



Hawthorn Elementary School Newsletter

October 2020

Important Dates:

- Sunday October 4. Online nourish orders due
- Monday October 5, Picture Day, SAC meeting @7pm, HSA meeting @ 8pm.
- Monday October 12, Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes)
- Monday November 2, SAC meeting @7pm, HSA meeting @ 8pm.
- Thursday November 11, Remembrance Day Holiday (no classes)

Updates:

Students and staff are getting used to the new protocols and routines and we appreciate your assistance in working with us to make this happen. Thank you to families for calling ahead and waiting outside when picking up your children early. Thank you for meeting your children off school property so that we can maintain social distancing at dismissal time.

We ask that families continue to use the Daily Covid screening tool [Daily COVID-19 Checklist](#)

School Advisory Council (SAC):

The first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting is on Monday, October 5, 2020.

The SAC discusses and decides on policies and is made up of parents, community members and staff members from the school.

We allocate funds to support math, literacy and wellbeing. SACs are volunteer organizations that receive their authority from the Nova Scotia Education Act. We provide a voice to influence decisions that impact student learning and provide principals and regional centres for education with advice that reflects the best interests of students.

We are currently in need of community and parent members for this committee.

The first meeting will be held virtually on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00pm via Google Meet. Our meetings are generally 30 minutes and we have six (6) planned for this school year (Oct 5, November 2, December 7 and in February, March and April of 2021). For a link to the meeting, please let us know and we are happy to send it to you.

If you are interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Chair, Alexis Carter Malloch (calexiscarter@gmail.com). The SAC Handbook is also available on the school website under “Our School”, “School Advisory Council”.

Hawthorn Home & School Association (HSA):

HSA is a volunteer, non-profit organization of parents and school staff.

Membership is free and open to any interested parent/guardian or staff member.

Our Mandate

“Hawthorn Home and School Association embraces a balanced approach to enhancing our children’s school experience by raising funds for initiatives in the arts, health and fitness, citizenship, the environment, and technology, in addition to core funding to the school library and teacher support.”

Upcoming Home & School Scheduled Zoom Meetings:

Monday October 5th, 2020 at 8pm

Monday November 2nd, 2020 at 8pm

Monday December 7th, 2020 at 8pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please contact Bryony at hawthornschoollhsa@gmail.com if you would like to be involved or have a fundraising initiative. We look forward to seeing you!

HAWTHORN HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Executive for 2020-2021

President: Bryony McStay Fost

Secretary: Rachel Blair-Johns

Treasurer: Joseph Malloch

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Head Lice:

If your child has been in contact with someone who has lice, you need to check your child's head carefully to see if they have caught lice. Head lice spread easily, so if one person in the household has lice, others may have it too. Check everyone in the household on the same day.

For further information on Head Lice and other communicable illnesses please go to https://811.novascotia.ca/health_topics/lice/

Findlay Community Centre Park Design Think-Tank

Residents in the Findlay Community Centre Park area are interested in engaging community in discussing ideas on how to further diversify the Park's use. While the Park already enjoys a great variety of use, residents feel there may be untapped potential for other opportunities, and want you to weigh in with your ideas. Join in for an informal socially distanced community meet-up to share your thoughts on Sunday November 8th at 2pm in the Park space in front of the Findlay Community Centre.

Findlay Community Centre Re-Opening

The Findlay Community Centre is excited to be reopening for programs starting the week of October 19th. Registration is on October 8th and Findlay Community Centre will be the only walk-in registration location in Dartmouth. Program listing are now available online at Halifax.ca/myREC.

FREE programs this fall include:

- Youth Gym Night (Grades 5 and 6) Tuesdays 6-7:30pm starting October 20th
- Youth Art Club (Grades 5-9) Thursdays 6-8pm starting October 22nd
- Youth Night (Grades 7-12) Fridays 6-8pm starting October 23rd
- Sunday FunDays! (Children & Families) Sundays 11:30-1:30pm starting October 25th in the Park behind the building.

Note that due to COVID-19 protocols these programs (except Sunday FunDays!) require registration prior to attending, and have a limited number of participants allowed each evening which are allocated on a first-come first-serve basis. Please contact Scott Penton @ pentons@halifax.ca if you have any questions.