



HERITAGE DAY

Reminder that February 17th celebrates Heritage Day and there is **NO SCHOOL**. 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.

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 2025-26 school year begins on February 3. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now. Please see this [WEBSITE](#) for more information!



AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

This year embraces the theme, "**Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance.**" It celebrates the enduring legacy of Black Nova Scotians, paying tribute to the community's resilience, achievements, and impact throughout history. It reflects the brilliance within the community: the stories we share, the lessons passed down by our elders, the rhythms that drive progress, and the powerful ability to honor the past while shaping the future.



CANDY GRAMS

We are excited to announce that the Grade 5 students are fundraising for their end-of-year trip by selling Candy Grams! Students in Grades 3-5 are invited to purchase Candy Grams for their friends in Grades 3-5 only.



Candy Grams will be sold at 2 for \$1 and will be available for purchase on Tuesday the 11th, and Wednesday the 12th during both recess and lunch in the school lobby.

COINS FOR BOOKS

Send in your coins from Monday, February 3rd to Friday, February 28th - everything counts! At the end of the campaign, funds collected will combine with contributions from Tattletales and be used to purchase new books for our library! See the poster at the end of this Newsletter!



HEAD LICE

Head lice and nits commonly occur in students of elementary age. While our staff will be vigilant in watching for new cases, please do your part to prevent the spread of this communicable condition by checking your child(ren) daily for the next few weeks and on a regular basis thereafter.

Coordinating efforts between school and home significantly reduces the frequency of lice and nit occurrences and we thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Please review the attached information [HERE](#) from Nova Scotia Public Health regarding the prevention and treatment of head lice and feel free to contact me at the email below if you have any additional questions or concerns.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Please Visit: <https://nslunch.ca/>
to order your lunch within two week periods :)

CHINESE NEW YEAR

January 29th marked the beginning of Chinese New Year (or Lunar New Year).

This holiday dates back centuries and occurs along with the end of China's agricultural season, allowing farmers a break from field work and time to spend with family. The tradition of spending the Lunar New Year with loved ones continues today, with many members of the Asian community traveling far and wide to gather with those most near and dear.

Typically, the ending of Chinese New Year is marked with the "Lantern Festival," a colorful display that honors loved ones and ancestors, as well as encourages peace and forgiveness in the year ahead. Please watch the following [VIDEO](#) for more information:



IMPORTANT DATES

February 5th - World Read Aloud Day

February 5th - Music in Schools (an assembly for grades 3-5)

February 5th - SAC and PTA meeting (all are welcome to the PTA, it begins at 6:30pm)

February 7th - Grades 4-5 to Halifax West for a Musical

February 14th - **Valentine's Day**

February 15th - Flag Day

February 17th - Heritage Day (NO SCHOOL)

February 21st - International Mother Language Day

February 24th - Lunar New Year assembly for students in the Main Building

March 7th - Assessment and Evaluation Day (NO SCHOOL)

March 10th - 14th - March Break (NO SCHOOL)

