

Ian Forsyth Elementary Newsletter - April 2024

Where Everyone's A Star!



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Dates to Remember

April

- 1 - Easter Monday - No School
- 2 - School Cash purchases for Bingo opens
- 3&4 - Parent/Teacher conferences
- 4 - SAC and Home and School virtual meetings
- 15 - **R & B** May order opens
- 22 - **Pizza** on-line May order opens
- 22 - School Cash purchases for Bingo closes
- 24 - **R & B** May order closes
- 25 - H&S Bingo event 5:30
- 30 - **Pizza** on-line May order closes

May

- 16 - **Pizza** on-line June order opens
- 18 - **R & B** June order opens
- 20 - Victoria Day - No Classes
- 23 - Popsicle Social 5:30
- 27 - **Pizza** on-line June order closes
- 29 - **R & B** June orders close

Registration for 2024-25 School Year

Please share with anyone who has school aged children, to register as soon as possible. ALL applications are done on line. For assistance please call HRCE Parent Navigator @ 902-464-2000 (**NOTE: current pre-primary children are NOT required to re-register for primary unless they are attending a different school in 2023-24.**)

Family Contact Information

Please let the office know when any contact information changes.



Message from Ms. Yerxa, Principal



Spring is here! Springtime rain = mud. Students need outdoor & indoor shoes, to help reduce the mud in classrooms. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

On March 28, term two reports were emailed to parents/guardians. Please check your email for the message. If you do not find the message in your inbox, please check your "junk file". If you have any difficulty accessing the report, please email Ms. Yerxa @ ayerxa@hrce.ca. If your email address has changed recently, please contact Ms. Hannaby to have her update our records.

Students and staff enjoyed fresh, crunchy apples on Friday March 22 from a local farm. The apples were provided as part of the Great Big Crunch campaign in HRCE. All apples purchased in HRCE for this campaign were ordered from local farms.



Parent/Guardian Request

We now begin creating classes for September. The goal is to balance our students with the classroom, meeting the needs for both learning & teaching. Personalities, behaviours, special needs, as well as academic performances, are all considered. Placement team members are; the sending and receiving teachers, specialists and administration. All requests are due by Friday April 26th, 2024 at the latest, by email to ifes@hrce.ca. Use the subject line "Request to Class Placement Team".

What can you request? You can submit a note or email starting on April 8th, to the attention of the student placement team. Describe the needs of your child. (This is not a guarantee for a specific placement)

What you can NOT request. A teacher. (requests won't be considered). No verbal request to any staff members. Staff will direct you to the protocol given above. Thank you for your support!

Assessment & Evaluation Day

Report cards were emailed on March 28th. Parent/Teacher interviews (phone or in-person) will be on April 3rd 5-7 pm & April 4th 1-4pm. Appointments <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/bk4ev>

Home and School Bingo Night

NEED - Donation of prizes! Please contact Krista at kristamack24@gmail.com if you are able to donate any items for prizes.

Costs - all pre-ordered on SchoolCash

Bingo Booklets - \$2.50 each (7 games)

Final Game 50/50 - \$2.00 for one card and \$5.00 for three cards

Pizza - \$3.00 for one slice

Canteen items - \$1 or \$2 each (cash)

Doors will open at 5:30. Pre-purchased pizza can be picked up at that time. Bingo starts at 6pm and finishes before 8pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Student Reading Volunteers

Volunteers are needed!

Who would like to come in to read with students in grade one? Volunteers have to provide a criminal record check with the vulnerable sector check completed and a child abuse registry check. Both checks **MUST** be dated within **3 MONTHS** of your start date. Volunteers will have to sign a confidentiality agreement. If you would like to volunteer, please email ayerxa@hrce.ca.

Lost and Found

Reminder - monthly, unclaimed items are donated. Have your child check the bin outside the office.

Hot Lunch Orders

Thank you for getting on-line orders in on time! Please note the dates for lunch orders above. We cannot accommodate late orders.

THANK YOU to our families who continue to purchase extra pizzas or R&B lunches for other students. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Water Refill Stations

Students must bring some sort of LABELED drinking container to use at our water refill stations. Due to health and safety reasons, we no longer have communal drinking spigots at our fountains. Warm weather is coming, this is even more important. Cups are not provided.

Student Personal Electronics at School

Personal electronics must be stored out of sight during instructional periods. We are experiencing challenges with student use at school. This takes away from learning. Students spend plenty of time with technology each day, to enhance their learning. This already reduces face-to-face time with others. We ask families to seriously consider why their child(ren) need to bring phones to school. Cell phones are a distraction to learning. Photos or videos of other students while at school are prohibited! Please check your child's device regularly to ensure that they are following this expectation. Please note that we do not take any responsibility for personal belongings brought to school.

Nova Scotia Oral Health Program for Children

Did you know the *Nova Scotia Children's Oral Health program* covers annual basic dental care for all children 14 years of age and under with a valid MSI health card?

Once a year, this includes:

- One routine dental exam
- One fluoride application (2nd may be eligible)
- Two routine x-rays
- Other preventive services – such as; brushing & flossing instructions, and/or cleaning.

Molar sealants, fillings and necessary extractions are also covered by the program.

For more information on this program, visit:

novascotia.ca/dhw/children-dental/

