

PROSPECT ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2199 Prospect Road, Hatchet Lake, NS

Phone 902-852-2441: Main Office

Email pres@hrce.ca

Principal: Kim Michaud-Wheatley

Vice Principal: Malena Matthews

Administrative Assistants: Louise Marriott and Shirley Beth MacNeil

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.

February Dates

February.8th Mi'kmaq Connections workshop and assembly, Grades PP-5

February.10th Chinese New Year

February.11th Family Bingo at PRCC 6PM-7PM

February.15th Goatworks Drumming Grades P-5

February.19th No Classes

February.22nd School Advisory Council 6PM-7PM

February.28th Music Performance with Dave Carroll, Grades PP-5

March.11th-15th March Break

March.18th Assessment and Evaluation Day, No Classes

Indigenous Athlete of the Month

Mr. Comar will be teaching students about Caroline Calve, born 1978. Caroline is an Alpine Snowboarder from Alymer, Quebec with Algonquin Heritage. Caroline made her Olympic debut in 2010 at the Vancouver Olympics. She won the Gold in the World Cup Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS) event at Carezza, Italy in 2012. In the 2012 Italy event, she became the first female Canadian Alpine Snowboarder to win a World Cup. She won a Silver Medal at the same event the following year in 2013. In 2014, Caroline won her second World Cup event in the Parallel Slalom!

Excel

The Prospect Road EXCEL program is urgently seeking Before and After school staff members (or just Before school) to join their team immediately. The hours at Prospect Road are 7:30am-8:45am and 2:15pm-6:00pm. The wage rate is \$18.82 per hour. Please see attached, a copy of the EXCEL Group Leader job description. Please note that children of EXCEL staff members are able to attend the EXCEL program at their home school for free while their parents/guardians are working with EXCEL. Interested Candidates are welcome to email Amy Lilly, at amy.lilly@hrce.ca to apply (please include the school name, a resume, and a cover letter) or they can check out our job postings on <https://www.hrce.ca/employment>.

Lunch Monitors

We are in need of lunch monitors for Grades P-5. Lunch monitors can choose to work anywhere between 1-5 days per week. This is a paid position. Our lunch hour runs from 12:15-1:15. Options are available for INDOOR lunch supervision of lunch clubs. If interested, please contact the office at pres@hrce.ca or 902-852-2441.

Speech Language Pathologist

Our Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), Kelly Christie, is on deferred leave from February.1st until September. Currently, the HRCE has not secured a replacement SLP for the position. The Center is actively advertising and looking for a suitable candidate.

From HRCE

February is Registration Month

Do you have a child who will be starting pre-primary or primary this fall? It's time to register!

Registration for the 2024-25 school year begins on February 1. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and
- Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for non-citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.

Celebrate African Heritage Month 2024

The theme for African Heritage Month 2024 is "Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians." This month-long celebration is dedicated to recognizing and honoring the history and culture of people of African descent. The theme coincides with the final year of the United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (DPAD) 2015-2024, which aims to promote global cooperation in support of people of African descent, raise awareness, and acknowledge their full and equal participation in all aspects of society.

Nova Scotia is home to more than 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities with a rich, deep, and complex history that spans more than 400 years. African Heritage Month is an excellent opportunity to celebrate and showcase the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of African Nova Scotians, both past and present.

February 19 is Heritage Day

Observing Nova Scotia Heritage Day on the third Monday of February is an annual occasion to reflect on our province's rich history. It's a chance to recognize the remarkable people, places, and events that have shaped our unique heritage.

Please take time to learn about William Hall, the 2024 honoree, [here](#).

Red Means Stop! School Bus Safety Reminder

HRCE has recorded 691 school bus stop-arm violations in Halifax Regional Municipality since the beginning of the school year. This means that motorists have failed to stop for a bus when its red lights were flashing and the stop sign was extended. This poses a serious risk to children and families who may be crossing the road to enter or exit the bus. Drivers may also face a fine and demerit points if caught by police.

Help us spread the word to remind drivers (including cyclists) that it is illegal to drive past a school bus when they see its red lights flashing and stop-arm extended.

Drivers must slow down and prepare to stop in all directions when they see flashing lights – either amber or red in colour – on a school bus. This means the bus is planning to stop or may have already.

Here are some safety tips from Safety Services Nova Scotia to keep in mind when waiting for or exiting the bus:

- Stand back from the edge of the road.
- Line up in single file when you see the bus coming.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop.
- Walk, never run.
- Make sure the bus driver sees you if you are crossing the road. Take 10 giant steps in front of the bus before crossing.
- Wait for the bus driver to signal that it is okay to cross.
- Always look both ways before crossing the road and listen for traffic.
- Never cross the road from behind the bus.

School websites: We want your feedback!

Now that HRCE's main [website](#) has been upgraded, we're ready to update our school websites to meet accessibility standards and to improve navigation.

As we begin this work, we're looking for your input.

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. We appreciate your time and effort!

To get started, [click here](#).