



Beaver Bank Kinsac News



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Dates To Remember

Wed., March 22 to Fri., April 21 - Ramadan
Sun., April 2 – World Autism Awareness Day
Fri., April 7 – Good Friday – No School
Mon., April 10 – Easter Monday – No School
Wed., April 26 – SAC meeting via Google Meet



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

- Ms. Roberts and our Grade 4 & 5 PALS for playing with our younger students during recess play.
- All the staff, students, and parents who volunteered to prepare the wonderful breakfast foods during Nutrition Month.



Welcome to our new Regional Executive Director

We are pleased to share the appointment of our new Regional Executive Director for HRCE, Steve Gallagher. Steve has been in the role on an acting basis since September and has officially accepted the role permanently. To learn more, [click here](#).



Happy Ramadan!

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting (sawm), prayer, reflection, and community. This year, Ramadan is from March 22 to April 21. We'd like to extend our best wishes to those students, families and staff who are celebrating Ramadan this month!



April is Autism Acceptance Month and April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness and Acceptance Day was April 2nd, but the entire month of April is dedicated to raising awareness to provide support and acceptance of those people in our communities who live with autism. This year's observance focuses on the contribution of autistic people at home, at work, in the arts and in policymaking. For more information about autism resources and supports in Nova Scotia please visit <http://www.autismnovascotia.ca/>.

You can also visit <https://www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day> for more information about World Autism Awareness and Acceptance Day.

Consider sharing a book about what it is like to live with autism as an individual or as a family member. There are books available in a wide range of grade levels such as: The New Neighbours (Grades 1 and 2), Slug Days (Grade 3), My Friend has Autism (Grade 3), Duck Days (Grade 3), Fragile Bones: Harrison and Anna (Grade 10), and Carly's Voice: Breaking through autism (Grade 11).

Thank you for being part of the community who cares about and supports our students and families living with autism.

PALS

The BBK Playground Activity Leaders at School program is up and running! Our Grade 4 & 5 PALS are amazing playground leaders. Each PAL is scheduled once every two weeks to organize and lead fun and safe activities during the junior elementary recess.

"There is always room for one more."



Introducing the BBK Rainbow Flag

This week in class, students learned about the Rainbow Flag. Through literature about its creator and art, students shared and explored what the flag symbolizes: respecting differences, to feel good about who you are and what you have accomplished, feeling welcome, accepted and safe.

BBK Rainbow Club Update

Rainbow Club is a lunch time extra curricular social group, open to students in grades 4 & 5. The club meets twice a month to eat together, play games and do arts and crafts. We are an “everybody club”. Recent activities: holiday ornaments, button making and supporting the creation of a whole school rainbow collage.



Do you know how to raise a concern?

Did you know that there's a protocol in place to help families contact schools or the HRCE office when you have concerns about your student's education or well-being?

- All concerns should first be shared with your child's teacher.
- If your concern is not resolved, you should then contact the principal.
- If your concern remains unresolved, you can reach out to [HRCE's Parent Navigators](#) who can provide information about a wide range of supports and resources or connect you with the school supervisor.
- If your matter continues to be unresolved, you can then initiate a formal review process in which the matter will be investigated by the appropriate HRCE Directors.
- The final step is for your concern to be passed on to the Regional Executive Director.

Click here to view the [Parent/Guardian Concern Policy](#).



Information

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