

Hawthorn Elementary

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

We celebrated nutrition month with the Big Crunch as all the students joined together outside to crunch into a healthy snack; a local apple. We hope that everyone had a great March Break and now we are all back together as we are starting Term 3. To start off April, we look forward to sharing our learning with families as we send home Term 2 report cards and schedule our Parent Teacher Interviews. We will also have a school viewing of the Neptune performance *Seeds of Change*, a great opportunity as we recognize Earth Day. Our students are really enjoying playing together outside and we welcome the spring weather that lets us get outside more!

Sincerely,

Ms. Gourlay and Ms. Dunn

Dressing for the weather

We will continue to go outside a lot and the spring mud is here so please make sure your child is well equipped for whatever weather the day might bring. Students should carry extra clothes including a pair of dry socks in their backpacks.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Thursday, April 7th. There is no school for students that day. The morning is a professional development day for staff and Parent-Teacher meetings will take place in the afternoon and evening. Parent teacher conferences will be held in person or virtually (via Google Meet or phone call). While we are in the early days of the lifting of COVID restrictions, we encourage virtual meetings, but we do recognize the importance of in person meetings and it is available as an option this time. Teachers will contact families as they arrange appointment times. April 7th, our Core French teacher, Mme. Walker will be available from 1-3pm, our Phys. Ed teacher, Mr. Foot and Music teacher, Ms. Tipper will be available from 6pm-8pm. You can contact them if you would like to arrange a meeting and their email addresses can be found on our school website. If you choose the dial in option for a Google Meet there will be long distance charges as all calls are routed through the US. Here is a one page pdf on using Google Meet:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T2yDlwKviA8StnDFy7-uBf3CZIN-LOk/view>

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 School 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.

EXCEL Registration

Please see the attached information regarding registration for EXCEL for the 2022-2023 school year.

Breakfast Program Donation

A huge thank you to the staff of Dooly's on Portland Street for a generous donation to our Breakfast Program. It is greatly appreciated!



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 please go to:

<https://haw.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/websites/haw.hrsb.ca/basic-page/2017/10/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf>

Home and School Association (HSA)

Home and School Association 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 Virtual Home and School Association Meeting: Monday, April 4th at 7pm. All are welcome! Please contact us if you like the link to our meeting, Hawthorn@hrce.ca

Lunch Monitors

We are reaching out in search of lunch monitors. If you have or are willing to have a criminal record check/vulnerable sector and child abuse registry done and are able to help, please phone 902-464-2048 and we can begin the process. Even if you are only available certain days of the week your time is appreciated. Thank you!

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The next School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be May 2nd, at 6 pm via Zoom.

The School Advisory Council is an advisory body to the school principal and the Regional Centre for Education on a range of issues related to the school and the school system that reflects the best interest of students. It is a volunteer organization that receives its authority

from the Nova Scotia Education Act. Comprised of parents, community members and school staff members, the SAC discusses policies and is a welcome place for any concerns you may have regarding the overall school environment or curriculum. ***We need community members for this committee.*** This is a great way for grandparents, former Hawthorn parents, or any community member to add their voice and be involved. Our meetings are generally 30 minutes. The SAC Handbook is also available on the school website under “Our School” / “School Advisory Council”. Please let us know if you would like a link to the meeting. Additionally, if you are interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Chair, Alexis Carter Malloch SAC, by email : hrce-sac-haw@gnspecs.ca

Dates to Remember:

- April 1: Submissions for Out of Area Requests
- April 4: HSA Virtual Meeting @ 7pm
- April 5: Report Cards sent home electronically
- April 7: PD Day in Am and Parent Teacher Conferences in PM (No School for Students)
- April 15: Good Friday (No School)
- April 18: Easter Monday (No School)
- May 2: SAC Virtual Meeting @ 6pm
- May 2: HSA Virtual Meeting @ 7pm
- May 23: Victoria Day (No School)

Reminders

- Please, do not send nut or peanut products to school.
- It is helpful to have a complete change of clothes in your child’s backpack just in case of mud, puddles, or spills and it may save you a trip in the middle of your day.
- Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds. If you do bring your dog, please stay on the sidewalk or the field and not on school property.
- Please ensure that your child has indoor shoes for school and wears outdoor shoes/boots to help keep our school clean.
- Water bottles, Masks and Cutlery: Please remember to send a water bottle, an extra mask and any required forks and spoons with your child each day. We often have students looking for all of these items and it is best if they bring them from home.

A look at what's happening at Hawthorn!

Button Making in 2/3 Hayes



Enjoying apples with the BIG CRUNCH!



Grade 3/4 Grattan took on curling in Phys. Ed class.

Primary Stulac were active on a rainy day with their new muddy buddies!