



# MARCH NEWS



## Important Dates

- March 1st- Ramadan Begins
- March 7th Assesment Day -No Classes
- March 8th International Women's Day
- March 10th-14th- Spring Break
- March 17th- St Patrick's Day
- March 21st World Down Syndrome Day
- March 21st- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- March 28th - Popcorn Friday
- March 31st International Transgender Day of Visibility
- March 31st National Indigenous Languages Day



## PTA/SAC

The PTA has partnered with **Make it Sow** for our next fundraiser. Make It Sow is a Canadian company that sells a variety of seed packets to bring out your inner gardener. This fundraiser will run **ONLINE ONLY**. Sales open on February 28th and will close on March 19th.

To place an order visit <https://makeitsow.com/shop/#code-submission> and enter code **HPCPTA\_2025**

Please make sure to **ENTER STUDENT NAME AND CLASS** in the Referrer/Salesperson/Student to make sure we get the correct orders sent home with the correct student. There is no PTA or SAC meeting in March.



## Registration



Registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open. Children are guaranteed a spot at their designated school based on their address.

All registrations and updates are completed through the online **PowerSchool Enrollment Portal**.

What You Need to Register: Verify your neighborhood school. Have the following documents in electronic form

Proof of Identity/Age (birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers for new HRCE students).

Proof of Home Address (a recent official government or utility document with your name and date, such as a bill, tax receipt, or mortgage contract).

Note: Non-resident, immigrant, or refugee children must provide additional documentation.



## From The Library

Please stay tuned for the *French Book Fair* coming in April



## Seven Sacred Teachings



In February, HPCS focused on the sacred Indigenous teaching of love. We emphasized that love is more than just an emotion, it's a way of being rooted in respect, kindness, and unity. Students who exemplified this teaching will be recognized at our monthly assembly on March 3rd.

## Blue Jay Cafe



We kindly ask parents/guardians to review the menu with their child when ordering lunch. If your child is unlikely to eat the meal on a given day, please send a packed lunch from home. Also, please note that the cafeteria no longer provides recess snacks, so be sure to send one each day.

Popcorn Friday will take place on March 28th

Please send in your toonie on the 26th



March is Nutrition Month

## Breakfast Program

We're still looking for help with our Breakfast Program! If you can assist with preparing breakfast for our students, we'd love your support. Reach out to Ms. MacNamara at [tmcnamara@hrce.ca](mailto:tmcnamara@hrce.ca) to get involved.





# Pre-Primary

Pre-primary registration for September is ongoing! Register soon to secure a spot. Visit our website or contact the office for details.

## Parent Navigators

Have questions about supports for your child? HRCE's Parent Navigators can help! They connect families with services in education, health, justice, and more. With strong community ties, they'll guide you to the right resources for success in and out of school. Reach out!

Contact Information:  
connect@hrce.ca  
Amelia Downey  
902-464-2000 x4361  
Charlene Sparks  
902-464-2000 x436



## School Bus Safety Tips

A few bus safety reminders for all riders:

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.



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## Medication



### Medication Administration at School

If your child requires medication during school hours, please ensure that an Administration of Medication Form is completed and submitted to the office. All medications must be kept in the office for proper administration and safety. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe and healthy!



## Safety

For the safety and security of all students and staff, we kindly remind parents and visitors that they must sign in at the office and obtain a visitor badge upon entering the building. Please note that parents should not be in the building during instructional hours unless prior arrangements have been made with school administration. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe learning environment for everyone. Thank you!



## Drop Off/Pick Up



Thank you for helping ensure a safe and smooth drop-off and pick-up. If you are dropping off late or picking up early please make sure your child is signed in or out at the office.

As a fully bussed school with limited parking, we are asking for your support:

**Staff Parking Lot** – Please avoid using this lot for morning drop-offs, as staff need these spaces.

**Special Needs Bus Zone** – Keep this area clear in the afternoons for safe student transport.

**Irving Parking** – Walking from the Irving station through traffic is unsafe. Please use the designated kiss n go area. Your cooperation helps keep our students safe—thank you!



## PARENT SERIES

SchoolsPlus for the West Bedford family of schools is hosting a series of sessions for parents/guardians on a variety of topics. Each session will have a separate registration that will be sent out the month before.

### FAMILY SOS: PARENTING PROGRAMS



Monday - 24 March 2025



6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Doors open at 5:45pm



Kingswood Elementary - Room 102  
34 Vrege Crt, Hammonds Plains

Family SOS will be sharing information about their parenting programs. This presentation will also include topics such as: "being with" your child through their emotions, how our children's behaviour affects our emotions, and the circle of security.

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## Schools Plus

Exciting news from SchoolsPlus!

We have two wonderful sessions coming up in our Parenting Series for March. The dates are Monday March 17 and Monday March 24.



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### TAX SAVING STRATEGIES



Monday - 17 March 2025



6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Doors open at 5:45pm



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34 Vrege Crt, Hammonds Plains

IG Wealth Management presents strategies for saving on your 2024 taxes, with topics such as child tax benefit, tax credits, paying off debt, etc.

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