

BLT Sr. Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Spring is almost here! I would like to thank everyone for your continued support with the school as we all work together to best support your children. With the warmer weather coming, we can start to focus on preparing our students for their transition into a new grade level, or for some, a new school next year. If you ever have any questions about events and programming at the school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr. Myra and Ms. Quinn



March 2025

March 7—Assessment and Evaluation Day—NO SCHOOL

March 10-14—March Break

March 28—Report Cards Sent Home Via Email

April 4—NO SCHOOL—Professional Development in AM and Progress Conferences 1-3pm and 6-8pm

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

MARCH 7	NO CLASSES Assessment & Evaluation Day Elementary and Junior High ONLY
MARCH 10-14	NO CLASSES March Break

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Transition Planning for Next Year

Believe it or not this month we are in the beginning stages of scheduling and planning for our next school year. Please note that most decisions about classroom configurations take place by the end of May. If you have any requests please make sure you contact Mr. Myra (cmyra@hrce.ca) or Ms. Quinn (quinnt@hrce.ca) before the end of May. Please note that we may not be able to accommodate all of your requests but it is helpful if we have this information while we are going through the class configuration process. If you have any questions about this process please contact the school and we would be happy to explain how this works.

March is Nutrition Month

Did you know? March is Nutrition Month! This year's theme, Nourish to Flourish, highlights the important role that food has on our physical, mental and emotional health and well-being.

Whether it's planting an indoor or outdoor garden, cooking together with family, or enjoying a meal with friends, food provides opportunities for building social connections that can support improved feelings of belonging and overall well-being. This is a great time to explore and learn about food. An important part of this is food literacy, which includes having the knowledge and skills to grow, choose, prepare, and talk about food.



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School Spirit Week

It's the countdown to march break! Let's celebrate and show our school spirit.

Students can choose to participate in the following if they wish:

Monday, March 3rd - Neon/80s Day Wear your brightest and boldest colours or your 80s style clothing!

Tuesday, March 4th - Character Day Dress up like your favourite character from your favourite movie, TV show or book!

Wednesday, March 5th - Beach Day Put on your tropical shirts, sunglasses, shorts, or other beach-themed attire to celebrate "Beach Day"!

Thursday, March 6th - PJ Day Wear your pajamas or your comfiest clothes and get ready for a well-deserved March Break!

School Bus Safety Reminder (Graphic on Next Page)

More than 33,000 HRCE students take the school bus. Making sure they have a safe and happy trip to and from school is very important to us. Please talk with your child about school bus safety on a regular basis. Students should tell their bus driver and/or school principal if they have any problems.

Here are some important safety tips:

Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus. Don't run to or from the bus.
- Stand back when the bus arrives and give everyone space. Get on or off the bus one at a time.
- Always cross the road in front of the bus. Walk to a spot where you can see the driver. When they signal it's safe, walk to the middle of the road. STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN, then cross when it's safe.

Never crawl under the bus or cross the road from behind it.

School Bus Safety

- Respect and listen to the driver. Their job is to focus on the road, so avoid distracting them.
- Respect others and your space.
- Keep noise levels down.
- Stay seated while the bus is moving.
- Keep your arms, legs, and head inside the bus.
- Do not throw anything inside or outside the bus.

Keep the aisle clear.

Did you know: It's illegal for drivers to pass a school bus when it has stopped with its red lights flashing. Bus drivers will activate their amber lights 150m before they stop as a warning to motorists.

More information about HRCE student transportation and school bus safety can be found [here](#).



School Bus Safety Tips

A few bus safety reminders for all riders:

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.



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Do you know how to raise a concern?

Did you know that there's a protocol in place to help families contact schools, or HRCE Central Office, when you have concerns about your student's education or well-being?

- All concerns should first be shared with your child's teacher.
- If your concern is not resolved, you should then contact the principal or vice principal .
- If your concern remains unresolved, you can reach out to HRCE's Parent Navigators who can provide information about a wide range of supports and resources or connect you with the school supervisor.
- If your matter continues to be unresolved, you can then initiate a formal review process in which the matter will be investigated by the appropriate HRCE Directors.
- The final step is for your concern to be passed on to the Regional Executive Director.

<https://www.hrce.ca/families/general-information/how-raise-concern>

