

Mid Month Update

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Upcoming Dates: [Hawthorn Calendar](#)

- May 13,14,21,22-Grade 3 Provincial Assessments
- May 15-Black Excellence Day
- May 15-Hawthorn Spring Ceilidh-celebrating Gaelic Nova Scotia Month
- May 19-Victoria Day/No School
- June 7-Spring Fair
- June 11-HSA meeting
- June 27-Assessment & Evaluation Day-No School for Students
- June 30-Last Day of School

Hawthorn Spring Ceilidh

Hawthorn Elementary is hosting a Spring Ceilidh Thursday, May 15th. Admission is free and the Home and School Association is running a canteen with snacks for the evening. The event's proceeds will help us purchase new musical instruments for our school music program. Ticket request form has already been sent home. If you are still interested in tickets, please send in your request by Wednesday.

Black Excellence Day

Thursday, May 15th is Black Excellence Day, and all staff and students are invited to wear black t-shirts. Celebrating Black Excellence Day within HRCE schools is important for fostering a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and appreciation for the diverse talents and contributions of Black individuals.

New to the area or moving out of the area

New to the area: if you are aware of any families new to the Hawthorn area please direct them to contact the school at (902) 464-2048 and we will assure they get their child(ren) registered in a timely manner.

Moving away: if you are moving and your children will not be attending Hawthorn in 2025-2026 please contact the school to let us know. 902-464-2048 or hawthorn@hrce.ca

Class Placement

Classes for next year are always on everyone's mind at this time of year. Please be assured that a great deal of thought and time is spent in creating class lists. Many different circumstances are considered when your child is placed in a particular class. Requests for class placement will not be accepted unless you feel you have a serious academic/social concern for your child. If so, you should draft a letter (or email) clearly stating your concerns and submit these to Ms. Gourlay AGourlay@hrce.ca. These concerns will be considered by the administrative team, but it does not mean we will be able to honor your request.

Get ready for the Hawthorn Spring Fair!

We are excited to announce that our Spring Fair is coming up on **Saturday, June 7th**. This fun-filled event will feature games, inflatables, face painting, henna, food & more for everyone to enjoy.

We need your assistance. Here are 3 ways to help:

PRIZE & PLANT SALE DONATIONS:

As we prepare for the Spring Fair, we are reaching out for gently used donations:

- books (All types of books accepted: children, adult, cookbooks, etc)
- toys (action figures, balls, small stuffed animals, etc)
- games (sports, board games, etc)

Other donations requested are juice boxes, boxes of chips, suckers, plants and cakes for the cake parade (please sign up for the cakes at the link below). These items will be used for a book sale, plant sale, activities & prizes throughout the day and all donations are greatly appreciated! If you are interested in donating items, they will be accepted in the office.

SILENT AUCTION We are excited to announce our upcoming Silent Auction aimed at building community and bringing families together. How can you contribute – Donate your unique skills and talents!

Ideas include:

- Piano lessons: share the job of music by offering music lessons to a budding pianist.
- Gardening skills: help a family grow their own beautiful garden
- Jam making lesson: teach the art of making home jam or other preserves
- Celebration cake: If you are a great baker, consider donating a celebration cake.

Your donations will not only support our community but also create lasting memories and connections. Please contact Lisa at lisas.power@gmail.com to arrange a donation.

VOLUNTEERS

There are a variety of ways you can get involved, from helping to set up and clean up, to manning a booth or activity, to organizing your own fun activity. If you'd like to volunteer your time, please sign up below. We also welcome any ideas you may have for new and exciting activities to add to the fair!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA8AB23A7F4C25-56533729-hawthorn>

Thank you for your generosity and participation. Hawthorn Home & School Association

Pre Primary, Primary, and Grade 6 Students: Information & Orientation

As we prepare for next year, we want to provide families with information so students feel ready for the move to school for Pre Primary, Primary, or heading off to Junior High. As we finalize plans, we will be in touch with more information and details.

Access to the School

Unless you are picking up a student from EXCEL, or meeting with staff please know that after school dismissal, there isn't access to the school. Thank you for your support and understanding.