

Beaver Bank Kinsac News

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Dates To Remember

Friday, March 10 – Term 2 ends
Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 17 – March Break – No school
Monday, March 20 – Assessment & Evaluation Day – No school
Wednesday, March 29 – Report cards go home
Thursday, March 30 - PD in the morning & parent/teacher in the afternoon & evening – No school for students

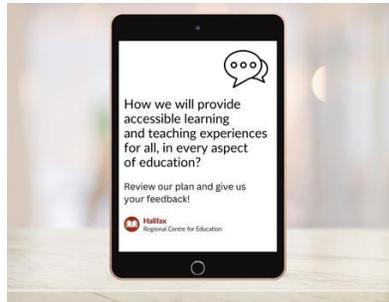


We would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to...

- Our BBK SAC! Our SAC committed funds to purchasing student learning materials required for math and literacy including magnetic letters and trays, books, dice, cards, counters, etc.
- Our Schools Plus Team for securing a \$2000.00 grant from the Cobequid Community Health Board for Mental Health Awareness Programming at Beaver Bank Kinsac Elementary.
- Tammy MacLellan for securing a \$10 000 Healthy Schools grant to provide additional healthy breakfast choices for our students.



We are looking for a group of committed volunteers who are interested in planning and organizing a Spring Fair. If you are interested, please email Kelly Clarke at kclarke@hrce.ca.



We need your input on the Joint Accessibility Plan

The Nova Scotia Accessibility Act recognizes **accessibility as a human right** and sets a goal of an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. You can learn more about how the province will achieve this goal [here](#).

Nova Scotia's seven regional centres for education and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial are responsible for developing a multi-year plan to ensure accessibility in public education. Together, we created a Draft Joint Accessibility Plan, outlining ***how we will provide accessible learning and teaching experiences for all, in every aspect of education***. We're now looking for feedback from Nova Scotian families and staff in our organizations.

We are inviting you to review our draft plan and provide input through *ThoughtExchange*. Tell us what works, what needs improvement and what we might be missing. It's quick, easy and anonymous. You can read and rate the thoughts of others – and contribute as often as you like.

How to get started

- [Click here](#) to review the Draft Joint Accessibility Plan in English. [Click here](#) for French.
- [Click here](#) to share your feedback using *ThoughtExchange*.
- If you prefer to share your feedback by email, [click here](#).
This consultation will run until March 8, 2023.



Did you know? Halifax Regional Arts

Did you know that Halifax Regional Arts (HRA) gives opportunities to all HRCE students to have enhanced fine arts experiences?

Did you know that all programming, including all instruments, supplies, and materials are FREE? HRA provides fine arts experiences, including music, drama, dance and visual arts. Each family of schools has at least one HRA Fine Arts Specialist (Visual Arts, Drama, Dance) that have reached nearly 53,000 students since September!

Curious to learn more? Visit <https://hra.hrce.ca/>

Becky Lytle from Halifax Regional Arts spent the month of January working with our students. There were stories, poetry, student voices, protests, emotions, puppets, talking sticks, paintings, posters, learning and fun! You can check out some of the work on our Twitter page @bbkinsac.



School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a committee of parents, school staff and community members who meet a minimum of six times per year. Each school is mandated by the Education Act to have an SAC to advise the administration on educational matters. Our SAC chair is Patricia Sabourin. You can reach her via email at hrce-sac-bbk@gnspe.ca. For more information about our SAC you can check us out here: <https://bbk.hrce.ca/bbk/school-advisory-council/20212022-bbk-sac>

Our next meeting will be held virtually on Wed., April 26 @ 6:00.



Student Supervision

This is a reminder to families that student supervision begins at 8:05 in the morning.

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 8:25 will be late and will need to check in at the office before heading to class.**



Parking Lot Safety

Our school parking lot has become very busy and less safe for our students with both cars and buses trying to let students off in the mornings. We are very concerned that this traffic will result in someone getting hurt. In an effort to maximize student safety please:

- Do not park in the school parking lot
- Let students out of cars onto the sidewalk in the kiss-and-go lane
 - Follow the arrows and other markings on the road
- Do not pass buses in the loop – wait behind them until the students have been let off the bus and the bus has pulled away

We sincerely appreciate your help with creating a safe school yard for all of our students and staff.



Schools Plus

Schools Plus staff are here to support Beaver Bank Kinsac Elementary families.

We can:

- Help get answers to your questions.
 - Connect you with services that can make a difference for your family.
 - Help you fill out forms.
- Help you apply for funding (to help pay for things like recreation programs or eyeglasses).
 - Support you during a stressful time.
- Help you get ready for a meeting with a school, agency, landlord, etc. We'll help you feel prepared and have a voice.
 - Work with you and school staff to help your child be successful!

SchoolsPlus services are free and confidential.

Contact your Schools Plus Community Outreach, Rachel Murray, to see if she is the right fit for you and your family: Rachel.Murray@hrce.ca



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!