



Sackville Heights Elementary

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Reminders

April is World Autism Month

- April 1 Easter Monday: no School
- April 3 Linked Up music trip
- April 4 PD Morning & Parent / Teacher Afternoon: no school for students
- April 8 Solar eclipse
- April 9 Eid al-Fitr
- April 14-20 Volunteer Week Education Week
- April 16 SAC & PTO meetings
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 24 Administrative Professionals Day
- April 29 Vicki Grant author visit

Principal's Message

Spring is here and we couldn't be happier! Now if it would only warm up!!! We hope that everyone enjoyed March Break. It was great to hear about all of the different activities and adventures that our students were involved in.

We have managed to get outside all winter long but it is so much more fun to go out in the sun. Spring in Nova Scotia is traditionally very rainy and little children love puddles and always seem to find mud somewhere, so it's time to get out the splash pants and rubber boots!

March was another busy month here at Sackville Heights! It was nutrition month. We participated in the Big Crunch as a whole school, the students were able to enjoy delicious, healthy apples from The Vegetorium. The students have been working hard and making lots of progress in all areas of the curriculum. It is wonderful to see and listen to students reading, explaining their math solutions, presenting projects in front of the class and using technology in many different ways.

Ramadan Mubarak and Happy Easter, and Happy Passover Holidays to all of our families who will be celebrating.

Rachael and Lisa

Report Cards

Term 2 Report Cards were sent home electronically on Thursday, March 28th. The format for our conversations with families will be different this term.

The **afternoon** timeslots will be for phone interviews with parents and families who have **specific** concerns about their child or for specific concerns the classroom teacher would like to discuss with you (they will be in touch if this is the case).

The **evening** will be set up as an open house for P-2 and student led conference for 3-5. This format does not allow for private conversations, but you will be able to get a good sense of how they are doing from the work they will be sharing with you, and we can update you on their progress as well. We are excited for your child to build their confidence and share their learning.

Please remind your child they are sharing their work at their desks and leaving the toys and electronics for another time.

Families who require a phone interview are also invited to participate in the evening open house.

Use the following link to book either afternoon or both afternoon and evening times.

<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/psu29>

Book Fair

Thank you so much for your support of our spring book fair and to Ms. Parsons and all the volunteers who helped make it another successful event for the school. For families that still wish to purchase, the book fair will be open the evening of student led conferences from 6-8.

Dogs and Other Pets

We are reminding parents/guardians NOT to bring dogs onto school property. We realize that combining a dog walk with your child's trip to and from school is convenient and environmentally responsible. Although these pets are usually playful and harmless, the presence of dogs on the school grounds represents a potential health and safety issue for several reasons.

- their presence strikes fear in some children
- a number of children have allergies
- we have no way to monitor any individual dog's training or behaviour and even the tamest pet may react unexpectedly when surrounded by curious children or when inadvertently startled
- although most owners pick up after their dog, we often find dog waste on school property in areas where children play



SHES thanks you for helping us to maintain a safe environment by not bringing your dog onto school property. As a suggestion, you could make arrangements with your child(ren) to meet you on the sidewalk if you are walking the dog to and from the school.

As a general rule, pets are not allowed in the school building as a number of students have allergies to various animals and because even the tamest pet may react unexpectedly when surrounded by curious children or when inadvertently startled. Pets also disrupt regular routines.

SAC and PTO

Our meetings for the month of April will be back in person. Both meetings take place on April 16th , SAC meeting at 5:30 and the PTO meeting at 6:30.

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/>

