



Hawthorn Elementary School Newsletter

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Important Dates

- Monday January 18, HSA meeting @ 8pm
- Monday February 1, SAC meeting @ 7pm. HSA meeting @ 8pm.
- February 1-March 1, Student Registration
- February 15, Edward Arab Day (no classes)
- March 15-19, March Break (no classes)

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We are happy to be back to school and back with our students. We continue to check the Covid 19 Screening tool each morning, sanitize our hands throughout the day, wear a mask over our mouth and nose and try to maintain social distance.

We would remind families to select a meeting spot off school property for after school dismissal. Class dismissal times are staggered to allow families to collect their children and go, so that the other classes can dismiss safely. If you have more than one child to pick up please select a meeting spot off school property so that we can maintain social distancing. Please be mindful that teachers are trying to maintain their social distance during dismissal as well. If you have a question or information to share please send an email. If you must approach staff members please wear a mask. All email addresses are on the school website. <https://haw.hrce.ca/staff-directory>

We are continuing to work together to demonstrate our shared responsibility for our shared health.

Student Registration

Primary registration will take place from February 1-March 1. Primary students must be FIVE on or before December 31st, 2021.

The school will need: a completed registration form; proof of age and legal name (as listed on birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, legal name change certificate or adoption documents); proof of residency (current utility bill, lease agreement, etc.); your child's Nova Scotia Health Card (MSI) or proof of health insurance (International/Immigrant student). All students living within the boundaries of the school must register at the school serving the neighbourhood in which they reside by March 1 of each calendar year for September of the next

school year.

The entry point for the Early French Immersion program is Grade Primary. Parents/guardians who live in an area of eligibility for Early French Immersion must register at the French Immersion designated school by March 1 of each calendar year for September of the next school year. The Early French Immersion School for Hawthorn is Shannon Park Elementary. There is NO OUT of Area Request needed to apply for Early French Immersion.

The designated Junior High Schools for Hawthorn Grade 6 students are Dartmouth South Academy and Bicentennial depending upon your home address. Registration to any other Junior High will require an Out of Area Request. The parent information meetings are still being planned and more information will follow.

Parents/guardians may obtain an Out-of-Area Request form at their child's neighbourhood school. Once completed, parents/guardians must forward the Out-of-Area Request form to the requested school on the first school day in April starting at 8:00 a.m. alternatively, parents/guardians may complete the online Out-of-Area Request form at www.hrce.ca beginning on the first school day in April at 8:00 a.m. The electronic submission is automatically sent to the receiving school.

Vehicles idling

We would ask that families maintain an **idle free zone** in the vicinity of the school especially during drop off and pick up times to protect all of us. The link below contains helpful information on the importance of this issue.

<https://www.nsfm.ca/members-only-content/sustainability/1190-idle-free-toolkit-for-municipalalities/file.html>

Here is an excerpt:

"Excessive idling increases the chemicals and particulates that come from the exhaust; this adversely affects air quality. Particulate matter can exacerbate numerous health problems including lung disease, heart disease, asthma, and emphysema. Children are especially at risk. They breathe in more air per pound of body weight than adults, and their lungs are still developing. Small children are also closer to the height of the tailpipe. Decreasing unnecessary idling can ease health care costs and help Nova Scotians live longer."

Created by Clean Nova Scotia for the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, 2011.

Safe Arrival

If your child will not be attending school or will be late, we request that you call the school at 902 464-2048 and leave a message. If you have not called your child in, you will receive a phone call home. Please ensure we have the up-to-date telephone numbers on record.

If your child is late, please remind them to go to the office to see the secretary **before** going to class.

School Advisory Council (SAC):

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.

Our next meeting will be held virtually on Monday February 1, 2021 at 7:00pm via Google Meet. If you are interested in learning more or to receive the link for the meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Chair, Alexis Carter Malloch (hrce-sac-haw@gnspecs.ca). 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.

Just Us Coffee Fundraiser:

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Just Us Coffee fundraiser. It was a great success and thank you to everyone who helped with organizing the fundraiser.

Upcoming Home & School Scheduled Zoom Meetings: Monday January 18th, 2021 at 8pm and Monday February 1st, 2021 at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Please contact Bryony at hawthornschoolhsa@gmail.com if you would like to be involved. HSA Executive for 2020-2021:

President: Bryony McStay Fost

Secretary: Rachel Blair-Johns

Treasurer: Joseph Malloch

Email: hawthornschoolhsa@gmail.com [ALL ARE WELCOME!](#)

School/Bus Cancellations and Delayed Openings

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or buses, or delay the opening of school, in the event of severe or inclement weather. When these situations occur, the information is posted on the HRCE’s website at www.hrce.ca , on Twitter at www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS , recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to local radio stations. Families can also subscribe to receive notice of cancellations and delayed openings by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website.

If weather conditions warrant, the HRCE could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school and Pre-Primary would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 11:00. Pre-Primary would start at 11:00. Our lunch and dismissal times will remain at their regularly scheduled times. The EXCEL program will be cancelled for the morning only.

The weather in Nova Scotia is unpredictable so it's always a good idea for families to have a back-up plan for child care when school is cancelled. To learn more about the process on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather>.

HRCE Parent Navigators

What do Parent Navigators do? Why would I reach out to a Parent Navigator?

Please click on the link below to find out more.

<https://create.piktochart.com/output/50338546-parent-navigator-info>