



## May 2024 Newsletter

### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

As the school year starts to wind down, many things are winding up for the month of May. We will be deep into preparations for the coming school year. This month, it is critical to get updated registration information for new students in pre primary, primary and for newcomers to our neighborhood. School registration is completely online and can be found on the home screen of HRCE.



2022-23 school year preparations have begun. In May we begin to build 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 24th. We do our very best to consider all aspects when creating classes, however; sometimes numbers are the greatest factor in class configurations.

**Welcome to Helen Parsons**, our administrative assistant for the remainder of the year! Sarah Morris will be our permanent assistant starting in August,

**We share the sky, let's share our solar eyeglasses campaign!**

From Canada to the world! The Faculty of Education at MSVU aims to send eyeglasses for the total eclipse to children, future astronomers and scientists, in



Asia, Africa, and South America, allowing them to witness the eclipse safely, so please share your solar eclipse eyeglasses with us. There will be a drop-off box in the office and at the Spring Fair.

## CARING SCHOOLS

The theme for May is **ACCEPTANCE**. This theme provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate equity as our school community has become increasingly diverse. Acceptance of others and teaching your children acceptance starts with you because as a parent you are the most influential human being in your child's life. The influence parents have in shaping children's acceptance of others can supersede peer pressure. Educating children on the equity of others and of themselves creates a sense of justice, when you have a sense of justice you create a better and kinder world.

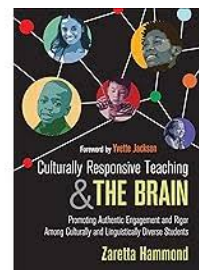


## PRIMARY ORIENTATION

Primary orientation will be on **Thursday May 23, 2022 from 1:00-2:00pm**. Parents and students will be invited to join us in the library that afternoon. During the orientation, 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

*We are looking for volunteers to sit on both our School Advisory Committee and the PTA for 2024-25.* The two committees have very different roles. The advisory committee works with the school administration to review policies, current information in the world of education, and look at ways to enhance student success. The SAC has grant money and has supported the school in purchasing school and professional resources that have a positive impact on



our students. This year, the SAC purchased Zaretta Hammond's professional resource. This will drive professional discussions during staff meetings and PD. The SAC meets 6 times in the school year, typically the first Wednesday of each month. The SAC is an excellent venue for you to share your ideas and have a voice in developing our school culture.

The PTA is a fundraising committee that also meets the first Wednesday of each month. The primary focus is to raise funds that will go directly to students. Over the last 3 years, the PTA purchased most school supplies for students. They have put money towards other things like the grounds, technology and performances.

If you or someone in the community might be interested in joining either committee, please contact Emilie at [etsirigotis@hrce.ca](mailto:etsirigotis@hrce.ca).



Come join our **Spring Fair** on **Saturday May 25th from 11pm** Rain or shine! This is a family /community event and will be mainly outside on the school grounds.

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 cake and basket donations.

**Together we can!**

## TICKS

The wooded areas are open 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.

Our end of year school trip will be at the **Buperbowl** in Sackville on Thursday, June 13th. More details to follow! We will be looking for parent volunteers to help chaperone. Be sure to have your [child abuse registry and police records check](#) completed in advance if you might be interested in helping out. These checks last 3 years. We have records in the office if you have completed a check in the past. You can contact Helen at the main desk.



Using the most updated version of your web browser, please visit <https://caezchildtrack.com/excel/parent>. Once you have reached the Parent Portal landing page, please enter your email address and password in the "Returning Parents Sign In" icon to access your account. If you do not remember your password or have not visited the parent portal, please click on the Sign Up button in the "Existing Parents Sign Up" icon and enter your Registered Email Address to receive a temporary password. Please do this prior to the Early Registration period to avoid a delay in the application process.

Mrs. Sperry is looking for large coffee ground tins for a project (not plastic).

#### UPCOMING DATES

May 14-17 Grade 3 provincial assessment

May 20 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL

May 23 Primary Orientation 1-2pm

May 25 Spring Fair 11-1pm