



Hawthorn Elementary School Newsletter

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Important Dates

- March 15-19, March Break (no classes)
- Wednesday March 24, Assessment and Evaluation Day (no classes)
- Wednesday March 31, Report Cards sent electronically
- Thursday April 1, Submission of Out of Area requests
- Friday April 2, Good Friday Holiday (no classes)
- Monday April 5, Easter Monday Holiday (no classes)

Student Registration

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.

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.

Parents/guardians may complete the online Out-of-Area Request form at www.hrce.ca beginning April 1st at 8:00 a.m. The electronic submission will automatically be sent to the receiving school.

HRCE Parent Navigators

Parent Navigators are also able to assist with registration. Please click on the link below to find out more.

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

Parent Teacher Conferences

Report cards will be emailed on March 31, and you will require your child's birthdate to access the report.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be taking place Thursday April 8 from 1:00 – 6:00. All interviews will be conducted virtually via telephone or google meet. Teachers will be in contact to arrange a time and meeting plan.

Students will not be in attendance on April 8, (professional development in the morning and conferences in the afternoon).

Parents/guardians can join a google meet meeting from any email address, it does not need to be from a Gmail account. Parents/ guardians need to know that if they choose the dial in option for a Google Meet there will be long distance charges as all calls are routed through the US.

Hawthorn Library update

Getting lost in a good book -- and finding joy, humour, learning and connection while there 😊 -- is more important than ever. I am grateful that school library borrowing has continued this year.

Especially for younger students, please help your child enjoy and return their library books on library day, Tuesday or Thursday.

Especially for older students, please remember that students can sign into the library catalogue at home (<https://hrce.insignails.com/Library/Login>) and request their next good read at any time!

Thank you for your support.

Please contact Library Support Specialist Ms. Copeman with any questions -- dcopeman@hrce.ca

Vehicles idling

Please do not leave your vehicle running 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-municipalities/file.html>)

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, 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 next School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting is on Monday March 1, 2021 at 7pm.

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. The

SAC is a volunteer organization that receives 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.

Our next meeting will be held virtually on Monday March 1, 2021 at 7:00pm. Our meetings are generally 30 minutes and we have (2) more planned for this school year (April and May 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 (hrce-sac-haw@gnspec.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.

Upcoming Home & School Scheduled Zoom Meetings: Monday March 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!

Change of Clothes

Reminder that a complete change of clothes in your child’s back pack just in case of mud, puddles or spills may save you a trip in the middle of your day.

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/

Lost and Found

We need your help, please put your child’s name on their belongings (hats, coats, toys, etc.).

Students are in their outdoor zones twice (recess & lunch) each day, so they can go back to the same zone to check for their belongings. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items, so please do not send your child's most prized possession. If items are brought back into the school, we check for a name on the item. If there is a name, we can return the item to the child. We are not able to house unclaimed items in the school beyond a few days. Thank you for your cooperation.

Community Activities

Halifax Recreation's Findlay Community Centre is offering free registered Youth Gym Nights for Grades 5 and 6 on Tuesdays from 6-7pm. On Thursdays from 6-8pm, there is a free Youth Arts program for grades 5-7. Both of these programs are full this season but will open again for registration in the spring on March 9th at 10am. halifax.ca/myrec

[Please see attached the link for Mic Mac AAC for summer program and RoyalSoccer Day Soccer camps:](#)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DTuORMZPVJ_R5C6lrA1ha00ZPYRZCs_/view

[RoyalSoccer Day Soccer camps:](#)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12vqDbGDVGwpT4GRkwFIpIPtv_VFVVaAtQIXbOFKRUmC/edit