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## The Hillside Park Press



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Dear Families,

Happy March! For a short month, February sure was jam-packed. We celebrated African Heritage Month by honouring the culture, legacy, achievements, and contributions of people of African descent, and it was wonderful to see our students so engaged in their learning! We curled with Rocks & Rings, danced and drummed with the Maritime Centre for African Dance, had a great BINGO night, and many other awesome learning opportunities in between.

We wish all our families a safe and relaxing March Break. As always, reach out to us if you need anything at all. We appreciate your support.

Yours in Education,  
Mrs. Reid, Ms. Ripley-Davis and the Hillside Park Team

### Head Lice

**Please continue to regularly check family members for head lice. Please let the school administration know if we can help. A child with head lice may return to school after the first treatment. Please know that head lice is a common occurrence and we can all work together to minimize the effects.**



## What's Happening at Hillside in March?

March 6	PERFORM Workshops
March 9 and 10	SuperNOVA Codemakers Workshops
March 13-17	March Break- no classes
March 20	Assessment and Evaluation Day (no school for students)
March 22	"Découvrons la culture française" (see info below)
March 28	Reports sent home via email
March 30	Professional Development AM (no school for students) Family/Teacher Conferences afternoon and evening (no school for students)
March 31	Breakfast & Books... and Pajamas! Wear your jammies
April 7	Good Friday (no school)
April 10	Easter Monday (no school)
April 26	SAC/PTG Meeting 6:00 in the library

Please note there is no school for students on **Monday, March 20** as it is an **Assessment & Evaluation Day** (this piggybacks off the March Break).

Teachers will be writing report cards on this day. A separate email about Family/Teacher Conferences will be sent out later in the month.



# NEW HILLSIDE PARK PRE-PRIMARIES AND PRIMARIES WANTED!

Effective February 1, 2023, we will be accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year through our new online portal, PowerSchool Enrollment!

**Tip:** Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and
- Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for non-citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enroll your child today!

Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall. This information determines staffing in the fall.

## PERFORM!



PERFORM! brings together professional performers with teachers and students in public and private schools across Nova Scotia. Its primary goal is to enhance learning by involving Performing Artists in the delivery of Drama, Music, and Dance curricula.

We are pleased to welcome Mohamed André Duranteau- a dancer, choreographer and professional musician from Guinea in West Africa. Since his childhood, Mohamed has had a deep affinity as well as a curiosity for the music and traditional dance of his native country.

Mohamed loves sharing his knowledge of Guinea's traditional dances, songs and rhythms as he strongly believes that this kind of exchange helps to promote and improve artistic expression and contributes to cultural diversity.

He is eager to integrate and share his culture and talent with our students at Hillside Park!



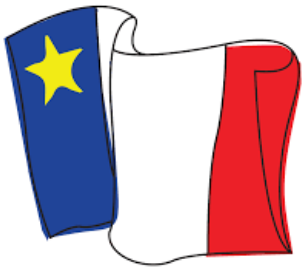
FutureCodes allows students to explore technologies, coding and artificial intelligence (AI) and their real world applications, fostering a meaningful connection to digital literacy. We can't wait to welcome SuperNOVA back in to work with our students!

# Breakfast & Books

March is Nutrition Month! To help bring attention to healthy eating and wellness, students will be collaborating with teachers to create a breakfast menu to be shared school-wide.



We received community and provincial food donations to make this day possible. While students are enjoying their breakfast, they will also be cozying up with a great book. Sounds like a pretty ideal morning!! This will take place on **Friday, March 31**. Wear your pajamas!



Our school's French program has been selected to receive a The Cultural Connections Grant for a special project called "Découvrons la culture française" ("Let's Discover French Culture"). We are so excited for our Hillside students to be immersed in French culture on March 22. There will be a few whole-school initiatives to celebrate French language and culture, and grades 4 and 5 will deepen their beginner French language skills through various activities and experiences.



## 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!
- ★ Curious to learn more? Visit <https://hra.hrce.ca/>

# Joint Accessibility Plan

The Nova Scotia Accessibility Act recognizes accessibility as a human right and sets a goal of an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. You can learn more about how the province will achieve this goal [here](#).

Nova Scotia's seven regional centres for education and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial are responsible for developing a multi-year plan to ensure accessibility in public education. Together, we created a Draft Joint Accessibility Plan, outlining *how we will provide accessible learning and teaching experiences for all, in every aspect of education*. We're now looking for feedback from Nova Scotian families and staff in our organizations.

This is a reminder that we are inviting you to review our draft plan and provide input through *ThoughtExchange*. Tell us what works, what needs improvement and what we might be missing. It's quick, easy and anonymous. You can read and rate the thoughts of others – and contribute as often as you like.

## How to get started

- [Click here](#) to review the Draft Joint Accessibility Plan in English. [Click here](#) for French.
- [Click here](#) to share your feedback using *ThoughtExchange*.
- If you prefer to share your feedback by email, [click here](#).

This consultation will run until March 8, 2023.

## A Message From SchoolsPlus

SchoolsPlus staff are here to support Hillside Park families.

Did you know SchoolsPlus can: Help you access food supports?

Want some tips for school lunches? Check out [this link](#):

Need some guidance in accessing food supports? Reach out to your SchoolsPlus team.

REMEMBER: SchoolsPlus services are confidential.

Your Hillside Park SchoolsPlus Team is:

- Jen Fougere (Assistant Leader)
- Michelle Boudreau (Community Outreach Worker)
- Megan Shafi (Child and Youth Care Practitioner)

Contact us at 902-483-8367 (call or text) or [jfougere@hrce.ca](mailto:jfougere@hrce.ca)





The Halifax Helpers offers virtual English as an Additional Language (EAL) conversation groups for all newcomer students grades Primary to 12. These virtual groups are a fun way for students to practice their English skills in an engaging, social setting. Sessions are open to all primary and secondary school students. Availability is limited and students must register each week.

Please note that the session time is 7pm on Thursday. Visit <https://www.thehalifaxhelpers.com/conversation-group> to register.

## SACKVILLE FOOD PROGRAMS



### FOOD BANKS

#### Beacon House Food Bank

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri from 9:30-12:45pm and Thurs from 6-7:45pm. Offers food and food ingredients.

#### Gateway Food Bank

9-12pm Wed, Thurs by appt. Call on Tues before noon to make appointment. Offers food and food ingredients.



### MEALS

#### Freedom Kitchen

FREE take away meals on Mon with pick-up from 4-6pm

#### Sackville Meals on Wheels

\$8 noontime meals delivered Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri Pre-ordered only

#### Sackville Seniors Advisory Council

Hot Lunch on Wed from 11:45-12:15pm. Tickets start selling at 11:00am. Eat-in or Take out. \$10 Non-Members, \$8 Members located at Sackville Heights Community Centre



### FOOD PROGRAMS

#### Sackville Public Library

Daily snacks when Library is open and while supplies last.

#### NS Works Opportunity Place & Family SOS Community Fridge

Mon to Fri (except holidays) 8:30-4:00pm

#### Freedom Kitchen Food Rescue

Limited food hampers available after 11:30am Mon, Thurs, Sat (as posted)

#### Encounter Cafe - Encounter Church of the Salvation Army

Mondays 10am-11am Seniors; Tuesdays 9:30am-11am Time with Tots, 1:30pm-2:30pm English Conversation Group; Wednesdays 3pm-5pm Study Cafe; Thursdays 3pm-5pm Study Cafe

#### Sackville Public Library

Community Cafe Fridays 10-11 am

#### Sackville Square Roots

Normally every 2nd Saturday at the Sackville Public Library. \$10 produce bags or what you can pay

#### Sackville Heights Community Centre

Community Cafe Fridays 10:30-noon

#### Memory Lane Family Place - Family Resource Centre

Provides food for families as part of its program service delivery.

### CONTACTS

**Freedom Kitchen at Knox United Church:** 567 Sackville Dr (902) 865-9216  
**NS Works Opportunity Place Community Fridge:** 108 Cobequid Rd (902) 864-7520  
**Beacon House Food Bank:** 470 Cobequid Rd. (902) 864-3025  
**Beacon House Winter Shelter:** 125 Metropolitan Avenue (902) 864-1584  
**Sackville Public Library:** 636 Sackville Dr. (902) 865-8653  
**Gateway Food Bank:** 10 Beaverbank Rd (902) 865-3731  
**Sackville Meals on Wheels:** 40 Freer Ln. (902) 869-6103  
**Memory Lane Family Place - Family Resource Centre:** 22 Memory Ln. (902) 864-6363  
**Sackville Heights Community Centre:** 45 Connolly Rd. (902) 869-4764  
**Square Roots:** squarerootssackville@gmail.com  
**Encounter Church of the Salvation Army:** 51 Metropolitan Ave. (902) 865-8010

