

February Newsletter 2025-2026

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Important Dates

February is African Heritage Month

February is Registration Month

February 4

Read-a-thon money Due

February 5

BINGO orders due

February 12

PTO Bingo

February 16

Heritage Day - No school

Joseph William Comeau

Acadian Poet

February 17

Lunar New Year

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to February! February is a time to reflect on our learning and connection as we continue our journey through our year. As we enter the second half of the school year, we are proud of the dedication, growth, and resilience shown by our students and staff each day.

February is African Heritage Month, a time for our school communities to honour African Nova Scotian history and culture. We also celebrate Heritage Day, honouring Joseph William Comeau and his contributions to Acadian literature and culture. And we recognize the Lunar New Year which is a meaningful celebration for many families, symbolizing renewal, hope, and new beginnings. We look forward to a month filled with exciting learning, celebration, and shared experiences across our school community!

More Important Information

Parking & Accessible Parking Reminder

Staff Parking Lot - A reminder that the main school parking lot is reserved for staff only. With the recent snowfall significantly reducing available parking, it is especially important that these spaces remain available for staff who need to access the building each day. Families are asked to use the "Drop & Go" lane for a safe and efficient drop-off, or for those who prefer to walk to or meet their children at their designated doors or meeting areas on school grounds, we ask that you park in the church parking lot across the street and walk your child safely onto the school grounds.

Accessible Parking Spaces - The accessible parking spaces are reserved for students and families who require them during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. When these spaces are used by vehicles and/or persons who do not require accessible parking, this creates barriers for students, families, and staff who rely on these spaces for safe and timely access to the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our school community safe, respectful, and accessible for everyone.

PTO Bingo

SAVE THE DATE!!!! The PTO BINGO will be held on Thursday, February 12 (Storm Date: Thursday, February 19). To order your Bingo book and optional pizza combos, fill out the info on the form sent home and return it to your teacher before Thursday February 5, 2026. Due to limited space in our Gym, this is a first come first served event so please try not to wait. PTO will not be sending any bingo cards or pizza tickets home ahead of time. There will be a quick entry system set up to pick up pre-ordered items at the door.

February is Registration Month

Do you have or know a child who will be starting Pre Primary or Primary this fall? It's time to register!



Registration for the 2026-27 school year begins on Monday, February 2. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

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 with one of the following: 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, a mortgage contract or a residential lease agreement

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

February is African Heritage Month



African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich history, vibrant culture, and lasting contributions of people of African descent in our province. This year's theme, "Strength in Unity – Moving Forward with Purpose, Prosperity, Power and Progress," reminds us of the importance of coming together as a community, learning from one another, and moving forward with shared purpose.

In our schools, African Heritage Month provides meaningful opportunities for students to explore African Nova Scotian histories and experiences, deepen their understanding of our shared past, and reflect on the values of respect, inclusion, and belonging. Through classroom learning, discussions, and activities connected to this year's theme, students are encouraged to appreciate diversity, build empathy, and recognize the strength that comes from unity. These experiences help foster welcoming school communities and inspire students to contribute positively to a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

Thriving Offline: How Delaying Smartphones Can Help Kids Flourish

Thriving Offline: How Delaying Smartphones Can Help Kids Flourish, a free community event hosted by Unplugged Canada at St. Margaret's Bay Elementary, is available both in person and virtually.

Designed for caregivers and educators, this session will explore how early smartphone and social media use impacts children's development and the latest research, practical strategies, safer alternatives, and age-appropriate boundaries to support healthy childhoods.

Join us! Thriving Offline: How Delaying Smartphones Can Help Kids Flourish

- Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Margaret's Bay Elementary - 24 Ridgewood Dr, Head of St Margaret's Bay, NS
- Please register for in-person or virtual [here](#).

Planning for Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, if you have opted-in. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: 978338
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/families/cancellations.