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February/March News

Dear Central Families,

It's hard to believe we are already well into the second half of the school year. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to support our student learning and well-being every single day.

This newsletter covers highlights and important information for both February and March. If you have a child who will be starting Pre-primary or Primary this fall, registration is now open. Please see the following page for more information.

February is African Heritage Month, and our school will be recognizing this important time throughout February. African Heritage Month 2026 provides an opportunity to educate, inspire, and celebrate the richness of African heritage in Nova Scotia every day.

As a reminder, there will be no school for students and staff on February 16 in recognition of Heritage Day. March Break will take place from March 16–20, with an Assessment and Evaluation Day on Friday, March 13.

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 16 - Heritage Day (no classes)
- March 13 - Assessment and Eval Day (no classes for students)
- March 16 - 20 - March Break (no classes)
- April 1- Evening Parent teacher interviews (5:00 - 7:00 pm)
- April 2 - AM PD/ Afternoon Parent teacher interviews (1:00 - 3:00 pm)

School Bell Schedule

8:35 - 8:45 - Teachers welcome students at entrance doors

8:50 - Classes begin

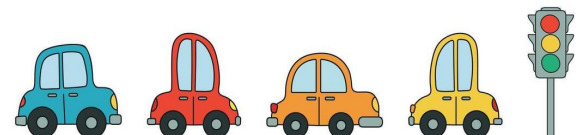
11:50-12:45 - Lunch

2:50 - Dismissal



Parking Lot Safety

Please remember that the school parking lot is **closed to parents during the school day** for the safety of our students. Thank you for your understanding and helping us keep everyone safe!





February is Registration Month

Do you have or know a child who will be starting Pre Primary or Primary this fall?
It's time to register!

Registration for the 2026-27 school year begins on Monday, February 2. 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 with one of the following: 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, a mortgage contract or a residential lease agreement

Visit the [HRCE website](http://www.hrce.ca) 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.

One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.

- Malala Yousafzai

February is African Heritage Month

African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich history, vibrant culture, and lasting contributions of people of African descent in our province. This year's theme, "Strength in Unity – Moving Forward with Purpose, Prosperity, Power and Progress," reminds us of the importance of coming together as a community, learning from one another, and moving forward with shared purpose.

In our schools, African Heritage Month provides meaningful opportunities for students to explore African Nova Scotian histories and experiences, deepen their understanding of

our shared past, and reflect on the values of respect, inclusion, and belonging. Through classroom learning, discussions, and activities connected to this year's theme, students are encouraged to appreciate diversity, build empathy, and recognize the strength that comes from unity. These experiences help foster welcoming school communities and inspire students to contribute positively to a more inclusive and equitable future for all.



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February 16 is Heritage Day



Nova Scotia Heritage Day is celebrated on Monday, February 16, and provides an opportunity for students and families to learn more about the people, stories, and events that have shaped our province. Each year, Heritage Day honours a notable Nova Scotian, and in 2026 we recognize Joseph William Comeau, an important Acadian poet, writer, and cultural leader.

Joseph William Comeau is remembered for his contributions to Acadian literature and for helping to preserve and promote Acadian language, identity, and culture in Nova Scotia. His work reflected the everyday lives, resilience, and traditions of Acadian communities, and his legacy continues to influence Acadian culture today.

Heritage Day provides us with an opportunity to explore Nova Scotia's diverse history and to better understand how individuals from different backgrounds have contributed to our shared story. Learning about Joseph William Comeau helps students appreciate the richness of Acadian heritage and the importance of preserving culture, language, and community.

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Planning for Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

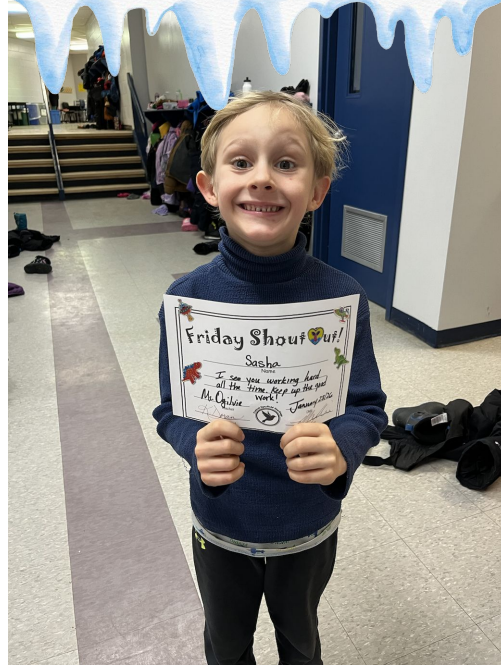
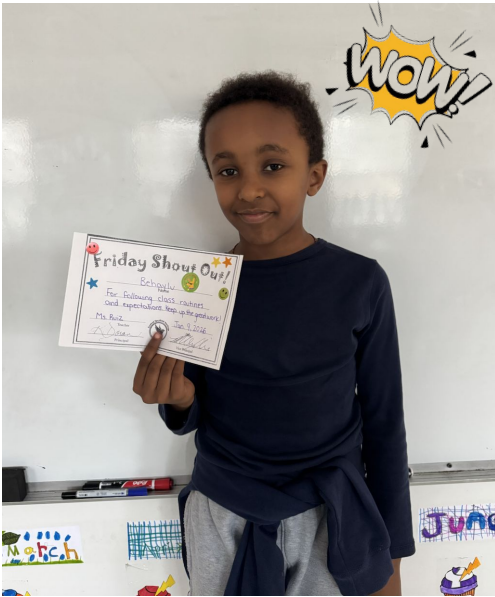
- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, if you have opted-in. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: 978338
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/families/cancellations.

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January Fun!



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