



Sackville Heights Elementary

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Reminders

- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 8 PTO dance
- Feb. 10 Lunar New Year
- Feb. 13 Pancake Tuesday
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 19 Heritage Day
- Feb. 20 SAC Meeting at 5:30pm
PTO Meeting at 6:30pm



Principal's Message

February 1st is the start of African Heritage Month. We will be recognizing and celebrating African Heritage Month as a school. Shubenacadie Sam didn't see her shadow so we are in for an early spring! The children also like celebrating Valentines Day too! We will be busy!

*The weather has been quite warm over the past several weeks but cold weather is here and we need to be prepared for it. **Please keep sending your children to school with all of their outdoor gear as it is our plan to continue taking the children outside as much as possible. Don't forget extra mitts and socks.** It is nice to see that the days are already starting to get longer and that the sun is still out when we head home at the end of the day. It makes us feel hopeful that spring will eventually come.*

We have the Drop and Go moving quite quickly in the morning. Thanks for having your children all ready to jump out of the car. We do have a number of cars arriving after the bell causing students to be late for class. Please make sure your children are arriving by 8:20am at the latest. You can drop them off as early as 8:10am.

Rachael, Lisa and the Staff of Sackville Heights Elementary

Celebrate African Heritage Month 2024

The theme for African Heritage Month 2024 is "Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians." This month-long celebration is dedicated to recognizing and honoring the history and culture of people of African descent. The theme coincides with the final year of the United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (DPAD) 2015-2024, which aims to promote global cooperation in support of people of African descent, raise awareness, and acknowledge their full and equal participation in all aspects of society.



Nova Scotia is home to more than 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities with a rich, deep, and complex history that spans more than 400 years. African Heritage Month is an excellent opportunity to celebrate and showcase the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of African Nova Scotians, both past and present.

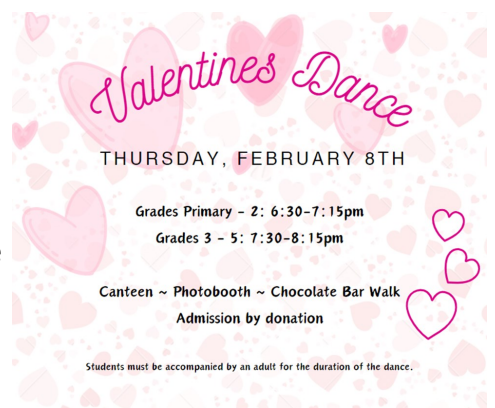
Reminder: February 19 is Heritage Day

Observing Nova Scotia Heritage Day on the third Monday of February is an annual occasion to reflect on our province's rich history. It's a chance to recognize the remarkable people, places, and events that have shaped our unique heritage.

Please take time to learn about William Hall, the 2024 honoree, [here](#).

SAC and PTO Meetings

Our January SAC meeting will take place on January 16th at 5:30 pm and our January PTO meeting will take place on January 16th at 6:30 pm. Both will be held virutally, with in person meetings returning in March.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

Grades Primary - 2: 6:30-7:15pm
Grades 3 - 5: 7:30-8:15pm

Canteen ~ Photobooth ~ Chocolate Bar Walk
Admission by donation

Students must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the dance.

February is Registration Month

Do you have a child who will be starting pre-primary or primary this fall? It's time to register!

Registration for the 2024-25 school year begins on February 1. 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 (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.

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

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.

Red Means Stop! School Bus Safety Reminder

HRCE has recorded 691 school bus stop-arm violations in Halifax Regional Municipality since the beginning of the school year. This means that motorists have failed to stop for a bus when its red lights were flashing and the stop sign was extended. This poses a serious risk to children and families who may be crossing the road to enter or exit the bus. Drivers may also face a fine and demerit points if caught by police.

Help us spread the word to remind drivers (including cyclists) that it is illegal to drive past a school bus when they see its red lights flashing and stop-arm extended.

Drivers must slow down and prepare to stop in all directions when they see flashing lights – either amber or red in colour – on a school bus. This means the bus is planning to stop or may have already.

Here are some safety tips from Safety Services Nova Scotia to keep in mind when waiting for or exiting the bus:

- Stand back from the edge of the road.
 - Line up in single file when you see the bus coming.
 - Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop.
 - Walk, never run.
 - Make sure the bus driver sees you if you are crossing the road. Take 10 giant steps in front of the bus before crossing.
 - Wait for the bus driver to signal that it is okay to cross.
 - Always look both ways before crossing the road and listen for traffic.
- Never cross the road from behind the bus.

