

BLT Sr. Elementary School

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Principal's Message



April 2024

Dates to Remember:

April 1—Easter Monday—No School

April 4—No School for Students and Student Led Conferences

April 22—Earth Day

April 29—SAC Meeting 6pm

April is here! We have reached the final term of the school year! Teachers are busy preparing for student led conferences occurring later this week. Parents/Teacher Interviews, Report Cards, and Student Led Conferences are only one way to communicate between home and school. If you ever have any questions about how your child is doing, please do not hesitate to reach out!

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—Second Notice

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.

Preparing for the Solar Eclipse

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is pleased to provide all students in Nova Scotia with eclipse glasses to view the upcoming solar eclipse safely.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, obscuring the view of the sun from a section of the Earth. This event is extremely rare, with the next solar eclipse not occurring in the province until 2079. Nova Scotia will be just outside of the zone of totality for the solar eclipse; for this reason, it is important that individuals have appropriate protection to view this historic event.

The solar eclipse will begin at 3:27 p.m., reaching maximum coverage at 4:38 p.m., and ending at 5:44 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://thediscoverycentre.ca/solar-eclipse-solaire/>.



Education Week 2024

Nova Scotia's annual Education Week will take place from April 14-20, 2024.

This year's theme is Connections to Community and recognizes the work of teachers, student support staff, administrators and Early Childhood Educators who take deliberate effort to enhance and empower their larger school communities, including families and the community at large.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the impact they have on our students and the outstanding work they do in our school every day.



Happy Education Week to our hard-working staff!
We appreciate everything you do for our students!



Other Important Dates this Month !

- April is World Autism Month
 - April 14 to 20 is Volunteer Week
 - April 14 to 20 is Education Week
 - April 22 is Earth Day
 - April 24 is Administrative Professionals Day
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Krispy Kreme donuts for Make-A-Wish Canada are back! 🍩 ✨

From now until May 1st, you can order Krispy Kreme’s original glazed donuts for \$18/dozen. Your purchase will help create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses in Nova Scotia.

This fundraiser is so special because one of our BLT students is awaiting her very own Wish to be granted! ✨

For your convenience, the Wish Kid's family will place a bulk order. You will only need to bring them home from school on the day of delivery (May 16th). ** Other arrangements can be made if you would rather pick up after school. This is meant to be easy & delicious!

Donut wait - order today!!



Orders & payment must be received by April 30th. You can pay by cash to Mrs. Wheaton in the Learning Centre or EMT to Emily at: rec305@live.com

Thank you for your wonderful support.

Grade 5 French Immersion Reading Challenge for April

We have started asking students to record their French reading minutes in the evening and have parents sign their form as an effort to engage our students more in their at-home reading. Our class, as well as 5Ferguson, will be working together to accumulate 5000 reading minutes as quickly as possible. We will have a thermometer that we will fill in weekly with the reading minutes total.

Once the total has been reached, Mme. Ferguson and I will let the students pour ice water over our heads or throw water balloons at us outside on a nicer, warm day; we still haven't fully decided yet. The reading minutes forms will be due back at the end of each week. We're excited to see how the students do!

Merci,
Erin and Jillian

