



## May 2022 Newsletter

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May is here and we are still following Covid protocols! Last month we survived an increase in positive cases and decrease in substitute teachers but things seem to be leveling out. Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Keep reminding students to wear and bring masks each day. We seem to be giving out a lot of replacement masks.

2022-23 school year preparations have begun. In May we will begin to create next year's class lists. Many factors go into creating these lists and decisions are made collaboratively with staff. **If you have exceptional circumstances to request a class placement, please put it in writing and send it to [etsirigotis@hrce.ca](mailto:etsirigotis@hrce.ca) by Friday, May 13th.** We will do our very best to consider all aspects when creating classes however; sometimes numbers are the greatest factor in class configurations.

### TICKS

We have opened one section of the wooded area for play. Students are asked to keep sticks in the woods and use sticks only for building. There are several kinds of ticks in Nova Scotia, but only the blacklegged tick carries the bacteria and virus that cause tick borne diseases, such as Lyme disease. Left to right: Female black legged tick, groundhog tick, dog tick.



#### For more information on ticks:

<https://novascotia.ca/ticksafety/#:~:text=There%20are%20several%20kinds%20of,engorged%20female%20black%20legged%20tick>.

*Check your children regularly for ticks when they come in from outdoor play in grassy and wooded areas.*

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## PRIMARY ORIENTATION

We will be hosting an in person primary orientation for new families registered for Primary in September. The orientation will be on **Thursday May 26, 2022 from 1:00-2:00pm**. Parents and students will be invited to join us in the library that afternoon. The children will transition to a classroom and the parents will remain in the library for a presentation. Spread the word if you know of any potential primary students who still need to register!

## SCHOOL ADVISORY/ PTA



Come join our **Spring Fling** on **Saturday May 28th from 11-1pm**. Rain or shine! This is a family /community event and will be mainly outside on the school grounds. Funds raised on this day will go directly back to the students in the form of resources and school supplies. If you have time to volunteer, please contact the PTA at [caudleparkpta@gmail.com](mailto:caudleparkpta@gmail.com) The PTA will also be in touch for prize, cake and basket donations. *Together we can make this first community event since covid a huge success!*

## POSITIVE PLAYGROUND PLAY

We've been talking a lot with students on positive playground play. Sometimes our play gets competitive, or we forget to share /include others. This can be upsetting to the students who are left out or spoken to in an unkind way. School is a community - a place for students to have a sense of belonging, to feel safe and welcomed. Here is a great book that you can share with your children at home to build awareness of how words can impact on others. It's been shared with some classes. <https://youtu.be/8fEcLYbwZGI>



## UPCOMING DATES

May 3rd Chris Kennedy Drumming Workshops  
May 4 PTA Spring Fling Meeting  
May 10/12 Start of Hope for Wildlife Workshops  
May 10 SAC Meeting (6-7)  
May 16-20 Grade 3 provincial assessment  
May 23 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL  
May 25 Grade 5 Orientation at AJ  
May 26 Primary Orientation 1-2pm  
May 28 Spring Fling 11-1pm



*Our school website has an updated calendar too!*

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