



March 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

- Mar 13-17th** - March Break
- Mar 20th** - Assessment and Evaluation Day (No Classes)
- Mar 23rd** -Baseball5 Clinic
- Mar 30th** - PD Day AM Parent Teacher Interviews PM (No Classes)

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,

We want to thank the volunteers who helped us make our Pancake Lunch such a great success, We couldn't have done this without the extra hands on deck. We look forward to building ways to have our parents/guardians and community members take part in special activities with our students....we have another opportunity next week with our painting project. Please let us know if you have all your paperwork in place and are interested in helping out.

We are looking forward to our Parent-Teacher Meetings, which will be taking place at the end of the month. Please contact the office to set up a meeting time.

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

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;

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.

The test kits that are available from the school have an expiry date of 2023-02-09 printed on the box but the expiry date has been extended by the manufacturer for the lot. Please see more information at [Expiry Extensions](#)

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.

- 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.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The teachers are looking forward to conversations with parents to discuss their child/rens academic progress or any concerns. There are three meeting options available: in-person, on-line or telephone. You can indicate your preference at the time of booking.

Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held on Thursday, March 30th from 1:00-3:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm. Please call the school to request an afternoon or evening appointment.

Registration Month Grade 7

Last week all Grade 6 families were emailed a google form link to collect program choice information for Grade 7's moving onto Ross Road School. There is also a virtual information session on Thursday for the Late French Immersion Program, the link has been emailed to all Grade 6 parents.. Please take a few minutes to complete this form so that we can direct your child to the correct program. We would appreciate a submission no later than Mar 3, 2023..

Classroom Learning Time

It is important to arrive to classes on time to maximize the learning experience for all students. Lessons begin in our classrooms at 8:00 am and often start with an important mini-lesson which sets students up for success with the learning activities.

Paint Dates

With some samples on display in the office the students are getting **EXCITED** about our upcoming paint dates!

Each class will be having a paint date in the afternoon (12:30-1:30pm) next week, except for the Pre-Primary and Grade P/1 class which will paint on Wednesday morning. Our gym will be turned into an art studio for these events where they will be guided through a chosen canvas painting.

If you have your volunteer paperwork completed and on file in the office and can assist please reach out to the office or classroom teacher.

We look forward to your support!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Paint Schedule

Grade 5/6- Mon. March 6th

Grade 2/3 - Tues. March 7th

Pre-Primary - Wed. March 8th
(8:00-9:00 am)

Grade P/1 - Wed. March 8th
(10:30-11:30 am)

Grade 1/2 - Wed. March 8th

Grade 4/5 - Thurs. March 9th

Grade 3/4 - Fri. March 10th

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.

