

May Update (Newsletter)

Hello Central Spryfield Families,

I hope you are all doing well in these challenging times. We are so pleased and grateful for your support in getting students online, submitting assignments, or taking pictures of student work. Teachers have been gathering assessment information for report cards from online learning: class, group and individual meets, as well as from work that is submitted to the teacher. You may notice during some on-line meets, teachers are asking parents not to help their child when they are asking your child questions or getting your child to demonstrate their understanding. That's because they are collecting assessment information on what your child is able to do independently. We thank you for your cooperation. Please continue to reach out to staff with questions you may have or support you may need. Being a parent is a full-time job without having to support your child's at-home learning, and we want to offer you what support we can.

If you are unable to access food during the school closures, Feed Nova Scotia and local food support programs are ready to help. 211 online is available 24/7 to provide more information and connect you to your nearest option. If you are unable to access food support from a local food program, Feed Nova Scotia's COVID-19 Emergency Food Box Program is available. Call 211 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. to see if the program is a good fit.

Message from Schools Plus

Schools Plus Community Outreach Worker's are striving to make our families successful in finding child care for now and into the new School Year.

We are looking for folks who have a better insight to what's available in our School Neighborhood. If you have such information and are willing to share, please email: macdonald.susan@hrce.ca

May is Gaelic Month

Throughout the month of May, Nova Scotians will celebrate the contributions of Gaels, their language and culture, and their unique communities. Gaelic Affairs Minister Randy Delorey and Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister Tony Ince

were joined by Na Gaisgich Òga - the Young Heroes Youth Mentorship Program - and members of the Gaelic community at Province House today, April 30, to launch Gaelic Awareness Month by raising the flag of the Nova Scotia Gaels. "The rich language and culture of Nova Scotia Gaels make our province a unique place in the Canadian tapestry," said Mr. Delorey. "Ours is the only remaining region in the country where Gaelic language and culture is being passed down from generation to generation within the community."

Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar, which consists of 12 months and lasts for about 354 days. The word "Ramadan" is derived from an Arabic word for intense heat, scorched ground and shortness of food and drink. It is considered to be the most holy and blessed month. The month of Ramadan traditionally begins with a new moon sighting, marking the start of the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. Many Muslims (except children, the sick and the elderly) abstain from food, drink, and certain other activities during daylight hours in Ramadan. This is considered the holiest season in the Islamic year and commemorates the time when the Qu'ran (Islamic holy book) is said to have been revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. This occurred on Laylat Al- Qadr, one of the last 10 nights of the month. Ramadan ends when the first crescent of the new moon is sighted again, marking the new lunar month's start. Eid-al-Fitr is the Islamic holiday that marks the end of Ramadan. This year Eid is May 13th.

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, a time to reflect on and celebrate the contributions that Canadians of Asian heritage continue to make to the growth and prosperity of Canada. Canadians are invited to take part in the events that honour the legacy of Canadians of Asian heritage who, throughout Canadian history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated across Canada since the 1990s. In December 2001, the Senate of Canada adopted a motion proposed by Senator Vivienne Poy to officially designate May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to designate May as Asian Heritage Month.