



January Newsletter 2023

Notes for the office

A new year brings warm wishes from the office. December closed in high spirits throughout the school. The school Elf 'Caudie' came up with a new surprise every day and the kids had fun finding him each morning. The Caudle Co-op was a huge success as well. Hope everyone enjoyed their gift from the school store. Thank you to all families and community members for your generous donations. We sent very little to Beacon house. Once again, the Grade 5 students extended leadership keeping the store stocked and their patience with wrapping. A new year gives us new events to direct our attention to.. Keep reading to find out more..

Caring Schools



Our theme this month is **belonging**. All students need to feel connected to others and have a sense of belonging. We wouldn't want our students to feel alone and not part of a group when at school. We can strengthen a sense of belonging by the things we do and the connections we make with each other. It's about the small moments each day like saying hello, being genuine, listening and creating shared routines.

PTA / SAC

We extend gratitude to the PTA for helping us with the Co-op. Your great communications brought in loads of items and volunteers at the cash. PTA would like to thank all families for the donations of items to the Caudle Park Co-Op! The event was a HUGE success. Students thoroughly enjoyed shopping for the special people in their lives. The Co-Op raised **\$799.75!!** Funds raised by PTA go towards school supplies and special events/activities for our students.

PTA is planning a **family dance** for Caudle Park students! The dance will take place on **Wednesday, January 25th from 6:00 pm-8 pm** in the school gym. Come on out to dance to your favorite music as a family and raise funds for our students! We will have music, lights, and a snack canteen (\$1 per item). The cost of the dance is \$5 per student or \$8 per family. **PLEASE NOTE:** Parents/Guardians **must stay** at the dance with their child. This is not a drop off event.

Family Literacy Open House

We are looking forward to Family Literacy Day on January 27th. We are hosting an **open house from 1:30 - 2:30** and families are invited to join us for a cultural and literacy experience. We will have performances in the gym starting at 1:30 and finish the hour out in classrooms reading with our family. Our focus will be on the Indigenous, African Nova Scotian, Gael and French Acadian cultures in Nova Scotia. We will begin in the gym with performances from classes, followed by a showcase of art throughout the school and ending with family reading in the classrooms. We are in the process of inviting some community readers as well. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us for the open house, please let Emilie know.

Learning about Learning

Teachers are working toward our math goal of **Computational Fluency**. You can instill a love of math through game play. Some teachers are already sending games home for you to play with your children, game play allows them to practice important skills in an



enjoyable way. It builds flexibility of thinking when it comes to numbers. A deck of cards is always a good starting place.

Try these....

Target Number - Addition Game with Cards 2 Player (sum/difference) - 2 dice/deck of cards/white board (or paper)

Players try to get close to a 2 digit target number by making and adding 2 digit numbers together. They compare the difference to see who is closer.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HW4W8GksqBcC7tH6WpG7uwiyPRJEXZ7b/view?ts=5eb2b166>

Take the Number - subtraction game. Players keep subtracting numbers until they reach zero. - deck of cards/little rectangles of paper/marker (or pencil),

Number Tiles 11 to 19

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wNYUOSuyiruwGzOFIBbRGxYXXAtvOTaD/view?ts=5ebc2a63>

Did you know...

- Lunch hour **Chess club** will begin in January. Retired Principal Peter Balcom returns each year to give this opportunity to our grade 3-5 students and they love it!
- **Mad Science** is also being offered this month on Monday at lunch and there are still spaces for registration: <https://maritimes.madscience.org/>



- January 22nd marks **Lunar New Year** and starts with the first new moon of the lunar calendar. It is often called Chinese New Year, although many other countries celebrate the Lunar New Year, such as Korea, India, Singapore, Malaysia, and more.
- Our EPAs are Jen, Janice, Roxanne, Vanessa, and Mandy. They really support all of us!
- This time of year can be challenging for families recovering from the holiday and increased food costs. Here is a list of food resources in our community:

Sackville Food Resources							Updated: January 2023
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Freedom Kitchen offers take away meals from 4-6pm at the Knox United Church (902) 865-9216				Community Cafe 10-11am Sackville Public Library (902) 865-8653			
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FOOD BANKS							
Beacon House - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri from 9:30-12:45pm and Thurs from 6-7:45pm (902) 864-3025			Gateway Food Bank 9-12pm Wed, Thurs by appt. Call (902) 865-3731 on Tuesday before noon to make appt.				

Guidelines for Inclement Weather

Making the decision to alter the regular operations of school and/or school buses due to inclement weather is never an easy task. To learn more about how the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) makes this call, visit www.hrce.ca/weather.

When is the decision made?

HRCE's goal is to make the decision as close to 6 am. as possible.

A 6 am. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and all bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If the weather deteriorates through the school day, the HRCE can decide to dismiss early. In the event of an early dismissal, the decision will be communicated as close to 11 a.m. as possible.

An 11 a.m. dismissal means:

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly-scheduled lunch hour.

Please Note: students in Grades Primary to 6 will not be released from school until parents/guardians or designates have been notified by the school.

How will families be notified?

- Families will receive an email and text message (opt-in is required: text Y to 978338)*
- Check our website at www.hrce.ca
- Follow us on Twitter at [@HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- Call the HRCE information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)
- All local radio stations are informed



Important Dates

Thursday Jan 5	Chess Club begins gr. 4-5
Monday Jan 16	Mad science begins
Tuesday Jan 17	Grade P-2 Intramurals begin at lunch (see teacher for schedule)
Friday Jan 20	Grade 3-5 Intramurals begin at lunch
Jan 22-26	Lunar New Year and Unity Week
Wednesday Jan 25	PTA Family Dance 6-8 pm
Friday Jan 27	Family Literacy Day and Cultural Open House 1:30-2:30

CPES Family Dance

Wednesday, January 25th

6:00-8:00pm

\$5 per student or \$8 per family

Note: Dance is for elementary ages and younger siblings

A snack canteen will be available.

Please bring small bills/change for admission and canteen.

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT.

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