

Hawthorn Elementary
NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

The short month of February went by quickly. We celebrated African Heritage Month with our classes engaged in learning and some classes participated in African Nova Scotian History Challenges through the Delmore 'Buddy' Daye Learning Institute (DBDLI). Special thanks to our HSA for organizing a great Bingo night! We had 3 classes go on a field trip and enjoyed their time skating at the Oval and exploring the Natural History Museum. With March being nutrition month we will be participating in the Big Crunch-*crunch together to celebrate good food in school*. Term 3 begins March 21st, the first day back for students, as there is an Assessment and Evaluation Day Monday, March 20th. We wish all our families a fun, relaxing, and safe March Break!

Sincerely,

Ms. Gourlay and Ms. Dunn

Dates to Remember:

- March 1- Maple Syrup presentation
- March 6-Maritime Center for African Dance Workshops
- March 6-HSA Meeting: Virtual @ 7 pm
- March 13-17-March Break (no classes)
- March 20-Assessment and Evaluation Day (No School For students)
- March 28-Report Cards sent home
- March 30-PD Day & Parent-Teacher Interviews (No School for Students)

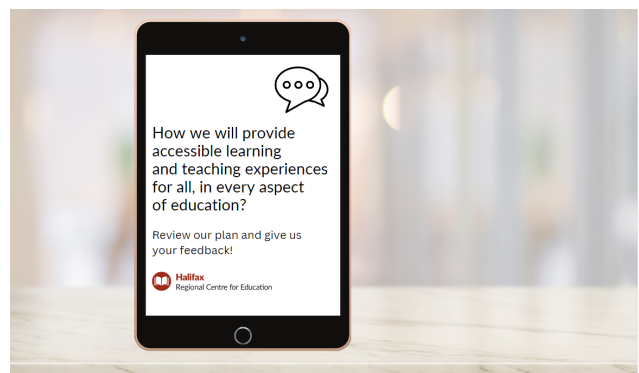
Dressing for the weather

We will continue to go outside a lot and winter is here so please make sure your child is well equipped for whatever weather the day might bring. Students should be wearing boots, snow pants, hats and mitts every day, and carrying extra clothes, a pair of dry socks, and mitts in their backpacks.

Joint Accessibility Plan

The Nova Scotia Accessibility Act recognizes **accessibility as a human right** and sets a goal of an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. You can learn more about how the province will achieve this goal [here](#).

Nova Scotia's seven regional centres for education and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial are responsible for developing a multi-year plan to ensure accessibility in public education. Together, we created a Draft Joint Accessibility Plan, outlining **how we will provide accessible learning and teaching experiences for all, in every aspect of education**. We're now looking for feedback from Nova Scotian families and staff in our organizations.



This is a reminder that we are inviting you to review our draft plan and provide input through *ThoughtExchange*. Tell us what works, what needs improvement and what we might be missing. It's quick, easy and anonymous. You can read and rate the thoughts of others – and contribute as often as you like.

How to get started

- [Click here](#) to review the Draft Joint Accessibility Plan in English. [Click here](#) for French.
- [Click here](#) to share your feedback using *ThoughtExchange*.
- If you prefer to share your feedback by email, [click here](#).

Halifax Regional Arts

- Did you know that Halifax Regional Arts (HRA) gives opportunities to all HRCE students to have enhanced fine arts experiences?
- Did you know that all programming, including all instruments, supplies, and materials are FREE?

HRA provides fine arts experiences, including music, drama, dance and visual arts. Each family of schools has at least one HRA Fine Arts Specialist (Visual Arts, Drama, Dance) that have reached nearly 53,000 students since September!

Curious to learn more? Visit

<https://hra.hrce.ca/>



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. The HSA meets monthly. All are welcome! Please contact us if you have any questions about the HSA. Hawthorn@hrce.ca

School Advisory Council (SAC)

If you are interested in attending and possibly joining the SAC, you are welcome to attend our meetings. Also, 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@gnspes.ca

Recycling for Hawthorn

We have an account with a local recycling depot, Canadian Recycling located at 365 Portland Street. If you drop off your recycling you can let them know the funds can be added to the HSA Hawthorn account as part of a school fundraiser.

Head Lice

Please continue to regularly check family members for head lice. Please let the school administration know if we can help. A child with head lice may return to school after the first treatment. Please know that head lice is a common occurrence and we can all work together to minimize the effects.

Reminders

- In the mornings, students can arrive at 8:40 am, which is when teachers are on duty. The bell rings at 8:55 am and instruction begins at 9:00 am.
- Please, do not send nut or peanut products to school (this includes Nutella products).
- 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.
- Students are not permitted to use cell phones during the school day. If students bring cellphones to school, they must stay in their backpacks for the entire school day.

A look at what's happening at Hawthorn!



Students in grades 1 & 2 enjoy the
Love of Reading Book Swap



Lunchtime
sledding!

One of the many amazing projects completed by 2 students in 5/6
Jodrey for the African Nova Scotian History Challenge.



For three weeks students in 6 Ryan shared their
learning during African Heritage Month and
had daily questions for our students.