

# Central Spryfield Elementary School

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## Hello April 2021

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

April: Autism Awareness Month

- April 14: Baisakhi Day
- April 19: SAC
- April 22: Earth Day



### March at a Glance

Happy April Everyone!

- We continue to practice Kindness at Central, with our weekly kindness affirmations, and have begun doing **Kindness Callouts** on Fridays to parents of students who were chosen by their teacher for their kindness. Due to the short week after Easter Holiday, our next kindness callout will be April 16
- We continue to be busy receiving registrations for pre-primary and other grades for 2021-2022. If you know of any parents who are new to public school and may not have registered their child for September, please get them to call the school for information.
- Our Wednesday Pizza day is going well. We started our second round on March 31, and for those that paid for the second round it will continue until May 5. We should be able to fit one more in before the end of the year.

### Covid Protocols

A reminder to parents to closely monitor the health of your children each day. If they are unwell they should stay home. If they have a fever or cough or two or more of the following symptoms: sore throat, runny nose, headache or shortness of breath, they need to stay home. If you are unsure whether you should have them tested complete the 811 online assessment, <https://when-to-call-about-covid19.novascotia.ca/en>, or if unable to access the online tool, call 811.

### Baisakhi in India

The Baisakhi harvest celebration in countries such as in India is an occasion of dancing, singing, music, wearing of festive garments and religious praise. The festival marks the start of the New Year in the Nanakshahi solar calendar. Baisakhi, also known as Baisakhi, is a harvest celebration observed in countries such as India. **What Do People do During Baisakhi?** Many people in India celebrate Baisakhi by dancing, singing, dressing in holiday finery, observing wrestling bouts and enjoying the many parades that take place at this time. Men dance the *Bhangra* and women dance the *Gidda* to celebrate this event. People enjoy holiday foods and special treats such as *kada prasad* (a type of sweet). Happy Baisakhi to all who celebrate.

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### Parent Tutorials for Google Classroom

Questions about Google Classroom? Here are a couple of links to support parents and families: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QCHHuuuRkrXhxt7EjfqmMw\\_JDOI4sdIXOI4sdIX5Na3t9j7YE/edit](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QCHHuuuRkrXhxt7EjfqmMw_JDOI4sdIXOI4sdIX5Na3t9j7YE/edit)

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QCHHuuuRkrXhxt7EjfqmMw\\_JDOI4sdIX5Na3t9j7YE/edit#slide=id.p15](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QCHHuuuRkrXhxt7EjfqmMw_JDOI4sdIX5Na3t9j7YE/edit#slide=id.p15)

### **April is Autism Awareness Month**

April 2, 2021 was World Autism Awareness Day. Here in Nova Scotia, we recognize the entire month of April as Autism Awareness Month, but on April 2 take part in Light It Up Blue - a unique, global initiative that helps raise awareness by Lighting It Up in support and celebration of World Autism Awareness Day. Why not light it up blue all month or every chance you get! Shine blue lights, hang blue ribbons, wear blue clothing and show your support for Autism Awareness! Get creative! Share your photos and stories by using the hashtag #lightitupNS and email us at [lightitupblue@autismns.ca](mailto:lightitupblue@autismns.ca).



### **Grade 5 and 6 Transitioning to Rockingstone Heights Next Year**

With the information coming out last month about the reconfiguration of the feeder schools with the New JL Isley opening in September 2021, I am sure many grade 5 parents (and 6's too) have questions in relation to finishing off this year and preparing for your children to start in a new school next year. We will be sending detailed information later in the month pertaining to year end ceremonies, celebrations, and transition events as we prepare to send off our grade 5 & 6 students to middle school next year and celebrate their years at Central Spryfield. We will communicate information as it's ready to share with our grade 5 & 6 families regularly.

### **Report Cards and Parent-Teacher Interviews**

We hope you were able to connect with your child's teacher during virtual Parent-Teacher Interviews. Please reach out to your teachers if you were unable. As well, if you were unable to access your child's report card that was emailed to you, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher.

### **Cars on School Grounds – A Safety Issue**

We thank you for your cooperation by not driving on school grounds. We understand that parking is a premium on the street but the safety of our students needs to continue to be the priority.

### **School Advisory Councils**

On our school website, under "Our School," there is a section dedicated to Student Advisory Councils. School Advisory Councils are mandated by the EECD and all schools have a SAC. This section is being updated regularly with information for parents, including links to provincial agreements. Check it out.

### **Happy Easter**

Easter is the most important festival of Christianity. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after he was crucified (which took place on what we now call Good Friday) –the foundation on which Christianity is based. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon following Spring Equinox.

Christians usually celebrate Easter by attending church on Easter Sunday. Many families and friends gather together for a special Easter dinner, often including roast turkey or baked ham. Easter is celebrated in many parts of the world by both Christians and non-Christians. Some names for "Easter" in other countries are: Paques (France); Pascua (Spain); Pasqua (Italy); Pashke (Albania); Pascha (Greece); Paaske (Norway); Pasen (Holland); and Pask (Sweden). Some symbols associated with Easter include: eggs, bunnies, lambs, lilies, crosses, palm branches, and hot cross buns. For many, Easter egg hunts and a visit from the Easter Bunny (who leaves treats hidden in the house) are part of the Easter celebration. "Happy Easter" to all those who celebrated.

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