



Colby Village Elementary

April 2026 Newsletter

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BELL SCHEDULE



First Bell..... 8:25
Classes Start 8:30
Recess:..... 10:00—10:15
Lunch:..... 11:30—12:30
Dismissal Bell: 2:35

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).

Important Dates



April 1st Parent/Guardian/Teacher Interviews 6-8pm
April 2nd P.D. am & Parent/Guardian/Teacher Interviews
1-3 pm – No Classes for Students
April 2nd Autism Aware Day
April 3rd Good Friday – No Classes
April 6th Eastern Monday – No Classes
April 22nd Earth Day
April 29th Assessment & Evaluation Day – No Classes for
Students
May 23 Spring Fair

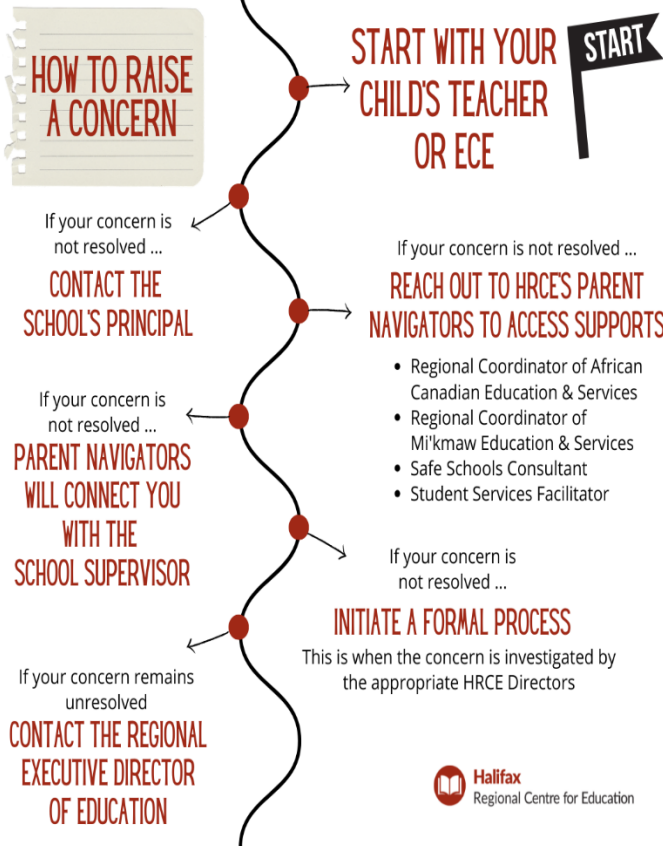
OUT OF AREA REQUESTS

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 2026-27 school year begins on April 1, 2026 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.



MAD SCIENCE – APRIL 16TH

Mad Science is coming to Colby Village Elementary. Mad Science presents Fire & Ice on Thursday, April 16th from 6:15-7:00 pm, followed by a 15-minute break, then Spin Pop Boom from 7:15-8:00 pm (doors will open at 5:45). Popcorn, water, and candy bags will be available for purchase during this event. Admission is \$5/person (kids & adults - plus fees) or \$18/family (plus fees) of four or more. Tickets available through School Cash Online and at the door.



SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

Families of Colby Village Elementary will be paying most school related expenses through SchoolCash Online. This system will allow you to make payments electronically with the click of a button. You will be able to make all payments safely, securely, and quickly through **SchoolCash Online**.

Our school will post items for purchase and assign school fees relevant to your child. You can make all purchases and payments from your phone, tablet, or computer. If you have not already done so, we would like families to register as soon as possible.

To get started, please register for **SchoolCash Online**. It's free and takes less than two minutes. You will receive an email once items are posted for purchase. If you have not registered for School Cash Online, you will not get the email. Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/> and click **Register** to get started. You can also go to our school's website and click the link on our home page.

Need support? Connect with the SchoolCash Online help desk at schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support. We hope that **SchoolCash Online** makes paying school-related fees more convenient!

VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

We recognize our responsibility to ensure that all students attending our schools are protected by taking reasonable precautions to screen volunteers who may be working with students without direct supervision of staff. 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](#). As of June 2025, digital confirmations are available for Child Abuse Register checks. For more information, click [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: Both the Child Abuse Register Search and Criminal Records Check must be issued in the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years.



AUTISM AWARENESS DAY – APRIL 2ND

Autism Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many strengths and experiences of autistic children and youth in our school communities. For families, it's a moment to reflect on the importance of feeling seen, heard, and supported — not just today, but every day.

In our schools, awareness is only the beginning. True inclusion comes from acceptance, understanding, and a commitment to meeting each student where they are. When educators, students, and families work together to build empathy and reduce barriers, we create environments where every child can thrive.

Recognized globally on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, led by the United Nations, highlights the importance of improving quality of life and upholding the rights of autistic individuals. This year's theme, "Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value," reminds us that every person deserves dignity, respect, and the opportunity to thrive, both in school and beyond.