



Hawthorn Elementary School Newsletter

April 2021

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Important Dates

- 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)
- Thursday April 8, Professional Development and Parent/Teacher Conferences (no classes)
- Monday April 12, HSA at 8
- Monday May 3, SAC at 7 and HSA at 8
- Monday May 24, Victoria Day (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.insigniaails.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 will be May 3, 2021 at 7pm. *The SAC is a welcome place for any concerns that you may have regarding the school environment or curriculum concerns. If you have any concerns you would like to raise, please contact myself or the principal to have your concerns addressed at the next meeting.*

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.

We are still looking for one community member for this committee. This is a great way for grandparents, former Hawthorn parents or any community member to be involved with important discussions that affect our students, school and community. Adding a voice to this committee is an easy and effective way to contribute in a meaningful way to our students' community.

Our meetings are generally 30 minutes and this is the last scheduled meeting for the year. 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@gnsps.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 April 12th, 2020 at 8pm & Monday May 3rd, 2020 at 8pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

HSA CURRENT NEWS:

****HSA President Position: Bryony McStay Fost will be stepping down at the end of this school year so we will be requiring a new President! If your interested in the position please come to the April HSA meeting or send us an email at hawthornschoollhsa@gmail.com**

Dartmouth Art Contest: Our Art Contest entry deadline has been extended and is still in full swing until this Monday April 5th. Winners of our Contest will receive a Hawthorn Tee's and Chocolate and will have their Art featured on the website. If you haven't entered yet, it's not too late!! Send that art in at <https://hawthornhsa.ca/>

Home and School Website is ready!: HSA has decided to implement our own website to communicate updates and run events though. Especially during this pandemic, we thought being able to have a central location with all the events and fundraisers on it would make life easier. Check it out at <https://hawthornhsa.ca/> thank you Andrew for all your hard work in making this happen and all your hard work!

We are also still posting everything on our facebook page Hawthorn Home and School Association (<https://www.facebook.com/Hawthorn-Home-and-School-Association-207936592613211/>)

and will still be sending out updates through the schools email system.

HSA 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.”

HSA Executive for 2020-2021:

President: Bryony McStay Fost

Secretary: Rachel Blair-Johns

Treasurer: Joseph Malloch

Email: hawthornschoollhsa@gmail.com

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/

EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2021-2022:

EARLY REGISTRATION

In order to be eligible for Early registration, families must have children registered in a 2020-21 EXCEL program as of April 23rd, 2021.

***Please note:** Siblings of 2020-21 EXCEL participants who will be starting school in September 2021 are eligible to be enrolled during the Early Registration Period. Pre-primary siblings are eligible for registration at EXCEL schools where all Pre-primary classes are on site.*

Early Registration for the EXCEL 2021-22 Program is divided into three Units as follows:

Unit #1 - April 26th (8am) to April 27th (7:59am)

EXCEL Unit #1 Schools: Astral Drive, Bel Ayr, Bicentennial, Brookhouse, Caldwell Road, Colby Village, Crichton Park, Dartmouth South, George Bissett, Hawthorn, Joseph Giles, Mount Edward, Ocean View, O'Connell Drive, Oyster Pond, Porters Lake, Portland Estates, RK Turner, Ross Road, Seaside, Shannon Park, Sunnyside Eaglewood, and Sunnyside Fort Sackville

Unit #2 - April 27th (8am) to April 28th (7:59am)

EXCEL Unit #2 Schools: BLT Jr., BLT Sr., Burton Ettinger, Elizabeth Sutherland, Hammonds Plains, J.W. MacLeod, Fleming Tower, Kingswood, Le Marchant-St. Thomas, Oxford, Saint Mary's, Sambro, Shatford, Sir Charles Tupper, Springvale, St. Joseph's - Alexander McKay, St. Margaret's Bay, St. Stephen's, Tantallon Jr., Tantallon Sr., Westmount and William King

Unit #3 - April 28th (8am) to April 29th (7:59am)

EXCEL Unit #3 Schools: Ash Lee Jefferson, Basinview Drive, Beaver Bank Kinsac, Beaver Bank Monarch, Bedford South, Caudle Park, Cavalier Drive, Dutch Settlement, Grosvenor-Wentworth, Harry R Hamilton, Hillside Park, Holland Road, Millwood, Oldfield, Park West, Rockingham, Sackville Heights, Smokey Drive, Sycamore Lane, Waverley Memorial

All Units – April 29th (8am) to April 30th (4pm) (Early Registration Only)

Using the most **updated version** of your web browser, please visit <https://ca.ezchildtrack.com/excel/parent> on a device larger than a cell phone. While larger devices are more user-friendly, the application can be completed on tablets and smartphones that can be **switched to desktop version**. Once you have reached the Parent Portal landing page, please enter your email address and password in the “Returning Parents Sign In” icon to access your account. If you do not remember your password or have not visited the parent portal, please click on the Sign Up button in the “Existing Parents Sign Up” icon and enter your Registered Email Address to receive a temporary password. Please do this prior to the Early Registration period to avoid a delay in the application process. If you cannot remember your Registered Email Address, please contact your Unit Registrar:

Gail Hartling: 902-464-2000 ext. 2236; excel@hrce.ca

Kimberly Lozon: 902-464-2000 ext. 2787; excelregistrar@hrce.ca

GENERAL REGISTRATION

General Registration for the EXCEL 2021-22 Program is divided into three Units as follows:

May 3rd at 8:00 am - Unit 1: Alderney, Astral Drive, Bel Ayr, Bicentennial, Brookhouse, Caldwell Road, Colby Village, Crichton Park, Dartmouth South, George Bissett, Hawthorn, Joseph Giles, Mount Edward, Ocean View, O'Connell Drive, Oyster Pond, Porters Lake, Portland Estates, RK Turner, Ross Road, Seaside, Shannon Park, Sunnyside Eaglewood, and Sunnyside Fort Sackville

May 4th at 8:00 am - Unit 2: BLT Jr., BLT Sr., Burton Ettinger, Elizabeth Sutherland, Hammonds Plains, Harrietsfield, J.W. MacLeod, Fleming Tower, Kingswood, Le Marchant-St. Thomas, Oxford, Saint Mary's,

Sambro, Shatford, Sir Charles Tupper, Springvale, St. Joseph's - Alexander McKay, St. Margaret's Bay, St. Stephen's, Tantallon Jr., Tantallon Sr., Westmount and William King

May 5th at 8:00 am - Unit 3: Ash Lee Jefferson, Basinview Drive, Beaver Bank Kinsac, Beaver Bank Monarch, Bedford South, Caudle Park, Cavalier Drive, Dutch Settlement, Grosvenor-Wentworth, Harry R Hamilton, Hillside Park, Holland Road, Millwood, Oldfield, Park West, Rockingham, Sackville Heights, Smokey Drive, Sycamore Lane, Waverley Memorial

May 6th at 8am onward – All Units

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As in previous years, families may only submit an EXCEL application for the school in which their child(ren) is registered for 2021-22. Applications are processed based on the date and time they are received.

Detailed information on the registration process and online application instructions will be available on the EXCEL Registration page of the HRCE website (https://www.hrce.ca/excel_registration) in the coming weeks.