

Caudle Park Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Well, we made it through January and the days are already getting longer. Our students don't seem to mind the cold and have been having fun playing in the snow during recess and lunch! January was a great month for learning here at Caudle Park. Our students have been working hard in Literacy and Math. We celebrated Family Literacy Week with some fun activities, including hot chocolate for our students - thank you to our PTA for providing this warm treat!

Mr. Sutton, our fabulous Phys. Ed. teacher, retired at the end of January. He will be dearly missed by the students at Caudle Park and Hillside. We wish Mr. Sutton all the best in his retirement. Katie Daley will be replacing him as our new Phys. Ed. teacher.

February is a busy month for us here at Caudle Park. February is African Heritage Month. All of our students will be involved in learning more about African Nova Scotians and their contributions to Nova Scotia's unique and wonderful culture.

Please remember that coming to school and being on time are very important. Did you know that being only 10 minutes late each day equals 50 minutes per week? That can add up to nearly 1.5 weeks a year. Over 13 years of school, those 10 minutes a day equals nearly ½ a school year! When students are late they miss important morning routines and learning opportunities. If you need some help getting your child to school on time, please let us know and we can discuss supports that are available.

Martha & Eleanor

Caring Schools:

Our theme for the month of February is *Empathy*. Empathy helps students understand and share the feelings of others, creating a more supportive and kind classroom environment. Encourage your child to practice empathy by listening, offering help, and showing kindness to others at school and at home.

Safe Schools Strategy: Caudle Park Vision Statement

Establishing and maintaining a safe and inclusive learning environment at school is a priority. In addition to reviewing the Behavior Matrix with students each day, we are also teaching students our Vision Statement. We have been talking about what it looks like in practice, and have been recognizing students for demonstrating aspects of it at school. A copy of the statement is attached for your reference.

Upcoming Dates

February is African Heritage Month

February is Registration Month

February 4: SAC & PTA meetings cancelled

February 14: Valentine's Day

February 16: Heritage Day (No Classes)

February 17: Lunar New Year

Important March Dates:

March 13: Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes)

March 16-20: March Break

School Hours P-5

First Bell: 8:25 am

Classes Begin: 8:30 am

Recess: 10:00 - 10:15 am

Lunch: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Dismissal: 2:30 pm

February is Registration Month

Do you have or know a child who will be starting Pre Primary or Primary this fall? It's time to register! Registration for the 2026-27 school year begins on Monday, February 2. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrollment 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 with one of the following: 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, a mortgage contract or a residential lease agreement

Visit the [HRCE website](https://www.hrce.ca) 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.

February is African Heritage Month

African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich history, vibrant culture, and lasting contributions of people of African descent in our province. This year's theme, **"Strength in Unity – Moving Forward with Purpose, Prosperity, Power and Progress,"** reminds us of the importance of coming together as a community, learning from one another, and moving forward with shared purpose.

In our schools, African Heritage Month provides meaningful opportunities for students to explore African Nova Scotian histories and experiences, deepen their understanding of our shared past, and reflect on the values of respect, inclusion, and belonging. Through classroom learning, discussions, and activities connected to this year's theme, students are encouraged to appreciate diversity, build empathy, and recognize the strength that comes from unity. These experiences help foster welcoming school communities and inspire students to contribute positively to a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

February 16 is Heritage Day

Nova Scotia Heritage Day is celebrated on Monday, February 16, and provides an opportunity for students and families to learn more about the people, stories, and events that have shaped our province. Each year, Heritage Day honours a notable Nova Scotian, and in 2026 we recognize Joseph William Comeau, an important Acadian poet, writer, and cultural leader.

Joseph William Comeau is remembered for his contributions to Acadian literature and for helping to preserve and promote Acadian language, identity, and culture in Nova Scotia. His work reflected the everyday lives, resilience, and traditions of Acadian communities, and his legacy continues to influence Acadian culture today. Heritage Day provides us with an opportunity to explore Nova Scotia's diverse history and to better understand how individuals from different backgrounds have contributed to our shared story. Learning about Joseph William Comeau helps students appreciate the richness of Acadian heritage and the importance of preserving culture, language, and community.



