



February 2023

"Care, Share, Learn"

Bell and Lunch Schedule

7:40 am - School Opens

8:00 am - Classes Begin

10:00 - 10:15 am - Recess

11:30 am - 12:20 pm - Lunch

1:50 pm - Dismissal

Calendar of Events

Feb 13th - Fastest Kid NS

Feb 20th - Heritage Day honoring Elder Rita Joe

Feb 21st - Pancake Lunch

Feb 22nd - Pink Shirt Day

Dressing for the Weather

The weather can change throughout the day this time of year, so it is important to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outside play. All children are expected to participate in outside play as part of the learning experience. Jackets, hats, mitts and boots will make recess and lunch more enjoyable.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe we have reached the midway point of the school year. We are very proud of our students and the progress they are making on their learning journey.

Teachers are starting to think about possible trips for their classes so if you are interested in chaperoning or being a volunteer at school please begin to complete the paperwork now so that everything is in place. It is not always possible to complete the paperwork requirements at the last minute. We are also needing volunteers at the school to help with our Pancake Lunch on Tuesday, February 21st , and we anticipate we will be needing volunteers to help with an art project in March. Please contact the office if you can assist.

Thank you to our volunteers who are preparing muffins and pancakes for our Breakfast Program. Our students look forward to these special treats on Mondays and Wednesdays. We are also excited to offer healthy snacks of fresh fruits/vegetables to our students at recess. Each class has a day per week for these extra snacks.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Carole DesBarres

TIME TO REGISTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 - NEW ONLINE PROCESS

Watch our [Registration Video](#)

Please contact your child's **current** school, if your child is already registered with a school in the HRCE, but you will be moving and you are looking to register your child for a different school within HRCE or your address will be changing but the new address is still within the catchment area for the current school.

New registration is only required if you are new to HRCE or your child is beginning school in pre-primary or primary. Please note: Pre-primary children are not required to re-register for primary.

What You Need to Begin

COVID-19 Test Kits

If you are in need of test kits they are available at the office and can be picked up or requested to be sent home with your child. Each test kit has 2 tests.

Healthy Hunger

Healthy Hunger is an online lunch ordering website that uses local restaurants to provide lunches to schools.

We are currently offering:

Tues. Kenny's Pizza

Thurs. Rose and Rooster (NEW!)

Fri. Sunwich Cafe (NEW!)

You **must order at least 5 days before** the date in order to receive lunch. Get started by visiting www.HealthyHunger.ca and "Register Your Student". Healthy Hunger also offers free technical support by calling 1-800-818-6260.

Bus Planner Text Messaging

BusPlanner now has text messaging!

You must opt-in to receive information by text message. You can opt-in by logging into BusPlanner Parent Portal.

By opting in, you will receive texts from BusPlanner, including late notifications, general notices, and bus cancellations due to inclement weather.

Contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723 for support.

1. [Verify your neighbourhood school](#). If the school you want your child to attend is outside of your neighbourhood, you must first register for your home school and then follow the process for [out-of-area requests](#).

2. **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.

Your child is eligible if they will be **5 years of age (4 for Pre-Primary) by December 31, 2023**.

If you currently do not have a birth certificate for your child you can apply online <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-birth-certificate>.

Ready to Register?

[Click here](#) to begin the new student registration process. You will need to create an account using a valid email address.

Need Assistance? Don't have access to a computer? If you need support, please contact our [Parent Navigators](#) at 902-464-2000.

Celebrating Our Heritage - Pancake Lunch

We are hosting a pancake lunch for the students on **Tuesday, February 21st** to celebrate our community and heritage. **We are looking for volunteers** to assist in the preparation and serving of the meal. We need assistance with the following: fruit preparation, pancake cooking and mixing, and clean-up. Any time that you can provide throughout the day is appreciated. Please contact the office if you can provide assistance. Please see information below if you would like to volunteer but do not yet have your paperwork into the office.



Volunteering at Atlantic View

We are in the process of planning school events and class trips for the Winter/Spring. If you are interested in supporting the school and students, we must have all the required paperwork on file at the school, before you are able to volunteer directly with the students. This process can take several weeks.

In accordance with HRCE's Student Protection Policy, prior to volunteering with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, all volunteers will provide:

1. A completed Child Abuse Register - [Child Abuse Register Search](#)
2. A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check **with Vulnerable Sector-Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Search**

Child Abuse Register Search and Vulnerable Sector Search/Criminal Records Check must be issued within the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years. If you require financial assistance with completion of the paperwork please contact the office. The office will also provide a letter to indicate that you are volunteering for the school, this may be requested by the RCMP. If you are interested in supporting the school please contact the office.

Fastest Kid Grades 4-6

Fastest Kid in Nova Scotia, Athletics Nova Scotia, will be visiting the school on Monday, February 13th with a fun program to assess our Grade 4-6 student's running skills with a high energy warm up, track and field skills activities, timed races and a cool down. This is a 2 hour program that will be held during regular physical education time.