

BLT Sr. Elementary School

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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 2024-25 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.

Craig Myra, Principal, BLT SR. Elementary



May 2024

Dates to Remember:

May 13 and 15— BLT SR. Spring Concerts (Details Enclosed)

May 14-15—Grade 3 Provincial Assessment (ENG Students)

May 20—Victoria Day—No School

May 22-23—Grade 3 Provincial Assessment (ENG and FI Students)

June 1— PTC SPRING FAIR! (Details on Page 8 and 9)

June 25—Grade 5 Closing 1pm

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.

OTHER IMPORTANT MAY DATES

May is Asian Heritage Month

May is Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

May is Hearing and Speech Month

May 17 is International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

May 26 to June 1 is National AccessAbility Week

Spring Concert Details

May 13th (Concert 1) & 15th (Concert 2)

1:10pm Afternoon concerts both days

6pm Evening concerts both days

Students can wear anything that coordinates with the songs that they're performing.

All students in Choir performs for both nights.

Concert 1	Concert 2
May 13th	May 15
1:10pm and 6:00pm	1:10pm and 6:00pm
4 Murphy	3 - 4 Andrade
4 Webb	4 Huczel
4 - 5 Corbin	4 Kays
4-5 Wells	4 - 5 McKearney
5 C-A	5 Ferguson
5 McPherson	5 Smith
5 Delaney	Choir
Choir	

*****Attention grade 4/5 families - Want reserved front row seats and/or VIP parking at the BLT Sr Spring concert? Check school cash to purchase your chance to win! Ticket sales will close May 10th with winners announced May 12th!*****

LAST CHANCE—Transition Planning for Next Year

Believe it or not this month we are in the final 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 17th 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.

Congratulations 5 McPherson!

We are pleased to share that 5 McPherson's class project for the African Nova Scotian History Challenges has been chosen as a top prize in Challenge 2: African Nova Scotian Communities! **The entire Grade 5 class will receive an award** for their winning project "The African Nova Scotian Historic Road," an extremely well produced and researched board game.

The class is invited to a special awards ceremony on **May 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Halifax Central Library.**

Thank you to all the students from BLT Sr. for participating in this year's African NS History Challenge!

BELL TIME CHANGE FOR 24-25 School Year

The HRCE Student Transportation team is currently planning for the 2024-25 school year with the goal of improving bus service for all students.

As part of this planning process, bell times will change at our school starting in September.

New Bell Schedule for 2024-25 School Year:

Start Time: 8:35 a.m.

Dismissal Time: 2:35 p.m.

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>

Reminders:

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 enjoyed a performance from RMS and forms are being sent home to join Band for next year, forms are due back to school on May 8th.

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.

Morning Drop Off

Please be reminded that our school supervision does not start until 8:10 am. This means our students should not arrive prior to supervision being available. If you are picking up your child, please use the bus loop for student drop offs and pick ups and not the staff parking lot.

May 15 is Black Excellence Day

Celebrating Black Excellence Day on May 15, 2024, within Halifax Regional Centre for Education is important for several reasons:

1. Representation and Recognition: 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 educational system.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

For more information and activities to help mark the day, [click here](#).



2024-25 EXCEL registration

The EXCEL program is a recreation-based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, offering before and after school care for elementary-aged children.

At each school site, the dedicated and qualified staffing teams plan weekly games and activities that suit the needs and interests of the registered students. These individual plans are framed around EXCEL’s overall philosophy which is focused on physical activity and positive social interaction in a safe and fun environment.

Registration for returning children began April 29 and registration for new EXCEL participants will begin on May 13. [Click here](#) for more information.

A colorful graphic for EXCEL registration. The background is white with a border of various school and sports items including a basketball, soccer ball, backpack, pencil, paper, and scissors. The text is centered and reads: "Recreation-based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by HRCE" in a grey sans-serif font. Below this is the main title "2024-25 EXCEL Registration" in a large, bold, dark red font. Underneath the title, it says "Registration for returning EXCEL participants begins April 29." and "Registration for new EXCEL participants begins May 13." in a smaller grey font. At the bottom center is the logo for the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, which consists of a red square with a white book icon and the text "Halifax Regional Centre for Education" to its right.

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Did you know your student has access to Homework Hub? Finish the year off strong with the help of experienced tutors!

GNSPES Access: Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account (gnspes.ca) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.

24/7 Access: Anytime access to video tutorials, practice questions and vocabulary review.

Bilingual tutors available for students in:

Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Grade 4-6 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

[Watch this video](#) to learn more about Homework Hub!



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Spring Fair Update

We are very excited to have our Annual Spring Fair again this year. It will be held on Saturday, June 1st 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 bltptcinfo@gmail.com or check out the Facebook group bltptc for lots of other great information. We will be also sending out a sign up form for volunteers within the next week or so.

What to look forward to:

Bouncy Castles

Class Baskets Draw

Ticket Draw is Back with Amazing Prizes Courtesy of Ian Angus!

Games, Games, and More Games

Dunk Tank

Canteen

Silent Auction

Cake Walk

Plan Table

Artwork Auction

And Much More.....

Deadline: Last day to drop off items for Class Baskets is **MAY 9th**

****We will send a more detailed advertisement for the SPRING FAIR Next Week!****



Thank you to our MAJOR SPRING FAIR SPONSORS!

Detailed list of Additional Sponsors will be included in Spring Fair Notice Next Week!

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