students do not need to have doses at school, but we recognize that this is not always possible. In order for the school to administer medication to students, paperwork must be submitted to the teacher or main office and the medication must be provided to the school in its original container. Without this, we are unable to administer the medication. Please contact the main office if you have any questions or to receive copies of the necessary paperwork.

Volunteers in Schools

We love to welcome the school community to help out at school. If you are interested in volunteering for an event, the office needs to have a completed Child Abuse Register and a Criminal Records and Vulnerable Sector check. The Child Abuse Register can be completed online and the Criminal Records and Vulnerable Sector check can be done at the Halifax Regional Police Department or the RCMP station or it can be done online. We can provide you with a letter indicating your intention to volunteer at Sunnyside that will result in a discount from the HRP or RCMP. Following the provincial policy, the CRC and CAR must be submitted to the school within 6 months of its date of issue. Once we have it, we consider it valid for 3 years. Contact the main office if you have any questions.

Traffic Safety

Thank you to everyone contributing to the safety of our school grounds by following our traffic safety guidelines. We would like to highlight to our community that the speed limit on the streets around Fort Sackville and Eaglewood have recently reduced to 40 km/hr. They remain 30km/h in the school zones when children are present. In addition, we would like to remind drivers to be vigilant when driving around the school sites when students are present. All intersections, whether marked or not, are considered crosswalks and we appreciate you watching for children and making sure they are able to cross safely.

Joint Accessibility Plan

The Nova Scotia Accessibility Act recognizes **accessibility as a human right** and sets a goal of an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. You can learn more about how the province will achieve this goal [here](#).

Nova Scotia's seven regional centres for education and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial are responsible for developing a multi-year plan to ensure accessibility in public education. Together, we created a Draft Joint Accessibility Plan, outlining **how we will provide accessible learning and teaching experiences for all, in every aspect of education**. We're now looking for feedback from Nova Scotian families and staff in our organizations.

This is a reminder that we are inviting you to review our draft plan and provide input through *ThoughtExchange*. Tell us what works, what needs improvement and what we might be missing. It's quick, easy and anonymous. You can read and rate the thoughts of others – and contribute as often as you like.

How to get started

- [Click here](#) to review the Draft Joint Accessibility Plan in English. [Click here](#) for French.
- [Click here](#) to share your feedback using *ThoughtExchange*.
- If you prefer to share your feedback by email, click here.

This consultation will run until March 8, 2023.