

April 2024

Smokey Drive Newsletter

Smokey Drive Elementary School

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Principal Mrs. J. Miller

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Principal's Message

Spring has arrived and that means lots of mud on the property. There has been lots of cooperative play on the hill and surrounding areas. Dressing for the conditions is recommended (rubber boots, splash pants, etc), as we go outside in most weather conditions, the exception being heavy rain

The school yard was recently cleaned up and holes temporarily filled with rock. The winter was challenging for our driveway and school yard, I am happy that the necessary clean up has begun.

Spring time also means we will be conducting the remaining safety drills for this school year. We will have a fire drill next week and the remaining two in May and June.

Important Dates:

April 1 - Easter Monday - No School

April 2 - Report Cards sent home-electronically

April 3 - Student Led conferences 4-6pm

April 4 - PD Day am/Student Led Conferences
1-3pm - No School for students

April 8 - Solar Eclipse Day- Please keep the glasses for use on this day.

April 22- Earth Day

April 24- Administrative Professionals Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

APRIL

1

NO CLASSES

Easter Monday

APRIL

4

NO CLASSES

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences
Elementary & Junior High ONLY

APRIL

18

NO CLASSES

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences
High School ONLY

Visit hrce.ca/calendars to view & download the 2023-24 calendar.

Report Cards

Report cards and IPPs for applicable students will be sent home on Tuesday, April 2. You will receive an email with a link to the report card. For added security, you must use a password to access the report through the link. The password is your child's birthday in the format of YYYY-MM-DD. The dashes are part of the password. For example, if your child's birthday is November 28, 2011, the password is 2011-11-28. Some email servers have detected these messages as spam, so check your junk mail. If you do not get the email by Tuesday evening, please email Ms. Lesley Imacneil@hrce.ca.

Student Led Conferences

We are excited to welcome families this week as students share some of their learning during term two.

Conferences are Wednesday from 4-6pm and Thursday 1-3pm. Teachers will notify families of your scheduled times.



PTA News

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to **cancel our SPRINGO BINGO, scheduled for April 18th at 6:30pm**. We do have plans for another family event the beginning of June. Details will be shared after our May meeting.

Our next PTA meeting is **May 8th @ 7:00pm** for our next meeting. All are welcome.



SAC- School Advisory Council- We are currently recruiting new members to our SAC. We are in need of a community member. If you are interested please reach out to Mrs. Miller @ jean.miller@hrce.ca. SACs play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. Our next SAC meeting will be **May 8 at 6:00 pm**. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Lost & Found

Please check our Lost & Found for any missing items during Student Led Conferences this week. All remaining items will be donated on Friday, April 5th.



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.



**April is
Autism
Awareness
Month**



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/>.



Reminders

- There should be no dogs on the school grounds between 8am-6pm.
- Please use the entrance on Smokey Dr when arriving each day. We do not want people walking up the driveway, or between parked cars .
- Please watch for signs indicating areas that parking is permitted around the school grounds.
- SDE is a peanut and nut free, and scent aware site. Please do not send nut or peanut products to school.
- Supervision of students does not begin until **8:15**, so they should not arrive until that time.
- Please label clothing items, water bottles, etc.
- Please send water bottles and cutlery each day with your child.
- Keeping a change of clothes in backpacks is a great idea that prevents us from calling home when a change is necessary.
- Student cell phones or other devices used to message should not be used during the school day.
- If you child is absent from school please call the Safe Arrival Line at **1-833-582-6940**