



Caudle Park Elementary

## January Newsletter



### Notes for the office

Happy New Year to all the Caudle Park staff and families! We look forward to sharing learning with everyone over the next 6 months. We hope to keep the December school spirit continuing into the new year. Caudie, our school elf, greeted the students each morning with holiday cheer in his glass house. The Co-op continues to be the highlight of the school year for the students. They LOVE this event and are so proud of the gifts that they buy for some of their favorite people. Thank you to the volunteers and for all of the donations for making this day so much fun! We are always in need of lunch monitors. If you or someone you know could help us with a day or 2 /week, please contact Eleanor [esperry@hrce.ca](mailto:esperry@hrce.ca)



## Family Literacy Open House

Mark the afternoon of **January 26th** on your calendars. This is our school cultural concert and family literacy day. **Festivities begin in the gym at 1pm** with the concert. Classes will be performing songs from the 4 founding cultures of Nova Scotia...Acadian, African Nova Scotian, Indigenous and Celtic. (This event kicks starts a month of studies for the upper grades who are preparing Heritage Fair projects.). Following the concert, families are welcome to make their way throughout the halls to see the art showcases and finish in classrooms to settle into family reading.



Family Literacy Day officially takes place on January 27th to raise awareness of the importance of reading and literacy-related activities. Literacy is critical for child development: building academics, making connections, learning about the world around us and growing imagination. If you are curious about Family Literacy Day.. check out this website:

<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/u>

## 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.

This living value is connected to how students say and do small things, so things like passing unkind words off as 'jokes' negatively impacts on others' sense of belonging. As educators we take every opportunity to interrupt these interactions and teach students perspective and impact. These discussions can continue at home around hurtful jokes, quick judgements, online interactions and including/excluding others.

## PTA / SAC

Our amazing PTA continues to promote profitable and fun filled fundraisers. The Caudle Co Op was a huge success! The event brought in over \$878.00. All funds raised by the PTA go back to the students and classroom resources. Thank you! The next event will be **February 16th with a family Winter Wonderland dance.**

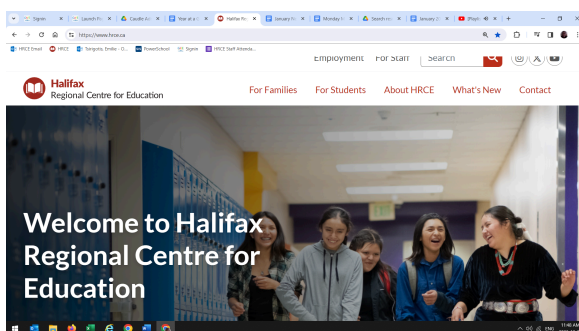
The SAC continues to look at ways to support school improvement and student success. At our last meeting, we revisited the paving and unfinished work on the building, and the curriculum and how it relates to our goals.

## Learning about Learning

In February we will be hosting our **3rd Heritage Fair** at Caudle Park for grades 4-5. Heritage fairs encourage students to explore Canada's heritage in a fun and engaging learning environment. Participants use a trifold board to recount significant events, highlight famous people, or share family histories and present heritage items of personal value. Students present research findings to their classmates, families, and members of their community.

Founded in 1993, Heritage Fairs are now held in every province and territory of Canada. Each year, approximately 60,000 students carry out research projects in the classroom. Participating in heritage fairs builds students' literacy skills of searching for information, interpreting information, making connections, as well as writing about information in their own words and finally, sharing and presenting information to others.

HRCE has a new [website](#) that should be easier to navigate.



HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools and school buses.

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## Smart Phones and watches

Some students have received new technology over the break. With technology comes new lessons and responsibility. Smart devices can become a distraction to learning with the need to check for messages, play games or take photos. Please know that for privacy reasons, students are not allowed to take photos during the school hours. Students have access to the office at any time to contact home. It is important for the office to know of home communication, particularly if a student is leaving school early. Most smart devices have blocks that can be programmed to minimize distractions. Parents are encouraged to have ongoing discussions about appropriate times and use of Smart devices. If they do become an ongoing distraction, parents will be contacted by the teacher and the device may be held until the end of the day.



March 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of Caudle Park school. We are looking to the community to form a committee to plan an event to commemorate this special year for the school. If you are interested in planning something, Please reach out to Emilie at [etsirigotis@hrce.ns.ca](mailto:etsirigotis@hrce.ns.ca)

## Water Bottles

We received a generous donation of crisp new water bottles from **Solid State Pharmaceuticals**. We will keep the water bottles in the office for when students are in need. We are grateful for this act of caring!



## Important Dates

January 26 Cultural Concert /

Family Literacy 1pm

February is Registration Month!

February 16 Winter Wonderland

Dance

February 19 Day - No School

February 27 Heritage fair 1pm



**Tutoring**

**A little help  
for big dreams**

Children's Reading Support is a free tutoring program for children in our community at Sackville Public Library. For more information, drop by 635 Sackville Dr. or call 902-665-8653.

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