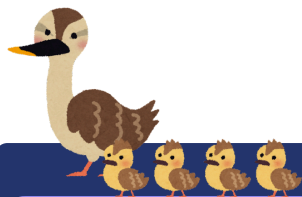


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APRIL NEWS



IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 2nd: World Autism Awareness Day

APRIL 3rd: Parent teacher Conferences (No Classes)

APRIL 8th: SAC (5:30pm) PTA (6:30pm)

APRIL 16th: Spring Hop

APRIL 18th: Good Friday - No classes all schools.

APRIL 21st: Easter Monday - No classes all schools.

APRIL 22nd: Earth Day

APRIL 23rd: Administrative Professionals Day

APRIL 27th: National Volunteer Week Begins



From The Library

Scholastic Festival du Livre

Mon, April 7th Viewing Day 8:40-2:05

Tues, April 8th and Wed. April 9th Buying Days 8:40-2:05

Viewing Days Students in the French Immersion classes will have a scheduled time to come down to the library to look at all the amazing new French books and create a Wish List of books they would like to buy.



Buying Days Students in French Immersion classes will have an opportunity to buy books, posters and Knick Knack items such as pencils, erasers, bookmarks, pens and more during their scheduled buying day.

Thank you for your support of this great literacy fundraiser. A percentage of the profits come directly back into our school library.

Thank You, Mrs. Gaudet, Library Support & Book Fair Chairperson.



Donations Welcome!

As we continue to grow and enrich our library, we would love any book donations from our wonderful families!

If you have gently used books—especially picture books, chapter books, French titles, or non-fiction—we would be thrilled to give them a new home on our shelves.



NEWS FROM OUR PTA



Our next PTA meeting will take place in person, on Tuesday, April 8th, 6:30pm, at the school.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Join us on Wednesday, April 16th, 6:30-7:30pm, for our annual



Spring Hop Fundraiser Dance.



Registration forms will be sent home soon.




Thank you to everyone that supported our first ever fundraiser with Make It Sow.

Make It Sow partners Plant-it to plant indigenous seedling trees in non-harvest areas in Canada.

With your support, 16 trees will be planted on behalf of HPCS.

OUT OF AREA REQUESTS



Parents and guardians can enroll their child in a school outside their neighborhood via the Out of Area Request process, as per the Student Registration Policy.

The application form will reopen on April 1 at 8 a.m. for current and 2025-26 school year applications.

This process allows families to choose a school that suits their child's needs, subject to availability and acceptance. Parents should prepare necessary documentation before the form reopens.



Pre-Primary News

Pre-primary registration for September is ongoing .

Register at any time to secure a spot. Visit our website or contact the office for details.



Just a reminder as we usher in the spring weather, please ensure that your child has an extra set of clothes and appropriate rain wear

Supporting Literacy at Home



DID YOU KNOW?

Teachers use the Six Pillars of Effective Reading Instruction to support students' learning.

Reading is best learned when children get clear and structured support in key skills: listening, recognizing sounds in words, learning letter sounds, building vocabulary, reading smoothly and understanding what they read. These skills work together and when you strengthen one, it helps improve the others.

Good reading instruction includes learning how letters and words work and practicing reading in books. The goal is for children to understand what they read, enjoy reading and learn new things from books.

The links below may help you support your children with reading at home:

Ideas for parents to help children to practice their reading and writing skills

10 Ideas to Raise A Reader



From Nova Scotia Public Health

Measles cases are on the rise. Measles is a virus that spreads easily and can cause serious complications.

Nova Scotia offers free vaccines given by primary care providers, pharmacists and Public Health. Parents are encouraged to check their family's vaccine records at vaxrecordns.nshealth.ca.

Who should get vaccinated?

Anyone born in or after 1970 should get two doses of vaccine, typically given at 12 and 18 months.

Adults born before 1970 are generally considered immune but can get a single dose if travelling.

Infants 6-12 months old can get a single dose if travelling but still require two doses after their first birthday to complete the series.

Find out more about measles vaccination:
www.nshealth.ca/measles.



Seven Sacred Teachings



In March, HPCS focused on the Indigenous teaching of wisdom. The beaver represents wisdom because he uses his natural gift wisely for his survival. The beaver also alters his environment in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way for the benefit of his family.

We emphasized *to cherish knowledge is to know wisdom*. We encouraged students to continuously observe the life of all things around you and to listen with clarity and an open mind.

In April we will focus on the Indigenous teaching of courage. The Bear carries courage. The bear will give us the understanding to seek resolutions, find the strength and courage to face challenges and stand resolute in the face of adversity. Wisdom and Courage will be celebrated during our April student assembly.



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 to get involved.

School 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!



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.

