

BLT Sr. Elementary School

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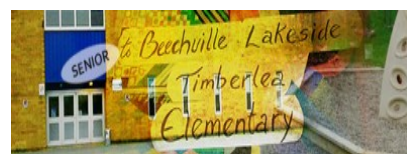
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Principal's Message

I hope this message finds everyone doing well! It is hard to believe we have entered the second last month of the school year! As a school, we are busy planning year end activities and trips to end the students off for the summer with a positive experience.

We are also busy preparing for the 2025-26 school year! This month we will know what staffing will look like next year and we can start making class lists in preparation for the students to come back after their summer break.



May 2025

May 5—Red Dress Day

May 19—Victoria Day—
NO SCHOOL

May 12-23—Grade 3
Students Writing Pro-
vincial Assessments (4
Days in total)

June 7—Spring Fair

June 27—No School

June 30—Last Day of
Classes for 24-25
School Year

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

UPCOMING EVENTS	MAY 19	NO CLASSES Victoria Day
	JUNE 26	NO CLASSES High school students only for assessment and evaluation
	JUNE 27	NO CLASSES PP-12 for assessment and evaluation
	JUNE 30	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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Additional May Dates:

May is Asian Heritage Month
May is Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
May is Polish Heritage Month
May is Speech and Hearing Month
May 5 is Red Dress Day
May 11-17 is Education Week
May 17 is International Day against Hom-
ophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
May 25 to 31 is Nova Scotia Access
Awareness Week

Transition Planning for Next Year—Last Call

We are continuing 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.



Save the Date: Spring Fair—Saturday, June 7th, 2025 From 10am-1pm

We are very excited to have our Annual Spring Fair again this year. It will be held on Saturday, June 7th from 10am-1pm and the PTC-Spring Fair Committee has been hard at work to make it a truly enjoyable experience for all. This is a time to bring community together, make memories, and at the same time raise funds for both schools!

If you would like to get involved please contact our PTC blptcinfo@gmail.com or check out the Facebook group blptc for lots of other great information. We will be also sending out a sign up form for volunteers within the next week or so.

Classroom Events/Trips/Volunteering

A reminder for those considering volunteering for anything upcoming in their child's class that both the Criminal Records Check **with Vulnerable Sector Check** and Child Abuse Registry Check must be completed. Please contact the school for help 902 -876-3230 or email Mrs. Butler JButler@hrce.ca. We can provide a letter to receive a reduced rate on the Criminal Records Check, if done in person at the Tantallon Detachment or we can send an invite from MYbackcheck.com for the volunteer discount rate. The Child Abuse registry search is free and can also be done on-line <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-child-abuse-register-search>

Bike Rack

Our bike rack is available and waiting for our cyclists and scooter riders to make use of it. Hopefully, our students can start using active transportation to get to school.

RMS Band Program

Grade 5 students will enjoy a band performance in May from RMS and forms will be sent home to join Band for next year.

If Not Returning To BLT Sr. In September

If your child will not be attending BLT Sr. as a grade 3, 4 or 5 student please notify the office as this greatly impacts our class composition. If your child is going to RMS next year, you do not need to do anything, they will automatically be transferred to that school.

Water Bottles

Please remember to bring your water bottles especially since the weather is getting warmer.

May 15 is Black Excellence Day

What is Black Excellence Day? In essence Black Excellence Day is about acknowledging, celebrating, and uplifting Black contributions while fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment. The following are ways you celebrate the fourth annual Black Excellence Day:

Celebrating achievements: Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community. It highlights the talent and accomplishments within the Black community, ensuring that Black students have an opportunity to highlight all their positive contributions within the education system.

Promoting equity and inclusion: Recognizing Black Excellence fosters a culture of equity and inclusion within schools. It sends a message that all students, regardless of their background, have the potential to excel and make valuable contributions to society. By celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity, schools create a more welcoming and supportive environment for all students.

Education and awareness: Black Excellence Day serves as an educational opportunity to raise awareness about the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black people. It provides a platform to share stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership, helping to combat stereotypes and promote understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.

Empowerment and inspiration: By celebrating Black Excellence, students are inspired and empowered to pursue their own goals and dreams. Seeing examples of successful Black individuals from various fields, such as science, arts, politics and sports, can motivate students to strive for their own excellence.

Community engagement: Black Excellence Day can serve as a platform for community engagement and collaboration. It provides an opportunity for schools to partner with local organizations, leaders, and activists within the Black community to organize events, workshops, and discussions that promote dialogue and understanding.

Overall, celebrating Black Excellence Day within HRCE schools is important for fostering a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and appreciation for the diverse talents and contributions of Black individuals.



Homework Hub: Finish the year off strong!

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Access Awareness Week

Access Awareness Week takes place annually during the last week of May to raise awareness about disability, access and inclusion. This year, Access Awareness Week runs from May 25-31, and the provincial theme is "Our Voices, Our Votes: Disability Rights in Action."

The provincial Accessibility Directorate is providing all HRCE schools with posters to help bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. The posters are being mailed directly to schools from the directorate and should arrive in the coming days.

For 38 years, Nova Scotians have organized community events, flag raising, forums, and concerts during Access Awareness Week to bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. More information can be found [here](#).



2025-26 EXCEL registration

The EXCEL Before and After Program is a recreation based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by Halifax Regional Centre for Education. At each school site where EXCEL is offered, the dedicated staffing teams plan games and activities that suit the needs and interests of all registered students. Since EXCEL began more than 25 years ago, staff have continually enhanced the program based on experiences and feedback. Today, with more than 4,000 participating students, EXCEL is one of the largest programs of its kind in the Maritimes, providing inclusive and engaging programming for participants.

For more information about registration, fees and programming, please [click here](#).

If you have additional questions, please contact the EXCEL Before and After Program Registrar's Office: Kimberly Lozon at 902-464-2000 ext. 2787 or excelregistrar@hrce.ca and Gail Hartling at 902-464-2000 ext. 2236 or excel@hrce.ca.

Celebrating Education Week 2025

Education Week 2025, May 11 to 17, is a special opportunity to acknowledge educators, school support staff and partners for their outstanding work. This year's theme, *Empowering Futures: Innovation in Education*, celebrates educators who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to infuse innovation into their classrooms and schools.

We applaud educators, school staff, and partners who embrace innovation in meeting the evolving needs of students in preparing them for a rapidly changing future.

Please take a moment, if you feel inspired, to send a note of appreciation to an educator in your child's life who is having a positive impact!

