

Sackville Heights Elementary School

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As we head into May, it's always refreshing to welcome the longer days and warmer weather. That said, spring in Nova Scotia can still surprise us so please continue to send students prepared for a mix of conditions, including cooler and rainy days.

There is a great deal to look forward to in the weeks ahead. We are excited to see the culmination of our Drama Club's hard work in their spring presentation of *The Jungle Book*. It's always a highlight to watch our students' creativity and confidence shine on stage. You'll also notice classes beginning to head out on field trips, with many more planned through May and into June. These are such valuable opportunities for hands-on learning and shared experiences. We are grateful to our amazing PTO who helps to fund the bus costs for these trips!

Later this month, we will recognize Black Excellence Day. This is an important opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and leadership of Black individuals and communities, while continuing to build inclusive learning environments where all students feel seen and valued.

We are also looking forward to our Spring Fun Fair at the end of the month. This is always a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community, and we hope many of you will be able to join us for this fun, family-friendly event.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a busy and joyful month ahead.

More Important Information

Grade 3 Assessments

As we move into the spring, our Grade 3 students are preparing for the Nova Scotia Assessment: Literacy and Mathematics. These provincial assessments are designed to provide a snapshot of student learning and help the Department of Education, our school, and you—the parents—understand how students are progressing toward the end-of-year curriculum goals. These assessments will be taking place during the mornings of May 12, 13, 20 & 21.

Important Dates

May 4
4 A/S Pottery Lab trip #1

May 12 & 13
Grade 3 Literacy
Assessments (am)

May 14
Drama Spring Play -
Jungle Book

May 15
Black Excellence Day

May 18
No School

May 19
Grade 4 A/S Pottery Lab
trip #2

May 19
SAC/PTO

May 20 & 21
Grade 3 Math
Assessments (am)

May 21
Primaries - Discovery
Center

May 21
Grade 1 Hawco & Power
Natural History

May 22
Grade P/1 Bishop & 1
Purdy Natural History
Museum

May 30
PTO Family Fun Day

Parking & Accessible Parking Reminder

Student safety remains our top priority, and we are asking all families to follow established parking lot procedures during both morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal. In the morning, please use the “Drop & Go” lane for a safe and efficient drop-off. If you prefer to walk your child to their entry point, we ask that you park in the church lot across the street and escort them safely onto school grounds. Accessible parking spaces are reserved for those who require them, and keeping these available is essential to ensuring equitable and safe access for all members of our community.

At dismissal time, increased traffic and unstructured parking have led to several near misses and a recent collision, creating unsafe conditions for both pedestrians and drivers. We appreciate those who have been following our after-school parking lot procedures; however, continued combined efforts are still required to keep everyone safe. Families are reminded to park only in designated spaces, avoid stopping in drive lanes, DO NOT block other vehicles, and never park or stop in the fire lane. If the school lot is full, please use the church parking lot and walk over. Following signage, using extra caution, and being mindful of heavy foot traffic will help keep everyone safe. We also encourage you to share these expectations with anyone who may pick up your child (ie: caregivers, grandparents or other family members). Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all.

May 15 is Black Excellence Day



Black Excellence Day 2026 in Nova Scotia is an opportunity for schools to reflect on the learning and exploration of Black people and culture over the past year. It recognizes, celebrates, and supports learning from the achievements, contributions, and leadership of Black individuals and communities. More than a single-day celebration, Black Excellence is the recognition of meaningful steps toward strengthening inclusive learning environments where all students see themselves reflected in curriculum materials, through the stories we tell and the histories we honour.

The purpose of celebrating Black Excellence in our schools and classrooms is to affirm student's identities, build confidence, and inspire futures by highlighting role Black people have made in education, science, arts, leadership, and community advocacy. It reflects and celebrates thoughtful conversations in schools about equity, representation, and the ongoing work to remove systemic barriers.

We welcome everyone to wear a black shirt, if you're able, on May 15 to show your support for Black Excellence Day!



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COME & JOIN US FOR OUR

**FAMILY
FUN DAY!**

SATURDAY **SACKVILLE**
MAY 30TH **HEIGHTS**
1PM-4PM **ELEMENTARY**

RAIN OR
SHINE!



Events

**Bouncy Castles, Popcorn Game,
Tattoo Station, Free Play,
Photo Booth, Nova Custom DTF Clothing, The Brace Space,
East Coast Freeze Dried Candy, Sugar Bloom Sweets, & more!**