



# Newsletter 2024

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

February is always a busy month at the school with the excitement of new year registration and the Heritage fair. The Family Literacy Open house was an excellent kickoff to heritage studies this month. The students performed songs and shared artwork from Nova Scotia's founding cultures. The grade 4-5 students are already deep into their projects and the fair will be on the afternoon of February 23rd. All are welcome!

## LUNCH HOUR EXTRACURRICULARS

Did you know that we have started daily lunch hour extracurriculars? Some programs are drop-in and others are sign up. Thank you to the staff members who are running clubs.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Math club P-2 Sign up with teacher	Maker Space 3-5	Mad Science P-2	Chess Club 3-5	Maker space P-2

## SCHOOL SUCCESS PLAN

We continue to work toward higher achievement at Caudle Park. In **Math** we are working on numbers through **partitioning** in the lower grades and **story problems** in the higher grades. Partitioning is

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Let's learn

We can make a number by combining its individual parts.

a. What number is represented?

b. Now let's take that same number and partition it using the part-whole model.

c. Now let's write the matching number sentence.

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splitting numbers into smaller parts to make them easier to work with. In grade 2 students are introduced to base ten blocks to help think in ones, tens, hundreds and thousands. In **literacy** we are working on **building words** and extending our **vocabulary**. Always take advantage of playing with words and using new words to make conversations more engaging.

## CARING SCHOOLS

The theme for February is **empathy**. Empathy is the ability to imagine how



someone else is feeling in a particular situation and respond with care. This is a very complex skill to develop. Being able to empathize with another person means that a child:

- Understands that he is a separate individual, his own person;
- Understands that others can have different thoughts and feelings than he has;
- Recognizes the common feelings that most people experience-happiness, surprise, anger, disappointment, sadness, etc.;
- Is able to look at a particular situation (such as watching a peer saying good-bye to a parent at child care) and imagine how he-and therefore his friend-might feel in this moment; and
- Can imagine what response might be appropriate or comforting in that particular situation-such as offering his friend a favorite toy or teddy bear to comfort her.

### Building Empathy:

- Empathize with your child.
- Talk about others' feelings.
- Be a role model. When you have strong, respectful relationships and interact with others in a kind and caring way, your child learns from your example.
- Use "I" messages. This type of communication models the importance of self-awareness: I don't like it when you hit me. It hurts.

- Validate your child's difficult emotions. Sometimes when our child is sad, angry, or disappointed, we rush to try and fix it right away, to make the feelings go away because we want to protect him from any pain. However, these feelings are part of life and ones that children need to learn to cope with.

## FEBRUARY IS PRIMARY REGISTRATION MONTH

### Documents to register ONLINE include:

- Proof of address
- Child's birth certificate or passport
- Health card



### What to know about registration:

- Registration is only required if you are **new** to Halifax Regional Centre for Education or your child is beginning school in Pre-Primary or Primary. **Current Pre-Primary students are not required to re-register for Primary.**
- Expiration dates for all **work/study permits** are required. Parents/guardians must have valid work/study permits for their child(ren) to attend HRCE schools. Additional information can be found here at HRCE [International Student's page](#)
- **Registration for Pre-Primary** programs begins on February 1st. For more information, please click [here](#).
- HRCE **Home Address Lookup** can be accessed [here](#).
- The Parent and Student Portal for PowerSchool can be accessed [here](#). New registrants to HRCE will be able to access the portal at the beginning of the school year.

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

**Excel** registration typically happens in April once students are registered. Stay tuned for more information.

*Spread the word!*

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## PTA / SAC

The PTA is hosting a **Winter Wonderland Dance** on Friday February 16th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Guests are invited to wear formal dress up clothes to the dance. Parents are reminded that they are expected to stay at the dance and supervise their children. We will have a fun photo booth where students and families can dress up and save the memories using their own camera.

## TECHNOLOGY

Some students have been wearing electronic watches or tracking devices when at school. **Parents are asked to discuss the importance of privacy with their children and understand that students should not be using their watch to make contact with parents during the school day.** Students are NOT allowed to listen in, photograph or video other students at any time during the school day. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Emilie.

## CANDY GRAMS

In an effort to spread kindness throughout the school, Miss Lindsey and Ms. Lisa will be selling Kindness Candy Grams! Students will have the opportunity to purchase cards between **February 5th-9th** for \$.50 each or 3/ \$1.00. Participants can choose from a variety of affirmations, compliments or with space, write a personalized message. Grams will be delivered to classrooms on February 14th along with a small treat. Funds raised will go directly to student support and extracurricular activities.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY

We will celebrate our 50th anniversary this Spring. We are in the process of creating a school song and hopefully will have an assembly to celebrate this milestone. We would love families to email any school photos from the past or any memories that we may be able to incorporate into the song. Please forward any information that you might have to [etsirigotis@hrce.ca](mailto:etsirigotis@hrce.ca) by March 29th.



## MITTENS

We are always in need of spare mittens if you have any at home that you could donate. Please direct them to schools plus.

## UPCOMING DATES

February 7 PTA 6pm / SAC 7pm

February 14 Valentine's Day

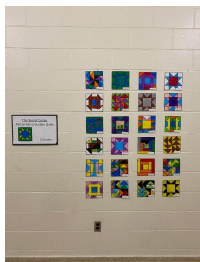
February 16th PTA Winter Wonderland Dance from 6:00-7:30

February 19 Family Heritage Day NO SCHOOL

February 23 Grade 4-5 Heritage Fair 1-2:30pm



Family Literacy Day



## At-home reading tips for caregivers



**Look at your child's books** with them.

Discuss the pictures and build vocabulary by talking about new words.



**Talk with your child about their books.** Ask questions about the story and encourage your child to ask their own questions.



**Make reading aloud a regular part of your routine** – just 15 minutes each day can make a big difference in raising a reader.



**Discuss examples that help them relate** to what they're reading. Connect the story to your child's world.



**Connect with your child's teacher** for more suggestions on how to support reading at home.



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