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February/March 2025 News

Dear Central Families,

It's hard to believe we're already at the halfway mark of the school year! Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide the best possible experience for our students.

Do you have a child who will be starting pre-primary or primary this fall? It's time to register! You'll find more details on the next page.

February is African Heritage Month, and we'll be recognizing this important time throughout the month. African Heritage Month 2025 is an opportunity to educate, inspire, and celebrate the richness of African heritage in Nova Scotia every day.

As a reminder, February 17 is Heritage Day (no school for students and staff).

Finally, our school spirit wear fundraiser is now open. Please see the link below. Ordering window closes on Feb. 12.

<https://centralspryfield.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Dates to Remember

Feb 7 - African Drumming and Dancing for all students

Feb - 17 - Nova Scotia Heritage Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)

Mar 7 - Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes)

Mar 10-14 - March Break (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)

April 3 - Parent Teacher Interviews (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)

April 18 - Good Friday (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)

April 21 - Easter Monday (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)



Friendly Reminders

- **Classes start at 8:50 AM** - This includes Music and Phys. Ed.. Please ensure that students arrive to school on time.
- Office Check in - Please check in at the main office if entering the school for any reason during the school day.
- Parking lot - Staff parking only from 8am-4pm. Please use street parking for drop-offs and pick-ups. Students may be out front during recess and lunch, so avoid driving and parking in front of the building.
- Address Updates - Inform the office of any changes to your address currently in PowerSchool.
- Serious allergies - These include sesame, peanuts and tree nuts. There are also sensitivities to scents.



February is Registration Month

Do you have a child who will be starting pre-primary or primary this fall? It's time to register!

Registration for the 2025-26 school year begins on February 3. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract)

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.

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Celebrate African Heritage Month 2025



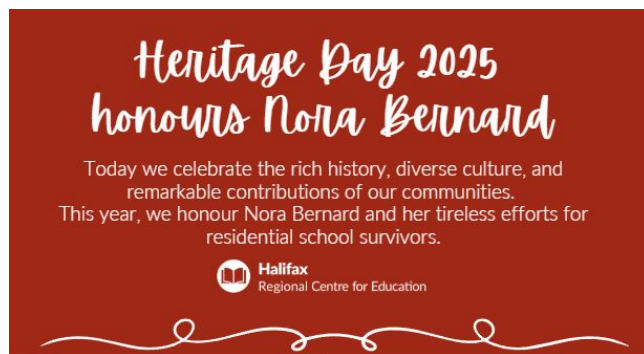
African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia, celebrated each February, honours the contributions of African Nova Scotians. This year's theme, Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance, highlights the achievements and resilience of African Nova Scotians, who have shaped the province's history for more than 400 years. In schools, recognizing African Heritage Month is crucial for promoting cultural awareness and inclusion. It fosters understanding of the diverse cultural landscape of Nova Scotia, empowering African Nova Scotian students by reflecting their history and heritage in their classrooms. Highlighting their achievements serves as a source of inspiration. African Heritage Month 2025 is an opportunity to educate, inspire, and celebrate the richness of African heritage in Nova Scotia every day.



February 17 is Heritage Day

Heritage Day 2025 honours the late Nora Madeline Bernard. From Millbrook First Nation, she was a Mi'kmaq activist who fought for her community and First Nations people across Canada.

Ms. Bernard played a key role in getting justice, recognition, and compensation for survivors of the Canadian Indian Residential School system. As a survivor of the system herself, she founded and became president of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School Association in 1987. She then started a class-action lawsuit for the survivors, which inspired others across the country to do the same, leading to the largest class-action lawsuit in Canadian history.



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Lockdown Drill in February



During the week of February 10-14, we'll hold our second Lockdown drill of the year.

As a reminder, a Lockdown is used when there is an immediate threat to a school.

During a Lockdown, no one enters or exits the building, and everyone stays in a secure location away from doors and windows.

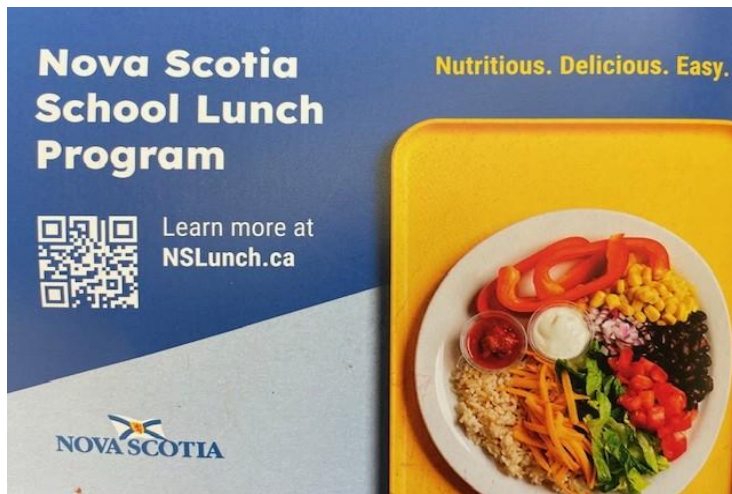
Our staff will explain the drill to students beforehand and remind them afterwards that it was just practice. When possible, our police partners join us for Lockdown drills.

You can learn more about our safety procedures in HRCE schools [here](#). Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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The Nova Scotia School Lunch Program



The ordering calendar is on the next page

<https://nslunch.ca/>

School Bell Schedule

8:35 - Students start arriving

8:50 - Classes begin

11:50-12:45 - Lunch

2:50 - Dismissal



Literacy Development for Your Child (Primary to Grade 4)

Are you curious about your child's literacy development? A new page of information on HRCE.ca helps to break down development for children from grades Primary to 6 as they learn to read and write.

Learn more [here](#).



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NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM 2024 – 2025 Ordering Schedule

Ordering opens on Fridays at midnight and closes on Wednesdays at noon

SEPTEMBER 2024

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JUNE 2025

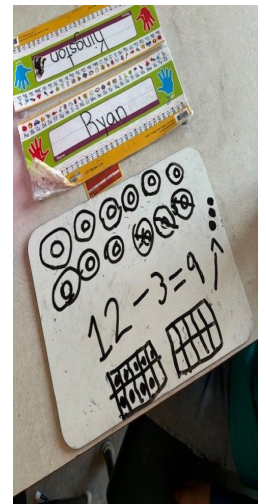
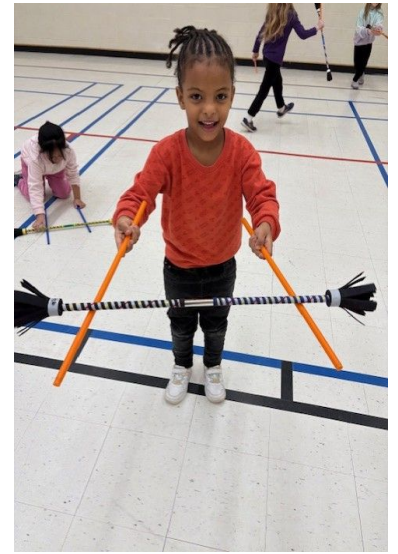
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LEGEND

- Week 1 & 2 Menu Served
- Week 3 & 4 Menu Served
- Ordering Window for Week 1 & 2 Menu
- Ordering Window for Week 3 & 4 Menu

No School
Some schools may have additional closure dates. Please check your RCE/CSAP calendar for school-specific closure dates

JANUARY FUN!



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