### PROSPECT ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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#### **Allergies**

An important reminder to check that school snacks/meals are **peanut AND tree nut free.**Safe Arrival

To report an absence, parents and guardians can call 1-833-582-6940. This number is available 24/7. Absences can be reported in advance, up to 9 AM on the morning of the absence.

#### **May Dates**

5<sup>th</sup> Red Dress Day

15th Black Excellence Day

19th Victoria Day (No Classes)

21st Pre-Primary Orientation (Information to Follow)

30<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Tea (Invitations will go out May.7<sup>th</sup>)

June.10th - Field Day

June.12<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Guardian Information Night, Schools Plus

June.21<sup>st</sup> – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June.25<sup>th</sup> – Grade 5 Closing

June.27<sup>th</sup> – Assessment and Evaluation Day (No Classes)

June.30th - Last Day

# **Indigenous Athlete of the Month**



Quincy Mack (aka Q-MACK) Born: 1976

Sport: Professional Basketball Freestyler

Hometown: Six Nations of Grand River (Brantford, Ontario)

-Q-Mack is an NBA entertainer, public speaker and youth educator.

-Q-MACK has been entertaining audiences all over North America since 2000 with his dazzling basketball tricks and engaging personality.

-Q-MACK began working for the NBA in 2000 as a touring entertainer and live event host.

-He was signed by Nike in 2001 as a basketball freestyler and personality.

-He is a published author.

-He has since been hired by over 4000 schools (including our school) to energize their students, promoting messages about inclusivity, creativity and anti-bullying.

-Named on a national list of the Top 25 Canadians to watch.



### May 15 is Black Excellence Day

What is Black Excellence Day? Black Excellence Day is about acknowledging, celebrating, and uplifting Black contributions while fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment. 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.

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.

#### **Access Awareness Week**

Access Awareness Week takes place annually during the last week of May to raise awareness about disability, access and inclusion. This year, Access Awareness Week runs from May 25-31, and the provincial theme is "*Our Voices, Our Votes: Disability Rights in Action.*"

#### **Grade 5 bottle drive will conclude at the beginning of June.**

Recyclables left at Bluewater Recycling on Prospect Road under 'Prospect Road Elementary' will raise funds towards our Grade 5 Year End Trip.

## 2025-26 EXCEL Registration

The EXCEL Before and After Program is a recreation based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by Halifax Regional Centre for Education. At each school site where EXCEL is offered, the dedicated staffing teams plan games and activities that suit the needs and interests of all registered students. Since EXCEL began more than 25 years ago, staff have continually enhanced the program based on experiences and feedback. Today, with more than 4,000 participating students, EXCEL is one of the largest programs of its kind in the Maritimes, providing inclusive and engaging programming for participants.

For more information about registration, fees and programing, please click here.

If you have additional questions, please contact the EXCEL Before and After Program Registrar's Office: Kimberly Lozon at 902-464-2000 ext. 2787 or <a href="mailto:excel@hrce.ca">excel@excel@hrce.ca</a> and Gail Hartling at 902-464-2000 ext. 2236 or <a href="mailto:excel@hrce.ca">excel@hrce.ca</a>.

# **Lunch Monitors**

We are always in need of lunch monitors. If you are interested, please call the office for details on the hiring process. We currently have space for 6 additional lunch monitors. 902-852-2441