

Fairview Heights Elementary School

Principal: Amy Hunt

Vice Principal: Michael Corbett

Administrative Assistants: Sherry Mitchell (Main Building) & Marwa Dewidar (Annex)

YMCA School Settlement: Zobeida Al-Zobeidy

Upcoming Dates:

January 30: School
Advisory Council (5:30) -
Main Building Staff Room

February: Register online
for PP & Primary in 24/25:
[https://www.hrce.ca/families
/student-registration](https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-registration)

Feb 1: World Hijab Day

Feb 5th: YWCA After-School
Program Starts at FHES

Feb 13 (5:30): PTA

Feb 19th: NS Heritage Day
holiday honouring William
Hall (No School)

Feb 20 (5:30): SAC

**Grades 3-5 Concert, Bella
Rose Theatre:** March 5th

March Break (No Classes):
March 11th-15th

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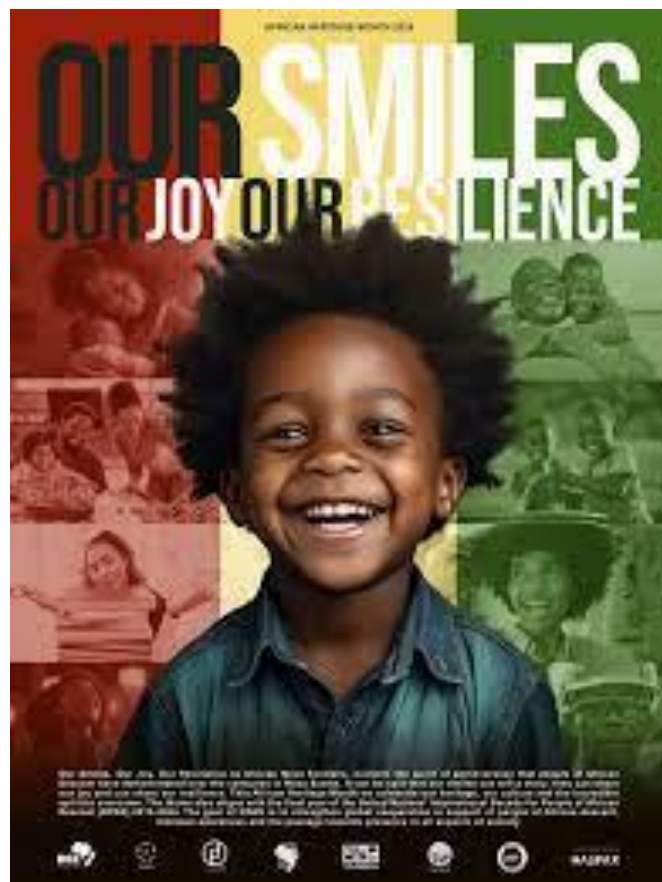
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Elementary School Families

Message to Fairview Heights Families:

Welcome to February!

This month, we celebrate African Heritage Month!



Every day, our teachers implement inclusive and equitable practices to ensure all students feel that they belong and are successful at school. The [African NS Education Framework](#), which we reflect on throughout the year, supports this work with a focus on students of African descent. This month, we are promoting a variety of learning opportunities focused on the achievements and contributions of African Nova Scotians to our shared culture, history, and province. Ask your child(ren) what they are learning!

This month's SchoolsPlus Family Drop-In will take place at our main building library, at 210 Coronation Avenue! All parents and caregivers welcome with children. Please see poster below for details. In March, our Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) will be presenting to guests about language and literacy development.



JOIN US!

**FAIRVIEW
HEIGHTS
FAMILY DROP IN**

COME AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF BUILDING & CREATING, INCLUDING:

- LEGO CHALLENGES
- LOVE & KINDNESS CRAFT

THERE WILL ALSO BE SNACKS!

WHEN?
22ND
FEBRUARY
6 PM-8-PM

WHERE?
FHES LIBRARY, MAIN
BUILDING
210 CORONATION
AVENUE

CONCERT UPDATE AND INFORMATION

Due to the continuous growth at Fairview Heights, Ms. Cleveland has had to make some changes to our concert plans! Grade 3 (including 2/3 Smith) through to Grade 5 will take part in a school concert on March 5th at 6:30 PM at the Bella Rose Auditorium (Halifax West High School). More information will come closer to the date.

But what about the Primaries, Ones and Twos!?

Not to worry! Ms. C. and Mr. Henwood will be holding informances!

What is an Informance?

An informance is an opportunity to come into the school to take part in a music class with your kiddo(s)! This gives you a chance to see the types of activities we do together and structure of our classes. Your children will love to play, explore, and improvise with you!






PERFORMANCE	INFORMANCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showcases a polished final product ● Designed to entertain an audience ● Students are discouraged from making musical mistakes ● The production is separated from the "behind-the-scenes" work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showcases the process ● Designed to educate an audience ● Students are encouraged to show how we recover from musical mistakes ● The production IS the "behind-the-scenes" work

PLEASE NOTE!
 The online link to sign up for tickets will be coming out Friday, February 2nd and posted on our website! (Grades 3-5 only)

Informances will be happening in the spring. More information will be shared closer to that time.



At-home reading tips for caregivers

-  **Look at your child's books** with them. Discuss the pictures and build vocabulary by talking about new words.
-  **Talk with your child about their books.** Ask questions about the story and encourage your child to ask their own questions.
-  **Make reading aloud a regular part of your routine** — just 15 minutes each day can make a big difference in raising a reader.
-  **Discuss examples that help them relate** to what they're reading. Connect the story to your child's world.
-  **Connect with your child's teacher** for more suggestions on how to support reading at home.



Guidelines for school and/or bus cancellations due to inclement weather

Nova Scotia winter weather can change quickly and can be challenging to predict. This document outlines the steps we take when deciding whether to cancel school and/or bussing.

A 6:00 am announcement could be:

All schools are closed for the day

OR

Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day

OR

All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day

OR

All schools are delayed in opening by 2 hours

If weather deteriorates, or is forecast to worsen throughout the morning

An 11:00 am announcement could be:

Bussed students will be picked up 2 hours earlier than their regular dismissal time

AND

Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour



How does Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) decide on school and/or bus cancellations?

By 4:30 am, HRCE staff begin to gather information from:

- A contracted weather service that provides radar and satellite imagery, real-time road conditions and weather warnings;
- A meteorologist who provides forecast details, level and type of precipitation and impact on road conditions;
- HRCE's three transportation service providers, who provide updates on road conditions in their area;
- Municipal and provincial transportation staff; and
- Other local weather services, including Environment Canada and the Weather Network.

By 5:30 am, HRCE staff make recommendations to the Regional Executive Director (or designate), who then makes the final decision.

This decision is communicated by 6:00 am.



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Where can cancellation information be found?

Website: www.hrce.ca

Twitter: @HRCE_NS

Phone: 902-464-INFO (4636)

Local media outlets

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