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Dates To Remember

Tuesday, May 16 – Grade 3 Provincial Assessment - Literacy Thursday, May 18 – Grade 3 Provincial Assessment – Literacy Monday, May 22 – Victoria Day – No School Wednesday, May 23 - Grade 3 Provincial Assessment – Math Thursday, May 25 - Grade 3 Provincial Assessment – Math Fri., May 26 - Spring Fair 6 – 8:30 Wednesday, May 31 – SAC Meeting



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

 To our small group of parents who volunteered to be part of our Spring Fair Committee! Because of you, we will have a spring fair at BBK this year! We will be looking for more volunteers...stay tuned for more details!

Asian Heritage Month

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada. Asian Heritage Month is an opportunity for us to learn more about the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage who, throughout our history, have done so much to make Canada the country we know and love.

The theme for Asian Heritage Month 2022 is, "Continuing a legacy of greatness". This month is a reminder for all Canadians to come together to combat anti-Asian racism and discrimination in all its forms. To earn more please visit: https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/asian-heritage-month.html



Nova Scotia Provincial Assessments

Our Grade 3 students will be writing the literacy assessment over 2 days (May 16 & 18) and they will be writing the math assessment over 2 days (May 23 & 25). The grade 3 teachers will be working hard over the next month to prepare our students for these assessments. For information about the assessments, please visit:

https://www.plans.ednet.ns.ca/sites/default/files/documents/LM3/2022-2023 LM3-EN ParentPamphlet.pdf



EXCEL Registration

The EXCEL program is a recreation-based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, offering before and after school care for elementary-aged children.

At each school site, the dedicated and qualified staffing teams plan weekly games and activities that suit the needs and interests of the registered students. These individual plans are framed around EXCEL's overall philosophy which is focused on physical activity and positive social interaction in a safe and fun environment.

Registration for returning children began April 24 and registration for new EXCEL participants will begin on May 8. Click here for more information.



Homework Hub: Finish the year off strong!

Did you know your student has access to Homework Hub? Finish the year off strong with the help of experienced tutors!

- **GNSPES Access:** Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account (gnspes.ca) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.
- 24/7 Access: Anytime access to video tutorials, practice questions and vocabulary review.
 - Bilingual tutors available for students in:
 - o Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
 - o Grade 4-5 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

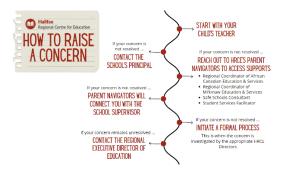
Watch this video to learn more about Homework Hub!

HRCE is Growing!

Almost 58,000 students are currently enrolled in the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE)! In the last five years, enrolment has increased by 7,733. In fact, since September 30, 2022, we've welcomed more than 1,000 additional students! As our region's population expands (Nova Scotia's population reached one million last year), new families register within our system on an ongoing basis.

This is an exciting time for our province, our city and for HRCE!

With this growth comes a lot of important changes for our region. Please visit the www.hrce.ca for the latest updates!



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.



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