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Admin Note

It is hard to believe that we are already in our second last month of the school year! Throughout the month of May we will be planning year end activities and field trips. Further information will be communicated in the coming weeks. If you are interested in volunteering with the school, a Child Abuse Registry Check and a Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check must be completed and submitted to our main office. These checks can take some time to process so we encourage you to get them done as soon as possible.

We will also begin preparations for the 2024-2025 school year as we are given information on what our staffing will look like. This will also help us with creating our class lists. Most decisions regarding classroom configurations are completed by the end of May. If you have any requests, please send them to me (jroy@hrce.ca) by May 17th. Please note that we may not be able to accommodate all requests, however it is helpful to have this information while we are going through the configuration process.

If your child is not returning to BLT Jr in September, please notify our office asap, as this greatly impacts our class compositions. If your child is moving on to BLT Sr, you do not need to do anything. They will automatically be transferred to that school.

With the news that Janice Wells will be retiring at the end of June, the principal position was posted for the 2024-2025 school year. Albert Williams was selected as the successful applicant and will be joining our school team in September 2024. Until then, I will be remaining as acting Principal until the end of June.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

Thank you for being our partners in your child's education,

Janet Roy
Acting Principal
BLT Jr Elementary

Primary Information Meeting

We will be hosting a Primary Information Meeting at BLT Jr on **Wednesday May 8th, 6:30pm** for parents/caregivers of students who will be enrolled in Grade Primary for the 2024-2025 school year.

Bell Time Change for 24-25 School Year

The HRCE Student Transportation team is currently planning for the 2024-25 school year with the goal of improving bus service for all students.

As part of this planning process, bell times will change at our school starting in September.

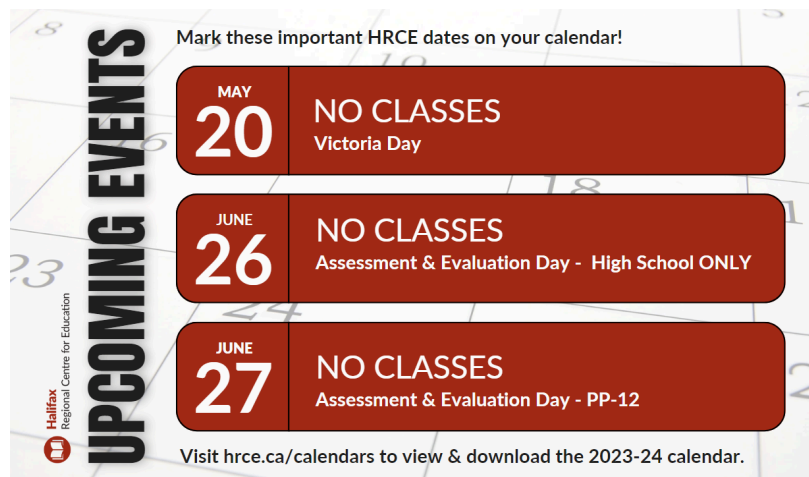
New Bell Schedule for 2024-25 School Year:

Start Time: 8:35 a.m.

Dismissal Time: 2:35 p.m.

We would like to acknowledge the following important dates in May:

- May is Asian Heritage Month
- May is Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
- May is Hearing and Speech Month
- May 5 is Red Dress Day
- May 17 is International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- May 26 to June 1 is National AccessAbility Week



Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

MAY 20	NO CLASSES Victoria Day
JUNE 26	NO CLASSES Assessment & Evaluation Day - High School ONLY
JUNE 27	NO CLASSES Assessment & Evaluation Day - PP-12

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

Halifax Regional Centre for Education
UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15 is Black Excellence Day

Celebrating Black Excellence Day on May 15, 2024, within Halifax Regional Centre for Education is important for several reasons:

- 1. Representation and Recognition:** 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 educational system.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.

For more information and activities to help mark the day, [click here](#).



2024-25 EXCEL registration

The EXCEL program is a recreation-based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, offering before and after school care for elementary-aged children.

At each school site, the dedicated and qualified staffing teams plan weekly games and activities that suit the needs and interests of the registered students. These individual plans are framed around EXCEL's overall philosophy which is focused on physical activity and positive social interaction in a safe and fun environment.

Registration for returning children began April 29 and registration for new EXCEL participants will begin on May 13. [Click here](#) for more information.



Spring Fair Update

We are very excited to have our Annual Spring Fair again this year. It will be held on **Saturday, June 1st from 10am-1pm** and the PTC-Spring Fair Committee has been hard at work to make it a truly enjoyable experience for all. This is a time to bring community together, make memories, and at the same time raise funds for both schools!

If you would like to get involved please contact our PTC bltpcinfo@gmail.com or check out the Facebook group bltpc for lots of other great information. We will be also sending out a sign up form for volunteers within the next week or so.

Deadline: Last day to drop off items for Class Baskets is MAY 9th

What to look forward to at this year's Spring Fair:

Bouncy Castles

Class Baskets Draw

Ticket Draw is Back with Amazing Prizes Courtesy of Ian Angus!

Games, Games, and More Games

Dunk Tank

Canteen

Silent Auction

Cake Walk

Plant Table

Artwork Auction

And Much More.....

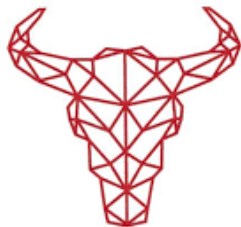
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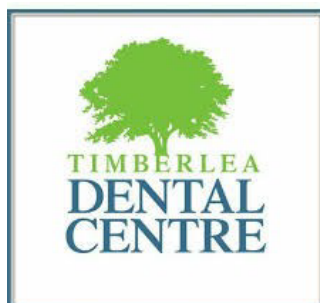
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