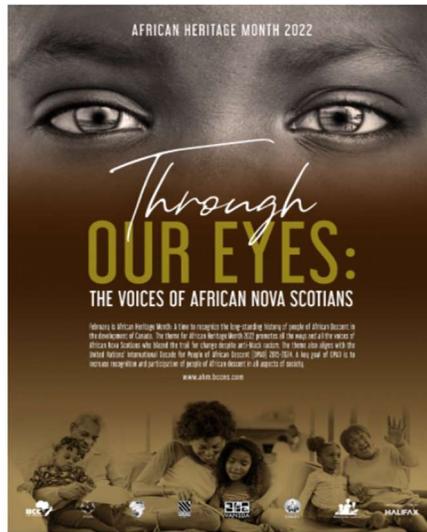




February 2022

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February is African Heritage Month: This year's African Heritage Month provincial theme, Through Our Eyes: The Voices of African Nova Scotians, recognizes the long-standing history of people of African Descent in the development of Canada. This theme explores and examines the affects of anti-black racism and the voice of African Nova Scotians who blazed the trail for change. The theme also aligns with the United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (DPAD) 2015-2024. The goal of DPAD is to strengthen global cooperation in support of people of African descent, increase awareness and the passage towards presence in all aspects of society.



www.ahm.bccnswb.com/wp/home/

Masks and Testing Kits: Families can expect to see a second set of testing kits in their book bags over the weekend or on Monday. Students will also receive a second three ply masks. We are very pleased to report that students are taking their shared responsibility for our health seriously and as such, fewer reminders to wear masks are required. Bravo!

Registration: Please share with your contacts and in the community. Registration open for Pre-Primary and Primary students beginning in the Fall of 2022.



<https://www.hrce.ca/registration>

Parent Teacher Group: The PTG held a second meeting on January 25th with new members joining in virtually. Recognizing that the PTG is as much about community connection as it is about fundraising, the current team is working on a plan to use a virtual platform to try to connect with families in a fun and creative way. More information to follow. The next PTG meeting is 6:30 on February 15th. Email the school if you are interested in participating.

Lice: It is typically this time of year that we notice an uptick in the number of cases of head lice in schools and this year is not any different. Please follow this link to find more about Lice prevention, detection, and treatment.

www.novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/public-health-education/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf

School Bells : Just a reminder that students should not be on the playground before 8:40 am. The school has an 8:39 notification bell for staff followed by the 8:40 bell, which signals the start of the day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1st
Registration Begins

February 15th
National Flag Day / PTG

February 18th
Professional Development

February 21
-Heritage Day
No ClsSES

March 14-18
March Break
- No Classes

March 23
Assessment Day (No Classes)

March 29th
SAC – 5:45

April 5
Report Cards

April 6
PD – Morning
Parent Teacher- PM
No Classes

April 7
No Classes
Parent Teacher- AM
PD – Afternoon

April 15 -18
Good Friday
Easter Monday
(No Classes)

SAC: Our SAC is currently in search of a community member for this school year. We are also notifying families that we will have vacancies for the Parent position on our SAC for 22-23. The term is three years. If you would like more information, contact the school or one of your local SAC members.
Parent Position.

Strings: We have learned that Pam Mason will be on deferred for the second half of the school year. A replacement has been found but will not be eligible to start for a couple of weeks. More information to follow.

Lockdown Drill: The safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority for Ecole Grosvenor-Wentworth Park School and the Halifax Regional Center for Education. We have been implementing a number of measures as part of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring our school remains a safe place for our students to learn.

One of the procedures our school will be practicing is a lockdown drill. During a lockdown drill, classroom doors are secured and the students remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building.

Students are kept inside the school and classrooms when circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill. These drills should be treated with the same level of importance as fire drills.

Please be assured that staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time after the drill to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger. When possible, our School Liaison Officer may assist us in conducting the lockdown drills just as the Fire Department assists with evacuation drills.

Please take the time to speak with your son/daughter about this procedure and reinforce its importance. We practice these drills to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning. The school will be holding a Lockdown drill the week of February 7th.

Traffic: We have recently seen a fairly significant increase in the number of cars dropping off students in the morning. Each morning there is at least one vehicle that is involved in passing the school bus when the red lights are on and the stop sign is out. We are also noticing a number of cars stopping in no-stopping zones or parking in areas that designated for handicap parking. We have a number of that need to use the special parking areas to drop off their children. Please do not park in this area if you do not have the appropriate parking designation. The final plea is for families dropping students off to refrain from doing so on the side of the street opposite the school. Over the years, we have seen situations where students may be in the middle of Downing while a driver attempts to pass a bus or a stopped car. We acknowledge that two point turns are legal but please be aware that there are children on the sidewalk and sometimes on the street when these maneuvers are being performed.



The Food Box Program: If your family is in need of food, please call 2-1-1, Monday to Friday from 8 am until 8 pm. Alternatively, you can access the program by visiting www.ns.211.ca and select 'Food Support' for a listing of other food support services in your area.



COVID-19 Daily Checklist

It is important to closely monitor your health and the health of those you care for to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses like the flu. Vaccination is your best defense against COVID-19 and some other illnesses like the flu.

- 1 Do you feel sick?**
If yes, stay home or put a mask on right away and go home. Keep doing healthy habits like washing your hands and coughing or sneezing into your elbow. Avoid school, work, child care settings and public spaces. Do not return until you feel better (without fever medications) for at least 24 hours. It's ok if you still have a mild cough or runny nose, unless you are in one of the situations below.
- 2 In the past 48 hours, have you had, or are you currently experiencing:**

Cough (new or worsening)
OR two or more of the following symptoms (new or worsening):
 Fever (i.e. chills/sweats)  Sore throat  Runny nose/ nasal congestion  Headache  Shortness of breath
If yes, go home or stay home as noted above. Book a [COVID-19 test online](#). If you are unable to book a test online, call 811. You are required to self-isolate while awaiting your test result. If you test positive, follow public health instructions.
- 3 Have you visited a COVID-19 exposure site?**
Check the list of [COVID-19 exposure sites](#) and follow Public Health instructions. You may need to be tested. You may also need to self-isolate.
- 4 Have you been outside Nova Scotia in the past 14 days?**
If yes, check if you are required to [isolate due to travel](#).
- 5 Has Public Health told you that you are a close contact of a COVID-19 case?**
If yes, follow Public Health instructions. You may need to be tested. You may also need to self-isolate.

novascotia.ca/coronavirus

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Store Closes
DAYS : HOURS : MINUTES : SECONDS
22 : 12 : 45 : 3

2022 Honouree: The Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Landscape of Grand-Pré becoming a UNESCO World Heritage site, we will celebrate the rich heritage of this landscape which features an exceptional traditional agricultural settlement still in use today and an iconic place of memory for the Acadian diaspora.

The Landscape of Grand-Pré is located in the southern Minas Basin of Nova Scotia, the Grand-Pré marshland and archaeological sites constitute a cultural landscape bearing testimony to the development of agricultural farmland using dykes and the aboiteau wooden sluice system, started by the Acadians in the 17th century and further developed and maintained by the Planters and present-day inhabitants.

