



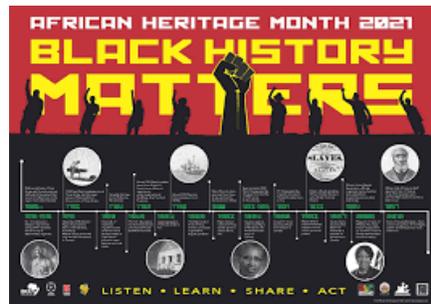
Beaver Bank Kinsac News



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Dates To Remember

Mon., Feb. 1 – Pre-Primary & Primary Registration Begins
Wed., Feb. 3 – SAC meeting @ 6:00
Tues., Feb. 9 – Lockdown Drill #2
Sun., Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day
Mon. 15 – Edward Francis Arab Day – No School

February
is
Registration Month

hrce.ca/registration

Pre-Primary and Primary Registration

Pre-Primary and Primary Registration for the 2021/2022 school year will take place Feb 1- Feb 28. Children being registered for Pre-Primary must be 4 years of age and grade Primary must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2021. Parents/guardians are required to show your child's birth certificate, proof of residency, and provincial health card number.

Due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to invite families in to the school to complete the registration process. Instead we are asking families to register online at:

<https://www.hrce.ca/about-hrce/school-administration/student-registration/registration-process-2021-22-school-year>

Children who are currently in Pre-Primary don't need to register for Primary. Those students will automatically move into grade Primary.



Valentine's Day

Due to Covid, Valentine's Day will look a little bit different at BBK this year. We are asking families not to send in valentine's cards or treats. Teachers are planning ways to celebrate Valentine's Day safely in the classroom, including virtual valentines or student-made valentine's.



Edward Francis Arab

Feb. 15, 2021 is Family Day in Nova Scotia. This year we will be remembering and honouring Edward Francis Arab. Edward is a family member of Margaret Mary Arab Alexander, our school's Speech Language Pathologist. Ms. Alexander shared some information about Edward that we thought you might be interested in knowing.

Edward was born in Halifax in 1915. His grandparents were among the first Lebanese families to immigrate to Nova Scotia from Lebanon in the late 1800's.

Edward is known for being a Maritime Inter-scholastic Boxing champion; a prominent lawyer who represented immigrants, African Nova Scotians and other people who couldn't afford to pay; an army hero who lost his life on the battlefield at 28; and a founding member of The Canadian Lebanon Society of Halifax.

There is a street in Halifax named after him. It is called Edward Arab Ave. West Mount School lives on his street.



Do you need a Chromebook for at-home learning?

We are in the planning stages for a potential need to shift to at-home learning. If your child doesn't have a device that can be used for accessing the internet, their Google Classroom, Google Meet, etc., please visit <https://forms.gle/rfXGE5DpujVDCMVv7> and fill in the form. We will do our best to supply you with a school Chromebook if/when at-home learning happens. You only need to fill in the form if you require a school Chromebook.

Early Pick-Up or Late Drop Off

If you are picking a student up for an appointment or dropping them off after an appointment, or you are dropping off forgotten items please use the following process:

- Call the office to let us know that you are coming
- Ring the bell to let us know that you are here
- Wait outside for someone to meet you at the door



Parking Lot Safety

In an effort to maximize student safety, we are asking families who are pulling into our kiss-and-go lane to watch out for people walking and yield to buses.

Safe Arrival

Buses begin arriving in our parking lot at 8:05. Students enter the building and go directly to their classrooms. We recommend that students who are being dropped off arrive between 8:20 and 8:25. The bell will ring at 8:25, we will play O'Canada, share the morning announcements, teachers will complete their attendance and classes will begin. Students arriving after 8:30 will be late and will need to check in at the office before heading to class.

School or Bus Cancellation/Delayed Opening/Early Closure

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools in the event of severe or inclement weather. Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are made as close to 6 am as possible and are posted on the centre's website at www.hrce.ns.ca, on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS), recorded on the school cancellation line at 464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. Beaver Bank Kinsac is part of the Lockview High Family of Schools.

If weather conditions warrant, the HRCE could implement a delayed opening. If this was to occur, school would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 10:25. If buses are operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time pending any weather-related delays. Our lunch and dismissal times will remain at their regularly scheduled times

The weather in Nova Scotia is unpredictable so it's always a good idea for families to have a back-up plan for child care when school is cancelled. To learn more about the process on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit:

<https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather> .



Information

Please follow us on Twitter @bbkinsac and on our website at <https://bbk.hrce.ca> for information and updates. You will find contact information for our school staff on our website. Please feel free to contact us anytime!