

WELCOME TO MAY



* It's hard to believe we are in May! Did you know this month is: Asian Heritage Month, Canadian Jewish Heritage Month, Polish Heritage Month and Hearing and Speech month? We also have dates to remember this month. See below. May also brings the long awaited spring weather and students sure have been enjoying the warmer recesses. It's another beautiful time of year to be outside! May 5-9th is Staff Appreciation; we will be celebrating the fabulous staff here at Tantallon Jr.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 5 - Red Dress Day

May 15th - Black Excellence Day

May 17th - International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

May 19th - Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL

May 21st - TESPA meeting

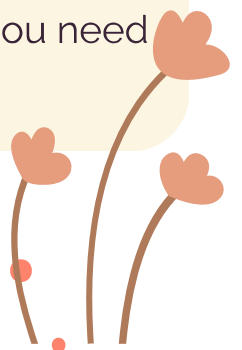
May 25th to 31st - Nova Scotia Access Awareness Week

May 27th - Primary Orientation/SAC meeting

May 30th - Popcorn Day

PRIMARY ORIENTATION

We will be holding a primary orientation for both our future French immersion and English students on **Tuesday May 27th.** We will be holding an information session for parents during the presentation if you are able to make it. The orientation/session will only be 45 minutes long. Please check your email closer to the date for more information on times. Reach out to the school if you need more information.





TESPA NEWS

TESPA has been very busy getting ready for their biggest event: SPRING FLING. This year, it will be taking place on June 6th. TESPA is looking for volunteers. Please sign up if you can volunteer by clicking this link: Sign Up **Here**
Next Meeting Dates: May 21st and June 4th

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY
19 NO CLASSES
Victoria Day

JUNE
26 NO CLASSES
High school students only for
assessment and evaluation

JUNE
27 NO CLASSES
PP-12 for assessment and evaluation

JUNE
30 LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL

 Halifax
Regional Centre for Education

CLASSES 2025-26

There is lots going on this time of year as we go into the home stretch and plan for the fall. We will be receiving our allocations very soon. I am not anticipating many changes from this year. Class numbers are not finalized and completed until September when summer registrations are in place. We will be starting to create classrooms and grouping but as stated things do change over the summer.

Classes are created by teachers and administration based on needs, strengths, challenges, independence, supports needed, friendships and many other factors. Decisions are never taken lightly and we strive to create classrooms that will be successful for everyone. If you have concerns about your child as a learner please feel free to let me know. I will not be accepting requests for a particular teacher or a combined vs a straight. We will always look at each student's strengths and needs and make the best possible decision. Thank you for your understanding.

If your child will be moving over the summer it is very important to share this with us prior to the end of June. In addition, if your child is currently in French Immersion and you have decided to switch them to English please email me at jean.miller@hrce.ca asap. This information will ensure we have accurate numbers in our classes

LOST AND FOUND

We have numerous items in our lost and found. As we have ended our winter season, we will be donating all unclaimed items mid-month. If you would like to have one last look, drop in at the office.
As the warmer weather is here, students will require hats and often remove their sweaters. Please ensure that all items are labelled.
Thank you.

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May 15 is Black Excellence Day

What is Black Excellence

Day? In essence Black Excellence Day is about acknowledging, celebrating, and uplifting Black contributions while fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment. The following are ways you celebrate the fourth annual Black Excellence Day.

Celebrating achievements: Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community. It highlights the talent and accomplishments within the Black community, ensuring that Black students have an opportunity to highlight all their positive contributions within the education system.

Promoting equity and inclusion: Recognizing Black Excellence fosters a culture of equity and inclusion within schools. It sends a message that all students, regardless of their background, have the potential to excel and make valuable contributions to society. By celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity, schools create a more welcoming and supportive environment for all students.

Education and awareness: Black Excellence Day serves as an educational opportunity to raise awareness about the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black people. It provides a platform to share stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership, helping to combat stereotypes and promote understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.

Empowerment and inspiration: By celebrating Black Excellence, students are inspired and empowered to pursue their own goals and dreams. Seeing examples of successful Black individuals from various fields, such as science, arts, politics and sports, can motivate students to strive for their own excellence.

Community engagement: Black Excellence Day can serve as a platform for community engagement and collaboration. It provides an opportunity for schools to partner with local organizations, leaders, and activists within the Black community to organize events, workshops, and discussions that promote dialogue and understanding. Overall, celebrating Black Excellence Day within HRCE schools is important for fostering a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and appreciation for the diverse talents and contributions of Black individuals.

