

Caudle Park Elementary

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Upcoming Dates

May 5: SAC & PTA Meetings @ 5:30 & 6:30 PM

May 12-15: Gr 3 Provincial Assessment Days (LM3)

May 15: Black Excellence Day

May 18: Victoria Day (No classes)

May 19 & 20: Gr 3 Provincial Assessment Make Up Days

May 28: High Five Assembly

May 29: Spring Fair Set Up

May 30: Spring Fair 10AM-1PM

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

Principal's Message:

It is hard to believe that May has arrived! Despite the colder weather, signs of spring are starting to appear. April was a productive month at our school, filled with opportunities for students and staff to learn and grow. Our students were thrilled to welcome *Q Mack* for an energetic presentation focused on what it means to be an All-Star student. During the *Q Mack* assembly, students learned the importance of positive character traits, leadership, perseverance, and making choices that help them succeed both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you to all of our students who submitted entries for the *Q Mack* poster contest—you did a wonderful job.

During the April PD day, teachers participated in a day of professional learning centered on literacy instruction. Our Grade 3-5 teachers engaged in targeted learning around the new English Language Arts curriculum that will be implemented in September 2026, while P-2 teachers dug deeper into the updated ELA curriculum that was rolled out during the 2024-2025 school year. This important work ensures our staff are well-prepared to support students through meaningful, high-quality literacy experiences.

May is a busy month at Caudle, with the Grade 3 Provincial Assessment, school transition meetings, and the Spring Fair. Please see below for information about how you can help make the fair a success by volunteering. We hope to see you there!

Martha & Eleanor

Caring Schools:

Our theme for the month of May is *acceptance*. At Caudle Park, students can show acceptance by respecting everyone for who they are. This means including classmates from all backgrounds, celebrating differences, and making others feel welcome in the classroom, on the playground, and during school activities. Students can practice acceptance by listening to others, being open to new ideas, and treating everyone with fairness and respect.

Grade 3 Provincial Assessments:

Here are the important dates for our Gr 3 Assessments. The assessments take about 60-90 minutes and start at the beginning of each day.

Tuesday May 12th- Grade 3 Literacy Assessment

Wednesday May 13th- Grade 3 Literacy Assessment

Thursday May 14th- Grade 3 Math Assessment

Friday May 15th- Grade 3 Math Assessment

Please make sure that your Grade 3 child is on time and has a good breakfast and start to their day. If your child is absent on one of the assessment days, they will have an opportunity to write on one of the make up days (May 19 and 20).

Volunteers Needed for the Spring Fair!

The PTA is excited to bring our Spring Fair to life—but we need your help to make it happen! In order to run all of our planned stations, we must have enough volunteers. Without the support of our school community, we may have to cancel the fair. Even a small amount of your time can make a big difference. Please consider signing up wherever you can!

Let's work together to make this event a success for our students! Sign up below!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lq-VBniBNA_Amh_gvrbbxG0PF7UTfZGbG4Og-zYGHcY/edit?usp=sharing

May 15 is Black Excellence Day



Black Excellence Day 2026 in Nova Scotia is an opportunity for schools to reflect on the learning and exploration of Black people and culture over the past year. It recognizes, celebrates, and supports learning from the achievements, contributions, and leadership of Black individuals and communities. More than a single-day celebration, Black Excellence is the recognition of meaningful steps toward strengthening inclusive learning environments where all students see themselves reflected in curriculum materials, through the stories we tell and the histories we honour.

The purpose of celebrating Black Excellence in our schools and classrooms is to affirm student's identities, build confidence, and inspire futures by highlighting the role Black people have made in education, science, arts, leadership, and community advocacy. It reflects and celebrates thoughtful conversations in schools about equity, representation, and the ongoing work to remove systemic barriers.

This moment of reflection also invites educators and school communities to consider how Black Excellence is represented within their own classrooms and learning spaces. For some, this may affirm intentional work already underway; for others, it may serve as an opportunity to begin or deepen this practice. Black Excellence Day reminds us that this work is ongoing, and that there is always time to plan, reflect, and be deliberate in ensuring all students see themselves meaningfully reflected in our schools.

We welcome everyone to wear a black shirt, if you're able, on May 15 to show your support for Black Excellence Day!

Unplugged Webinar on Smartphones, Social Media and More

Unplugged Canada is hosting a LIVE webinar on May 6 every parent and caregiver needs to hear. We're talking smartphones, social media, the research – and most importantly, what we can do about it.

Hosted by Kirsten Sweet, educator and National Program Director with Unplugged Canada with Tania Johnson, Co-founder of the Institute of Child Psychology and Dr. Michele Locke, Clinical Psychologist, learn about the impact of smartphones and social media on youth and how the Unplugged Canada Pledge and our resources can spark meaningful conversations in your home, school, and community.

We'll also introduce two new initiatives: the National School Champion Program and Operation Landline – a summer campaign helping families delay smartphones and reconnect in simpler, more intentional ways.

Come ready to learn, connect, and be part of the movement. Register [here](#).

Screen Free Summer: Digital Diet Guidance

As summer approaches, many families are thinking about screen time. This article introduces the idea of a “digital diet,” encouraging a focus on the quality and purpose of screen use rather than just limiting it. It offers practical ways to help children build healthier, more balanced habits with technology. Read more [here](#).



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SPRING FAIR

Saturday, May 30, 2026

10am - 1pm

All proceeds will go towards school supplies and educational experiences for the upcoming school year!

Hot Dogs ★ Drinks ★ Grab Bags ★ Candy

Plinko



Mini Putt

Duck Pond

Hockey Shoot

Axe Throwing

Sucker Pull

Toilet Toss

Win a Cake

Face Painting

Fun Fortunes

Vinyl Stickers

Balloons

Jibbitz

Tattoos

Tic Tac Toss



Auction and Raffle Baskets

Henna Tattoos by Halifax Henna

