

February Newsletter

Welcome to February

It's hard to believe that January has come and gone. It was marked by busy full weeks including our last one, with our Literacy week.

February marks African Heritage, our Heritage day, and our registration month. Groundhog Day let us know spring will be here soon, hard to believe after the snowfall we had this past weekend. Hopefully, our students will have plenty of snow-filled days to play in until then!



February is African Heritage Month

African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia, celebrated each February, honours the contributions of African Nova Scotians.

This year's theme, Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance, highlights the achievements and resilience of African Nova Scotians, who have shaped the province's history for more than 400 years.

In schools, recognizing African Heritage Month is crucial for promoting cultural awareness and inclusion. It fosters understanding of the diverse cultural landscape of Nova Scotia, empowering African Nova Scotian students by reflecting their history and heritage in their classrooms. Highlighting their achievements serves as a source of inspiration.

African Heritage Month 2025 is an opportunity to educate, inspire, and celebrate the richness of African heritage in Nova Scotia every day.



Dates to Remember

Feb 1-28 - Registration is open

Feb 4th - French Immersion info Session 6-7pm

Feb 6th - Winter Walk Day

Feb 10th-14th - Lock Down Drill

Feb 13th - TESPFA Family Dance

Feb 14th - Valentine's day

Feb 17th - **Heritage Day: Nora Bernard 2025 Honoree**

March 7th- Assessment and Evaluation Day - No School for Students

March 10-14th March Break



February is Registration Month

February is REGISTRATION MONTH for all NEW pre-primary and primary students for the 2025-2026 school year. All students must be four or five years old by December 31st, 2025. If you have a child in pre-primary currently, you do not have to register again. Registration for new students is all online! Here is the link: [REGISTRATION](#)

TESPA NEWS

This month, back by popular demand, the candy grams will be sold for Valentines. Our Family Valentine's Dance is on Feb 13 6-7:30pm. TESP meeting is Feb 19th. The Popcorn Sale Dates for the remainder of the year are: Feb 28, March 28, April 25, May 30.

WINTER WALK

Once again, Tantallon Junior Elementary will be participating in Nova Scotia's Winter Walk Day organized by the Ecology Action Centre. Our physical education teacher, Mr. I. will be having the walk during regular phys.ed class on Thursday, February 6th.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for an outdoor walk on the 6th.



FRENCH IMMERSION

Info session

Did you know that Tantallon Junior elementary offers a French Immersion program?

Did you know that your child could be starting to learn French as early as grade Primary? Not sure if Early French Immersion is a fit for your child?

Interested in learning more? Come join us in person on February 4th at 6PM.

VALENTINE CELEBRATIONS

Individual classroom teachers will send home communication about Valentine's Day celebrations in the classroom.

Safety Procedures at Ecole Tantallon Junior School

To ensure that students and staff know what to do in case of an emergency, TJES practices safety procedures throughout the year. We practice these drills regularly to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning. Anyone picking up a child must do so through the office; no visitor should be going to any classroom. A reminder that children should be entering the building and going to class independently. Parents, guardians, or babysitters should not be escorting students to class. We also practice fire and isolation drills. If you are in the building during a fire or isolation drill, we ask you to practice with us.

On Feb 10-14th we'll hold our second Lockdown drill of the year. As a reminder, a Lockdown is used when there is an immediate threat to a school. During a Lockdown, no one enters or exits the building, and everyone stays in a secure location away from doors and windows. Our staff will explain the drill to students beforehand and remind them afterwards that it was just practice. Our police partners will be with us for this drill. You can learn more about our safety procedures in HRCE schools <https://www.hrce.ca/hold-and-secure-lockdown-procedures-hrce-schools> . Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Our next Lockdown Drill is scheduled for the week of February 10th-14th, 2025.

Well -Being Focus

We continue to have our Feeling of the Week.
In January, we have discussed: happiness,
sadness, anger and anxiety.

Heritage Day 2025 honours Nora Bernard

Today we celebrate the rich history, diverse culture, and remarkable contributions of our communities. This year, we honour Nora Bernard and her tireless efforts for residential school survivors.



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February 17 is Heritage Day

Heritage Day 2025 honours the late Nora Madeline Bernard. From Millbrook First Nation, she was a Mi'kmaq activist who fought for her community and First Nations people across Canada.

Ms. Bernard played a key role in getting justice, recognition, and compensation for survivors of the Canadian Indian Residential School system. As a survivor of the system herself, she founded and became president of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School Association in 1987. She then started a class-action lawsuit for the survivors, which inspired others across the country to do the same, leading to the largest class-action lawsuit in Canadian history.

