

Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Senior Elementary School February News 2023

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African Heritage Month

We are very excited to be celebrating African Heritage Month in our school. Classes are undertaking various activities to further their celebration and the school is conducting a month long quiz. We look forward to incorporating more school wide activities as the month progresses.

Kindness Challenge

Thank you so much to the Ridgecliff Middle School Leadership Team for creating a Kindness Challenge for both BLT Schools to take part in. It has been exciting to see so many students embracing the daily kindness challenges.

Morning Drop Off

Please remember that the orange area near our barriers is the student drop off area in the morning. Students should be ready to jump out as soon as your car is stopped. Please follow the bus loop direction when arriving as that ensures predictability and safety for all. Additionally, please remember that the parking lot is not a drop off area, unless arranged due to exceptionalities. **Students should not be at school until 8:05 at the earliest, when supervision begins.** At the end of the day please do not use the parking lot for pick ups until after the final bus has departed, at about 3:00 pm.

Registration for 2023-2024

During February, if your child is currently registered as attending BLT Sr., but will not be returning for 2023-2024, please inform the school, 902-876-3230 or blt@hrce.ca. Our current grade 5 students will receive information specifically regarding Ridgecliff Middle School in the spring, but do not need to register for Ridgecliff as this is an internal process between BLT Sr. and RMS.

Educational Program Assistants and Substitute EPAs

If anyone is interested in becoming an Educational Program Assistant, to collaborate hand in hand with a school's teaching staff to work with students who require additional support, please contact the school (902-876-3230) and we can guide you through the process.

Lunch Monitors

Our school is in need of substitute lunch monitors. Please contact the school (902-876-3230) ASAP, if interested, and we will guide you through the process.

A Winter Wonderland Dance

On Friday, February 17 our school will have a Winter Wonderland dance. Grades 2 & 3 will be 6:00-7:00 pm and grades 4 & 5 will be 7:30-8:30. Tickets will be \$5 per student, with one parent/guardian free. Due to fire regulation we would ask that only one parent/guardian attend. Tickets can be purchased online via SchoolCash. The link to SchoolCash is on our school's web site and <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/>. A cash canteen will be available.

Tattletales Books Coin Drive

Thank you so much to our students and our community for supporting the Tattletales Books coin drive. After yesterday's collection we now have raised just under \$1 000. Mrs. Smedley is so appreciative of everyone's generosity, and what it will mean for the library. We have two more collection dates of Feb. 15 and 22.

Bussing Arrangements

Please be reminded to contact the HRCE Transportation Team if you have any needs related to your child's bussing. Contact them at 902-431-4723 or transportation@hrce.ca.

Safe Arrival

Parents/guardians of students who attend our school have the option to report their child's absence or late arrival in advance using a toll-free number, the PowerSchool Parent Portal or an app!

SchoolMessenger SafeArrival – an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for families to inform their child's school if they will be away – powers all three of these options.

If your child will knowingly be late for school (typically due to an appointment) please indicate they will be absent for the full day, we then change their status once the student arrives at school.

If your child will be absent or late, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

1) Toll-Free Number

Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.

2) PowerSchool Parent Portal

Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.

3) SchoolMessenger App

Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address). For more information about reporting your child's absence and a list of frequently asked questions, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/safearrival>

Important Dates

Feb. 1-28	Registration Month
Feb. 1-28	African Heritage Month
Feb. 1-28	RMS Leadership Team Kindness Challenge
Feb. 1-28	Ecology Action Centre Winter Walk Month
Feb. 1	International Hijab Day
Feb. 1	Global School Play Day (some classes may be conducting it later in February)
Feb. 17	Winter Wonderland Dance
Feb. 20	Heritage Day -no school
March 6-10	Spirit Week (details will be in the March newsletter)
March 13-17	March Break-no school
March 20	Assessment & Evaluation Day-no classes for students
March 28	Term 2 reports e-mailed home
March 29	Student-led conferences during the evening
March 30	Professional development in the morning and student-led conferences during the afternoon-no classes for students