



# Central Spryfield Elementary

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## April 2024 News

Dear Central Families,

March was another busy month here at CSES! Our students have been working hard and making lots of progress in all areas of the curriculum. It is wonderful to listen to students reading, sharing their math thinking and using technology in many different ways.

Spring is finally here and we are so happy to see the sun! Nova Scotia is often very rainy at this time of year. Please send extra socks and dry clothes in backpacks and remind your children to wear their rubber boots on wet days! Students need to wear their clean, indoor shoes inside the school and for phys.ed. class etc. This really helps keep our school and gymnasium floors clean, dry and safe.

Student safety is always our priority. We know the parking situation is not ideal but the parking lot is for staff and school buses only. Parents, please do not pull into the school parking lot during the busy morning and afternoon pick-up times. We have to ensure the safety of our students and that our buses can move freely and safely. Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation with this.

Ramadan Mubarak and Happy Easter, and Happy Passover Holidays to all of our families who will be celebrating.



### Dates to Remember

April 1 - Easter Monday (no classes)

April 4 - Professional Learning am/parent teacher pm

May 20 - Victoria Day (no classes)

June 7 - Spring Fair

### School Bell Schedule

**8:35** - Students start arriving

**8:50** - Classes begin

**11:50-12:45** - Lunch

**2:50** - Dismissal



### Healthy Hunger lunch options

PIZZA - Wednesdays

SUBWAY - Fridays





**April 4**

No classes for students

**AM** - Prof. Dev. for teachers/ **PM** - Parent Teacher  
Student-Led Conferences will be held in all classes  
1:00-4:00 and 5:00-7:00

If you have not booked an appointment time yet,  
please contact your child's teacher

## Transition Planning for Next Year

Believe it or not we are in the beginning stages of scheduling and planning for our next school year. Please note that most decisions about classroom configurations take place by the end of May. If you have any requests please make sure you contact Mrs. Doran ([kmuldowney-doran@hrce.ca](mailto:kmuldowney-doran@hrce.ca)) before the end of May. Please note that we may not be able to accommodate all of your requests but it is helpful if we have this information while we are going through the class configuration process. If you have any questions about this process please contact the school and we would be happy to explain how this works.

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# Preparing for the Solar Eclipse



The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is pleased to provide all students in Nova Scotia with eclipse glasses to view the upcoming solar eclipse safely.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, obscuring the view of the sun from a section of the Earth. This event is extremely rare, with the next solar eclipse not occurring in the province until 2079. Nova Scotia will be just outside of the zone of totality for the solar eclipse; for this reason, it is important that individuals have appropriate protection to view this historic event.

The solar eclipse will begin on April 8th, at 3:27 p.m., reaching maximum coverage at 4:38 p.m., and ending at 5:44 p.m.

For more information, visit

<https://thediscoverycentre.ca/solar-eclipse-solaire/>.



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# Education Week 2024

Nova Scotia's annual Education Week will take place from April 14-20, 2024.

This year's theme is **Connections to Community** and recognizes the work of teachers, student support staff, administrators and Early Childhood Educators who take deliberate effort to enhance and empower their larger school communities, including families and the community at large.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the impact they have on our students and the outstanding work they do in our school every day.

*Thank  
You*

Happy Education Week to our hard-working staff!  
We appreciate everything you do for our students!



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**PIZZA KITS! Uncle Bucks** in Spryfield has generously partnered with CSES for our Fundraiser. Each PIZZA kit is \$12.00 (no tax)



**All orders must be in by April 12th and Pick up will be April 18th**

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Name and Phone#	Pepperoni Pizza Kit Qty	Garlic Finger Kit Qty	Total	Paid

Uncle Bucks 12" Pizza Kit and 12" Garlic Finger Kit are made fresh and can be frozen. Each Package will have prepping instructions included! For any questions, please contact Carrie at [Carrie.Wipp@hrce.ca](mailto:Carrie.Wipp@hrce.ca)

**Thank you for your continued support of Central Spryfield Elementary School**

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# Red Means Stop!



## School Bus Safety Reminder

HRCE has recorded 691 school bus stop-arm violations in Halifax Regional Municipality since the beginning of the school year. This means that motorists have failed to stop for a bus when its red lights were flashing and the stop sign was extended. This poses a serious risk to children and families who may be crossing the road to enter or exit the bus. Drivers may also face a fine and demerit points if caught by police.

Help us spread the word to remind drivers (including cyclists) that it is illegal to drive past a school bus when they see its red lights flashing and stop-arm extended.

**Drivers must slow down and prepare to stop in all directions when they see flashing lights – either amber or red in colour – on a school bus.** This means the bus is planning to stop or may have already.



**Here are some safety tips from Safety Services Nova Scotia to keep in mind when waiting for or exiting the bus:**

- Stand back from the edge of the road.
- Line up in single file when you see the bus coming.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop.
- Walk, never run.
- Make sure the bus driver sees you if you are crossing the road. Take 10 giant steps in front of the bus before crossing.
- Wait for the bus driver to signal that it is okay to cross.
- Always look both ways before crossing the road and listen for traffic.
- Never cross the road from behind the bus.

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