



Caudle Park Elementary

## Newsletter 2023

### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

We are halfway through the academic year as we move into February! The first part of the school year got us back to some regular routines and some new initiatives. Here at Caudle, we look forward to the new things that the students



can teach us each day! January was an action packed month and the hallway exhibits show various learning opportunities and styles. Our learning community is growing with ongoing registration and this month, primary registration starts! If you know of any young families who have potential preprimary and primary children, let them know! The theme for February is

**empathy.** Empathy is the ability to understand

and share the feelings of others and requires perspective taking. These skills start to develop around 3-4 years and are so important for positive social interactions and communication. **Thank you to all families that supported the Family Dance and Family Literacy Day!** We always look forward to bringing families into the school!

### WATERFLOW

Our freshly paved driveway invited some new challenges for us. We are working with the HRCE operations department and HRM to make a plan for improving the drainage. In the meantime, on wet and icy days, students are welcome to use the main entrance instead of the entrances at the sides. Please use extra caution until we find ways to improve the drainage.

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## PTA/SAC

The PTA committee has been busy this month with dance prep. We had an excellent turn out! We appreciate that parents came and stayed to supervise their children. Feel free to contact the PTA with any praises or feedback for future dances. The next PTA fundraiser will be Pies to have delivered in time for Easter. More details to follow!

SAC consults with school admin about outcomes, our student success plans and school related concerns. We are working closely on the new math goal of computational fluency, technology upgrades and the water-flow as a result of the paving.

## OUTDOOR PLAY

The students are enjoying the winter weather, especially when the snow finally falls and stays. Please review expectations at home with students around snow gear and play:

- **Students must wear snow pants and boots to play in the snowy areas** or to slide.
- Students are asked to slide on their bottom and knees only.
- Students will walk up the hill away from the sliding hill.
- Students will slide one or two at one time.

Outdoor Play is an important part of student wellbeing. We will be going out in ALL weather conditions (cold, mist, and wind). Please be sure to send warm, weatherproof clothing for outdoor play. It is also a good idea to send a change of pants and socks just in case students get wet. Be sure to label snowpants and possibly put a sticker or colored tape to make them easily recognized.

It might be time to check if **indoor sneakers** still fit. We have a lot of students wearing boots inside the school lately. They need indoor sneakers to keep the floors clean, dry and waxed, especially in gym class.

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## STUDENT SUCCESS PLANNING

Over the past month, staff professional development shifted to take a deeper look at the computational fluency math goal. We recently ordered math manipulatives to support practice of math fact development. Teaching facts has changed quite a bit since parents were in school. In the past, we focussed on memorization of math facts. Today students are practicing multiple ways to solve a problem using many strategies. This requires practice and sharing the many ways that we can represent number.

## FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN HISTORY MONTH



Classes will explore African Nova Scotian heritage throughout the month of February.

We welcome back Chris Kennedy on February 1st for African Drumming Workshops for all classes.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT..

- Students may enter the school **anytime after 8:00am**. There is no supervision prior to that time.
- Our welcome sign is in its final stages of design
- February 20th is Heritage Day in Canada. There is no school
- Cars are not permitted in the driveway between 8:20-2:30
- March Break is March 13-17th
- Educational Program Assistants (EPAs) support everyone throughout the day. They are always there with their heart and hands outreached! They are an essential part of our school!
- We are always looking for lunch monitors and EPAs to hire

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## FEBRUARY IS PRIMARY REGISTRATION MONTH



If you have a child that is turning 5 by December 31, 2023, email your neighborhood school to register. More information can be found on the HRCE registration site at:

<https://www.hrce.ca/registration>

Documents to register include:

- Proof of address
- Child's birth certificate or passport
- Health card
- International/Immigrant Student Information (parent work/study permit)

### *What's Pre-Primary all about?*

Check out our [Welcome to Pre-Primary](#) site.

### *What does Grade Primary look like?*

Visit our [Welcome to Primary](#) site.

Spread the word!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 1	ANS drumming workshops SAC & PTA meetings
Feb 20	Heritage Day - NO SCHOOL
Mar 6	PTA Pie Fundraiser begins
March 13-17	March Break - NO SCHOOL

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