

Hawthorn Elementary **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Hawthorn Families,

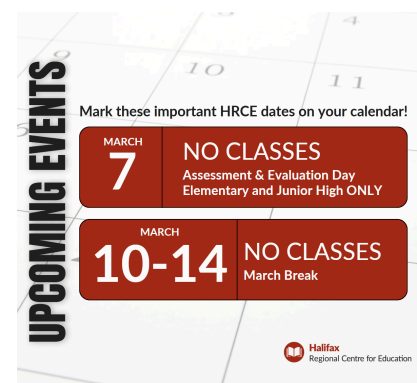
The short month of February went by quickly. We celebrated African Heritage Month with a school assembly where Grade 6 Ryan shared a drumming performance along with artwork and information about notable Black Canadians. We also welcomed Keonte Beals for an informative and engaging school presentation. In Phys. Ed. class, students curled with Rocks & Rings and Our Home and School Association organized our first Family Games Night. It was great to have families gather together for an evening of fun! Term 3 begins March 17th, the first day back for students after March Break. Looking ahead, we will have our Parent/Family- Interviews/Conferences the afternoon and evening of April 3rd. We wish all our families a fun, relaxing, and safe March Break!.

Warm regards,

Ms. Gourlay and Ms. Bambury

Upcoming Dates: [Hawthorn Calendar](#)

- March 5 -HSA virtual meeting 7pm
- March 7- End of Term 2/Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School for Students)
- March 10-14 - March Break (No School)
- March 17-Start of Term 3
- March 27-Report Card emailed home via EDUPost
- April 3-PD (AM) & Progress Conferences (PM)-No School for Students



March is Nutrition Month

Did you know? March is Nutrition Month! This year's theme, Nourish to Flourish, highlights the important role that food has on our physical, mental and emotional health and well-being.

Whether it's planting an indoor or outdoor garden, cooking together with family, or enjoying a meal with friends, food provides opportunities for building social connections that can support improved feelings of belonging and overall well-being. This is a great time to explore and learn about food. An important part of this is food literacy, which includes having the knowledge and skills to grow, choose, prepare, and talk about food.



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Interested in Volunteering?

Our school thrives on the support of dedicated volunteers like you. Whether you have a few hours to spare or can commit to regular assistance, your contributions make a significant difference in enhancing our students' educational experience. We have various opportunities available, including classroom support, event organization, and extracurricular activities. If you want to know more about what is needed in order to volunteer see this [link](#). This is a good time of year to ensure that all necessary paperwork is completed and up-to-date. If you want to check if your paperworks is still valid or if it has expired, have any questions, or need assistance with completing the paperwork, please don't hesitate to contact us at the office; 902-464-2048 or Hawthorn@hrce.ca

Important weather reminders

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 buses 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:

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Non-bused 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 our website
- On X (formerly Twitter)
- On Instagram

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations.



Reminders

- Please, do not send **nut or peanut products** to school (this includes Nutella products).
- Our school is a **scent-free zone**! We ask that all parents, guardians, and visitors refrain from using scented products such as perfumes, colognes, and heavily scented lotions when on at school. Many of our students and staff members have sensitivities or allergies to certain scents. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter are greatly appreciated.
- It is helpful to have a complete **change of clothes** in your child's backpack just in case of mud, puddles, or spills and it may save you a trip in the middle of your day.
- Please do not bring **dogs** onto school grounds. If you do bring your dog, please stay on the sidewalk and not on school property.
- Please ensure that your child has **indoor shoes** for school and wears outdoor shoes/boots to help keep our school clean.
- Students are not permitted to use **cell phones** during the school day. If students bring cellphones to school, they must be turned off and in their backpacks for the entire school day.