

Hawthorn Elementary

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families

We celebrated March, nutrition month, with the *Big Crunch* as all the students joined together to crunch into a healthy snack; a local apple. Looking ahead, Term 2 report cards go home this week and we will have our Parent/Family- Interviews/Conferences the evening of April 3rd and the afternoon of April 4th. Teachers will be contacting you this week to set up meeting times. It is so nice to celebrate learning with our families! 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

Dates to Remember:

- April 1-Easter Monday (No School)
- April 2- Online submissions for Out of Area Request
- April 3-Parent-Teacher Conferences (5-7 pm)
- April 4-PD (AM) & Parent-Teacher Conferences (1:30-3:30pm) (No School for Students)
- April 9: SAC Meeting @ 6 pm School Library
- April 9: HSA Meeting @ 7pm School Library

Education Week 2024

Nova Scotia's annual Education Week will take place from April 14-20, 2024. This year's theme is Connections to Community and recognizes the work of teachers, student support staff, administrators and Early Childhood Educators who take deliberate effort to enhance and empower their larger school communities, including families and the community at large.



Happy Education Week to our hard-working staff!
We appreciate everything you do for our students!



We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the impact they have on our students and the outstanding work they do in our school every day.

Preparing for the Solar Eclipse

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is pleased to provide all students in Nova Scotia with eclipse glasses to view the upcoming solar eclipse safely.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, obscuring the view of the sun from a section of the Earth. This event is extremely rare, with the next solar eclipse not occurring in the province



until 2079. Nova Scotia will be just outside of the zone of totality for the solar eclipse; for this reason, it is important that individuals have appropriate protection to view this historic event. The solar eclipse will begin at 3:27 p.m., reaching maximum coverage at 4:38 p.m., and ending at 5:44 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://thediscoverycentre.ca/solar-eclipse-solaire/>

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.

Spring Fair-Save the date

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Circle Saturday, June 1 between 10am-12pm on your calendars – rain or shine (weather will not dampen our school spirit). There will be games, prizes, inflatables, balloon animals and touch a truck.

This event can only be successful with parent/guardian volunteers. We will be asking for specific donations and your time. Watch for the volunteer sign up link. It's a fun way to connect with others and use your skills. Everything from face painting to game playing or prize tables.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Lisa at lisas.power@gmail.com

Healthy Hunger-Lunch orders

There are now 3 days a week (Monday, Tuesday, and Friday) where families can order lunches for students. You can create an account and order through Healthy Hunger <https://healthyhunger.ca/>

Interested in Volunteering?

Our school thrives on the support of dedicated volunteers like you. Whether you have a few hours to spare or can commit to regular assistance, your contributions make a significant difference in enhancing our students' educational experience. We have various opportunities available, including classroom support, event organization, and extracurricular activities. This is a good time of year to ensure that all necessary paperwork is completed and up-to-date. If you want to check if your paperwork is still valid or if it has expired, have any questions, or need assistance with completing the paperwork, please don't hesitate to contact us at the office; 902-464-2048 or Hawthorn@hrce.ca

Community Donation

A big thank you for a recent community donation of \$415. We are grateful for our community's support and generosity.

Clothing

As the weather changes we ask that all students pack a change of clothes in the event that their clothing gets wet or dirty/muddy while going outside during recess or lunch.

Reminders

- Please, do not send nut or peanut products to school (this includes Nutella products).
- Our school is a scent-free zone! We ask that all parents, guardians, and visitors refrain from using scented products such as perfumes, colognes, and heavily scented lotions when on at school. Many of our students and staff members have sensitivities or allergies to certain scents. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter are greatly appreciated.
- 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.
- 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.