



## **March Newsletter 2024**

### **Ross Road School**

#### March Important Dates

<b>March 1</b>	<b>Skills Trades to visit Gr. 9 classes</b>
<b>March 4</b>	<b>Cole Harbour High School Counsellor and IB Dept. Head to visit Gr. 9 classes</b> <b>6:30 Home and School Meeting</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Dalhousie University Recruiter to visit Gr. 9 classes</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>IB Dept. Head to visit interested Gr. 9 students</b>
<b>March 8</b>	<b>International Women's Day</b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Ramadan begins</b>
<b>March 11-15</b>	<b>March Break, no classes</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Assessment and Evaluation Day, no classes</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Term 3 begins</b>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>Late French Immersion Program Information Session</b>
<b>March 26</b>	<b>Wear something <b>PURPLE</b> to support Epilepsy Awareness Day</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Neptune Theatre presents Grumpy and Grim to Pr-6,</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>MADD Canada visits Gr. 7-9</b>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Good Friday, no classes</b>

#### **SPIRIT WEEK**

Please see below the daily themes for students and staff to have a little fun the week leading into March Break.

**March 4** Show your school spirit by wearing our school colors (red & blue) or school clothing.

**March 5** Rainbow Day - Spring is on the way! Let's celebrate by wearing as many different colors of the rainbow as you can!

**March 6** Sports Day - Wear your favourite team jersey/clothing or dress as any sport you would like (dance, gymnastics, etc.).

**March 7** St Patrick's Day - Show your St. Patrick's Day spirit by wearing St. Patrick's Day accessories and/or green clothing.

**March 8** PJ & Movie Day – Start relaxing early by wearing your favourite PJs to kick off March Break!

Anything but a Back Pack Day – Jr. High students are invited to be creative and bring their school supplies in carrying container of some sort that is NOT a Back Pack.

### **TATTLETALES COIN CAMPAIGN**

We are excited to participate in the 2024 Tattletales Coin Campaign! The Coin Campaign will take place during Spirit Week, from **Monday March 4 to Friday, March 8**. We are inviting students to **donate loose change (nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies and toonies)**, which will be used to buy new books from Tattletales, an independent bookstore located in Dartmouth. A prize will be awarded to the class that brings in the most! Why do we love this event? Well, we love books! But also because Tattletales recruits local businesses to match the funds raised by participating schools. Which means we can get more books! What's on our wish list this year? *Pea, Bee and Jay, Digestion! The Musical, and How To Party Like a Snail* (along with a few others)! *\*These new books make an incredible difference to our students, who are enthusiastic readers. We thank you in advance for your support!\**

### **LATE FRENCH IMMERSION**

February was registration month. Parents and students in Gr. 6 will be asked to choose their program for next school year. (French Immersion or English program) Program selection forms are going home soon. They are due back to your child's teacher by Thursday, March 28. There will be an RRS Late French Immersion Parent Information Session on Thursday, March 21 to support parents in making this decision.

### **HALIFAX REGIONAL ARTS**

Did you know that Halifax Regional Arts (HRA) gives opportunities to all HRCE students to have enhanced fine arts experiences? Did you know that all programming, including all instruments, supplies, and materials are FREE? HRA provides fine arts experiences, including music, drama, dance and visual arts. Each family of schools has at least one HRA Fine Arts Specialist (Visual

Arts, Drama, Dance) that have reached nearly 53,000 students since September! We thank Mr. Grady for facilitating Drama Club, Circus Juggling workshops, and arranging to have Neptune Theatre present Grumpy and Grimm to our P-6 classes.

Curious to learn more? Visit <https://hra.hrce.ca/>

### **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.

### **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](#).



## **Reminders:**

- Student Cell phones continue to be a distraction at school in classrooms and washrooms at the Jr. High grade levels. Cell phones are expected to be on silent mode and put in lockers during instructional time. Please remind your child of the school expectation. If a student is distracted by their cell phone during the instructional day, teachers will give a warning and they will be directed to put it in their locker. If the issue continues, teachers will contact the administration. Administration will then speak with the student and their cell phone will be placed in the school safe until the end of the day.
- Please send your child to school with a filled water bottle to start their school day.
- Please remind your child to dress for the weather and be prepared to spend up to 25 minutes outdoors.
- Please send in a change of clothes especially for our younger learners.
- Please continue to use the upper parking lot for drop-off/pick-up of students during the school day.

## **NUT AND SCENT AWARE**

Ross Road school asks that all parents, students and staff continue to respect that we are a **Nut & Scent Aware School**. Please note that there are a number of students and staff who have allergies of various types- nuts, and scent sensitivities. We appreciate your support, as it enables us to provide a safer environment for all.

## **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.

## **EASTER FAMILY DANCE**

Hop into Easter weekend with the Family Easter Dance! It will be held on March 28th from 6:30-8pm. Parents must attend with their children. There is no staff supervision provided.

## **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**

Home & School of Ross Road will once again be hosting their Gift Card Family Bingo night on May 2nd!! In order to make this just as successful as last year we need your help. We are

looking for donations of gift cards in any denomination for prizes! They can be from anywhere, with the exception of NSLC. Please send in any donations to your child's teacher by March 28th.

**Thank you to all families for your continued support!**

**It takes a village!**

