

April 2025 Joseph Howe Elementary "Building on Brilliance!"



Bell and Lunch Schedule

8:20 am - Arrival

8:30 am - First Bell

8:40 am - Learning Begins

12:10 pm - 1:10 pm - Lunch

2:40 pm - Dismissal

Note: If your child is arriving after 8:40 they are missing out on teacher instruction

Calendar of Events

Apr. 1 - Report Cards

Go Home

Apr. 3 - Parent Teacher

1pm - 3pm

5pm - 7pm

Apr. 18 - Good Friday

(No School)

Apr. 21 - Easter Monday

(No School)



Reminders

Families if you are picking up students from the school, you will need to notify the main office.

All guests to our school must sign in at the main office.

School News

Welcome to Spring!

Weather can be unpredictable this time of year and we continue to get our students outside as much as possible. The grounds around the school can be muddy or wet so boots are still a great idea.

Parent Teacher Meetings begin in the afternoon of Apr. 3, 2025 and continue during the same evening. Feel free to contact the office to book a time if you have not done so already.

There are many benefits to connecting with your child's teacher:

Children with families engaged in their education are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores
- Graduate from high school and attend post-secondary education
- Develop self-confidence and motivation in the classroom
- Have better social skills and classroom behavior

They are also less likely to:

- Suffer from low self-esteem
- Require redirection in the classroom
- Develop behavioral issues

To Learn more: https://www.waterford.org/education/how-parent-involvment-leads-to-student-success/



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Measles Prevention in Nova Scotia

We are sharing the following on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health:

Measles cases are rising in Canada. Measles is a virus that spreads easily and can cause serious complications. **The best way to prevent measles is vaccination.**Nova Scotia offers free vaccines to eligible people. These can be given by primary care providers, pharmacists and Public Health.

Parents are encouraged to check their family's vaccine records and get the measles vaccine if missing doses. Check your vaccine records at <u>vaxrecordns.nshealth.ca</u>.

Who should get vaccinated?

- Anyone born in or after 1970 should get **two doses** of vaccine, typically given at 12 and 18 months. If missed, children and adults can catch up for free.
- Adults born before 1970 are generally considered immune but can get a single dose if travelling.
- Infants 6-12 months old can get a single dose if travelling but still require two doses after their first birthday to complete the series.

Find out more about measles vaccination: www.nshealth.ca/measles.

Safe Arrival Program

1-833-582-6940

If you have a new phone number or email address please contact the school so that we can ensure that you are getting the latest information from the school and your child's teacher.

It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school to identify if their child/ren will be absent

You are now able to report future absences using an app, website, or toll-free phone number. If your student is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from SchoolMessenger.

For more information please follow the link below:

https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival



		April 2024					
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4)			1	Popcorn Sale	3 PD/Parent Teacher 1pm-3pm 5pm-7pm No School	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday <mark>No School</mark>	19
	20	21 Easter Monday <mark>No School</mark>	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			

Student Safety

The school will conduct a fire drill each month for the remainder of the year. This is a requirement for all public schools.

We want each student to understand and be aware of the importance of this drill and not be afraid when the fire alarm is sounded. By practicing they will know what to do and how to do it

World Autism Day

Recognizing and celebrating World Autism Awareness Day in our schools fosters inclusion, understanding, and support for those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

On April 2 and every day, we strive to raise autism awareness among peers and educators, celebrate accomplishments and promote acceptance for those with ASD. Join us in creating a positive community where all students can thrive and learn about each other's diverse experiences.



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