

# April 2025 Newsletter



**HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE:** If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

- **Toll-Free Number**—Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.
- **PowerSchool Parent Portal** — Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- **SchoolMessenger App**—Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 No Classes PD & Parent/ Guardian/Teacher Interviews	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Magical Event	18 Good Friday No Classes	19
20 Easter Sunday	21 Easter Monday No Classes	22  Earth Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 PD Day No Classes			

## OUT OF AREA REQUESTS

Parents/guardians may seek placement for their child in a school outside of the neighbourhood in which they reside under the guidelines of the [Student Registration Policy](#).

The Out-of-Area request process for the 2025-26 school year begins on April 1, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. You can find the online registration by clicking: <https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-registration/out-area-request>

The electronic submission will be sent automatically to the receiving school and will include a date and time stamp. Requests for students who will have older siblings in the receiving school in September will be given priority for an Out-of-Area placement if adequate accommodation is available.



## GRADE 6 CLOSING CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars. The celebration for our grade 6 students will be held Friday, June 20th at 1pm. More details will be provided as the date gets closer.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Many students are arriving late to school on a daily basis. We ask that students arrive to school on-time for the first bell at **8:25 am**. When students arrive late to class, it is not only disruptive to the late student, but also the rest of the class.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matters.

## NS SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Please check with your child(ren) regarding their lunches and whether they are eating them. If you have any questions and/or concerns please reach out to [lunch@hrce.ca](mailto:lunch@hrce.ca) (email) or [nslunch.ca](http://nslunch.ca)

## SNACK PROGRAM

If you are unfamiliar with this program, all students have the opportunity to come to the office during recess or lunch if they are still hungry after eating their food from home. Please have discussions with your child whether you wish for them to come to the office to get snacks and also to encourage them to only come once all other food has been eaten. We do our best to ensure all food from home has been eaten but we are not always able to monitor closely and we do not want any food being wasted from home.

## VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

The end of the school year will be here before we know it and along with that comes yearend field trips. If you are hoping to chaperone for any field trip, you are required to follow the HRCE policy as shown below.

In accordance with Nova Scotia's Provincial Volunteer Background Check Policy, prior to volunteering with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, all volunteers will provide:

- A completed Child Abuse Register search, which can be found here
- A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check available here, from your local Police or RCMP detachment or through online organizations endorsed by Nova Scotia law enforcement agencies.

Please note: the Child Abuse Register Search and Criminal Records Check must be issued in the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years. Interested in helping out? We would love to have you!

## TATTLETALES COINS FOR BOOKS CAMPAIGN

Thanks to your generous donations, Colby Elementary was able to collect \$140.20 in change for Tattletales Annual Coins for Books Campaign. These funds will be combined with contributions from Tattletales and used to purchase new books for our school library.

Huh!

DID YOU KNOW .....

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

