



March 2021 Newsletter

Principal's Message

February has the smallest number of days and yet we have squeezed an amazing number of ways to celebrate and make the most of it. Included in that short time, we had Literacy Week Bingo, Black History Month, indoor recess and lunch dancing in the gym!

We experienced muddy playgrounds, icy paths and freezing temperatures. A reminder to dress your child for the weather as we try to get outside as much as possible.

We recognized African Heritage Month with projects, readings, discussions and with amazing art work created and displayed throughout our corridors. We celebrated Edward Arab Day and enjoyed a long weekend with our families. Between the fire and lockdown drills, we have worked hard to learn and apply new math and writing skills. We have strengthened our reading strategies and researched new concepts in Social Studies and in Science.

February was also registration month. We have been very busy registering a whole new group of Pre-Primary students along with many new Primaries as well as many students of all grades who are moving into the area. If for some reason you did

not yet register your child, please do so ASAP. Also, if you have a neighbor or friend that hasn't yet registered please encourage them to do so. Student registration determines our staffing for September, so it is very important that we have everyone accounted for.

I have to commend you on doing the COVID19 screening daily and for working together to ensure everyone is healthy at Hillside. I truly appreciate the collaboration between school and home!

I would like to thank the HPES staff for all their hard work providing these engaging learning opportunities.

Just wait to see all we can squeeze into the following months including parent teacher, a family bingo evening in April, and a Family dance in May!



Masks and Water Bottles

Please make sure that your child has a mask and a water bottle daily!



Report Cards Term 2 Report Cards will be going home on Wednesday March 31. Parent/ Teacher Meetings will be held during the week of April 6-9. We will be holding these remotely as we did last term.



Safety

Please ensure that you and your child use the driveway marked with the orange line to come up to the school. I am always there to ensure the busses wait for our children to be safe. The other driveway is where the busses enter and can be slippery in the winter with the water runoff. Please use the safe driveway, which is the 2nd driveway from Cobequid Rd.

Dress for the Weather

Our goal is to be outside enjoying the fresh air as often as possible. Please send your children with snow pants, boots, hats and mitts so they can enjoy the outside comfortably. If you put an extra pair of clothing in their backpack, that would save some phone calls if your little one gets wet.

Head Lice

This is to inform you that students in your child's school have head lice. As head lice can be spread from person to person, we recommend that you carefully check your child's head to see if they have head lice. If your child has live lice or its close to the scalp (within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch), he/she needs to receive treatment. For information on how to check for lice and nits, and how to treat head lice, please check the Public health website at www.cdha.ns.ca/phealth.html.



Upcoming Dates

March- 8-12 Spirit Week

March 15-21- March Break- No School

March 24- Assessment and Evaluation Day No School.

April 2- Good Friday No School (Easter)

April 5- Easter Monday No School

April 8- Parent Teacher afternoon and evening (No school for students)

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"Each person must live their life as a model for others" (Rosa Parks)