

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 me.

Dates to Remember:

March 8—Term 2 Ends

March 11 -15—MARCH BREAK!

March 18—No School for Students

March 19- First Day Back for Students

March 25—SAC Meeting 6pm

March 28—Report Cards Go Home

March 29—Good Friday, No School

April 1—Easter Monday—No School

ALLERGIES

We have a number of students at BLT Sr. who are allergic to specific foods, especially nuts. Because all students will be eating together in their classrooms, we ask that you do not bring in items that contain nuts.



BLT Sr. continues to be a **Nut Aware School** – similar to many other elementary schools in the HRCE. Please send recess snacks and lunches that contain **only nut free products**.

Strongly scented products cause many children and adults to experience breathing problems, dizziness and/or headaches. Our school is a **Scent Aware School**. Please refrain from wearing strongly scented products when visiting the school.

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) 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 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.

Some ways to engage your family during Nutrition Month:

Get kids involved in meal planning. Ask them to help choose recipes, write out grocery lists and explore grocery store flyers.

Make cooking a family event! Kids can participate in age-appropriate tasks, such as measuring ingredients or setting the table.

Enjoy meals together when you are able. Mealtimes can be a great time to connect in conversation.

Start planning for an indoor or outdoor garden. This is a great way to explore where our food comes from.

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A Healthy School Community:

- Recognizes that healthy students learn better and achieve more;
- Understands that schools can directly influence students' health and behaviours;
- Encourages healthy lifestyle choices, and promotes students' health and well-being;
- Incorporates health into all aspects of school and learning;
- Links health and education issues and systems; and
- Needs the participation and support of families and the greater community!





March Break

Reminder that schools will be closed for March Break – March 11 to 15. Please note that Monday, March 18 is an Assessment & Evaluation Day. **Classes will resume on March 19.**



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.

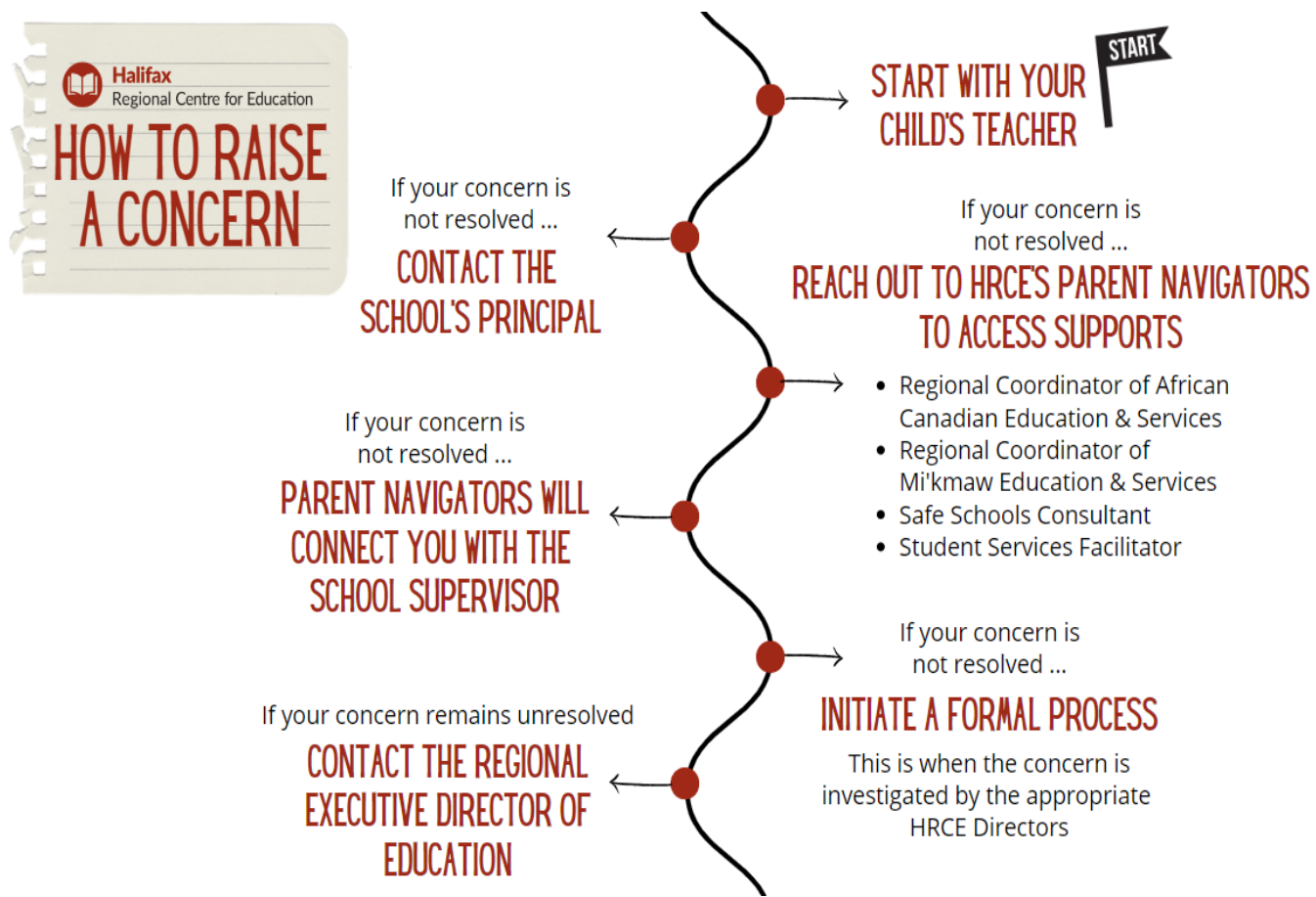
If your concern is not resolved, you should then contact the principal.

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.

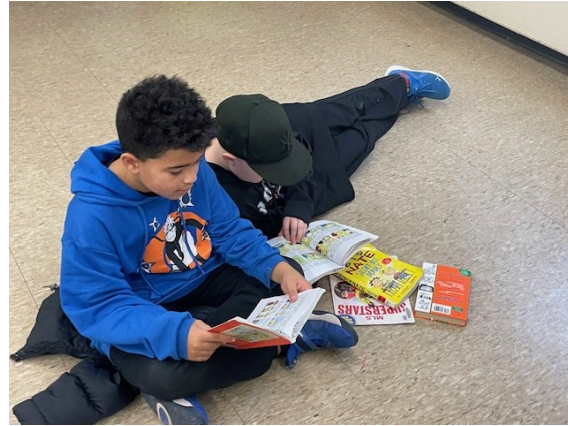
If your matter continues to be unresolved, you can then initiate a formal review process in which the matter will be investigated by the appropriate HRCE Directors.

The final step is for your concern to be passed on to the Regional Executive Director.

Click here to view the [Parent/Guardian Concern Policy](#).



Pictures from Our Literacy Day in January



Couple Reminders

Volunteers/Visitors For Our School

Please remember that volunteers for our school require a criminal records check **with vulnerable sector check** and a child abuse registry check. These checks can take a few weeks to be completed, please plan accordingly for the school event which you would like to help with. I also wanted to remind you that all visitors need to report to the main office when they enter the building.

Morning Arrivals

Student supervision is not available until 8:10 each morning. Please do not drop your child off prior to that.

Pick Up/Drop Off

While the morning routine is generally well executed we have two areas in need of improvement:

1. Students not immediately exiting a car after stopping in the orange drop off area (please remember that all hugs/kisses/conversations should be completed before arriving at school.) Students should have their book bags in their lap, readying to hop out. There is no need for parents to get out of the car.

Please follow the arrows to use the bus loop to get to the orange drop off area. Please do not do U turns or let someone out in a spot other than the orange drop off area.

As well we would like to remind families to not use the school’s parking lot for drop offs or picks ups. Of course, if you have an Accessible Parking Permit you will be able to enter the parking area.

Paid Positions Available

Our school is looking for more people to add to our substitute list as a paid lunch monitor position. If interested, please contact the school and we will help make this possible. Please contact Mrs. Butler, 902-876-3230 or email jbutler@hrce.ca, if interested in either position. We have many members of our community working at the school and would be thrilled to have more join

School Spirit Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8

Favorite Colour Day!

Wear your favorite colour or colours that are meaningful to you! This could also be our school colours (blue, yellow, red)

Twin Day!

Dress like someone you would like to twin with for the day! It can be a friend, teacher, or anyone your admire.

Beach Day!

Bring a glimpse of warm weather to school with Hawaiian shirts, leis, summer clothes, summer hats, and sunglasses.

Jersey/Sports Day!

Wear your favorite teams jersey or something sporty

PJ Day!

We will be doing a STOP, DROP, and READ throughout the day as well.