

CRICHTON PARK CHRONICLE

X(Twitter): @Crichton_Park
Website: crp.hrce.ca

February 2025



WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CRICHTON PARK?

Dear Families,

A big thank you to our HSA volunteers who helped with our Pancake Breakfast! We were able to do this using a generous donation to our breakfast program by IMP Solutions. This donation was kindly facilitated by one of our parents!

We encourage and are here to support regular attendance at school. If there are any reasons impacting your child's attendance, please communicate with your child's teacher and/or admin. We are here to support.

It is important to ensure we have accurate addresses in PowerSchool. If there has been a change impacting the school catchment, please note the Out of Area request information on the HRCE website. These requests are time stamped so please note the date applications open.
<https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-registration/out-area-request>

Looking forward to next year, if there is a learning need that you would like considered for class placement, please email shawkes@hrce.ca by the end of April.

Yours in education,
Suzanne Hawkes and Tracy MacDonald

UPCOMING DATES

February is African Heritage Month!

- Feb. 5: HSA Meeting 6:00
- Feb. 13: Bingo Night doors open 6pm
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
- Feb. 17: Heritage Day no school
- Feb. 20: SAC Meeting 3:30



<https://heritageday.novascotia.ca/>
Honouring Nora Bernard on Heritage Day.

February is Registration Month

Please share with any families you know who are starting Pre-Primary or Primary.

<https://www.hrce.ca/registration>



Friendly Reminders

- Dogs at School: Please keep dogs on leashes and away from where students are gathered, as not all students are comfortable with dogs.
- Office Protocol: Please check in at the office if entering the school for any reason during the school day.
- Parking lot: Staff parking only from 8am-4pm. Please use street parking for drop-offs and pick-ups, including Excel.
- Front of school: This is for accessible parking, deliveries and prearranged pick ups/drop offs.
- Student Safety: Students may be out front during recess and lunch, so avoid driving and parking in front of the building.
- No Stopping Zone: The area in front of the school is a no stopping zone (refer to HRM signage).
- Address Updates: Inform the office of any changes to your address currently in PowerSchool.
- Serious allergies: These include sesame, peanuts and tree nuts. There are sensitivities to scents.



Physical Education

Thank you to all the families who have filled out the form to use the back fields. There are a few students who have not yet returned them if you need a copy, please let me know. Now all we need is SNOW! Let keep our fingers crossed for some big fluffy stuff for Cross Country Skiing with 4-6s and hopefully sledding and snowshoeing with all the students. Remember to send your child(ren) with proper outdoor clothing, not only for recess and lunch but also Phys Ed.


Keep Active,
Ms. Hudson




GREETINGS FROM THE HOME AND SCHOOL

GREETINGS, CRICHTON PARK FAMILIES!

WE'RE FULL STEAM AHEAD INTO PLANNING THIS YEAR'S SPRING FAIR EVENT, BUT BEFORE THAT BIG DAY, WE'RE PLAYING SOME BINGO!

 **NEXT HSA MEETING – FEBRUARY 5TH**
JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, AT 6:00 PM. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO STAY INFORMED, SHARE IDEAS, AND GET INVOLVED IN UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS.

 **CHOCOLATE BAR BINGO – FEBRUARY 13TH**
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, AT 6:30 PM! OUR MUCH-ANTICIPATED CHOCOLATE BAR BINGO IS BACK—COME FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, EXCITEMENT, AND SWEET PRIZES. SEE THE ATTACHED IMAGE FOR ALL THE DETAILS!



CRICHTON PARK HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS...

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULTS

BINGO
1 12 21 31 42

CHOCOLATE BAR

BINGO

February 13th, 2025

DOORS OPEN @ 6PM

ADMISSION:
3 CARDS / 10 GAMES

\$5 + ONE NUT-FREE CHOCOLATE BAR

DOBBERS AVAILABLE TO BUY

PIZZA & SNACKS FOR SALE!

Important Message from School Advisory Council

Our School Advisory Council is committed to promoting student wellness by sharing resources for families to promote child safety online. It is important that parents and children, including those in lower grades, understand the risk associated with being online.

- HRCE has a Digital Citizenship Policy which guides teachers, parents/guardians and students understand what individuals should know in order to use technology in a meaningful, responsible and respectful manner.

<https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/2023-11/c.013-digital-citizenship.pdf>

The Technology Integration Learning Teacher visits classroom and speaks to students about digital safety. This year Grades 3-6 classes at Crichton Park school had presentations from TILT.

- The Nova Scotia Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act protects Nova Scotians from being bullied online. Cyberscan staff and resources provides information on how Nova Scotians are protected under this act. The following websites provide additional information

-CyberSCAN website: <https://novascotia.ca/cyberscan/>

-What you need to know.....' simplified guide:

<https://novascotia.ca/cyberscan/documents/What%20You%20Need%20To%20Know%20about%20the%20Intimate%20Images%20and%20Cyber-Protection%20Act.pdf>

-CyberSCAN Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0Xg6WMt5Yc>

- The Canadian Centre for Child Protection offers an online program called Kids in the Know which features age-appropriate resources for families and teachers for online safety.

• <https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/programs-and-initiatives/kids-in-the-know/>

Do you have ideas for how the SAC can support students and families with information reading online safety? We'd love to hear your ideas!

Our virtual School Advisory Council meetings are open to all parents. Our next virtual meeting is February 20th at 3:30pm. Get in touch if you'd like to attend! hrce-sac-crp@gnspes.ca

Counsellor's Corner

Brigadoon Village

Summer Camp can be a wonderful experience for children. For many children with health conditions and other challenges, it can be difficult to access because of their medical requirements and safety concerns. This is where Camp Brigadoon comes in. It is an overnight camp for children with various needs. These 5 day camps give children a chance to be themselves and meet others with similar concerns.

There are year round weekend family camps as well as the week-long summer camps just for the children. I wanted to highlight the summer camps as registration begins February 1st and some fill up quickly. Here are the Summer Camps offered. See the website for dates and more information about registration.

Camp Silly-Yak - Celiac Disease

Camp Braveheart - Heart Conditions

Camp Lots-a-Wata - Kidney Disease

Camp Trailblazers - Craniofacial Differences

Camp Watcha-Say - Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Camp Join Together - Juvenile Arthritis

Camp Believe - Parent/Guardian Mental Illness

Camp Solace - Bereavement

Camp Clots of Fun - Bleeding Disorders

Camp Treasure Chest - Asthma and Anaphylaxis

Camp Goodtimes - Living with or beyond Cancer

Camp Guts and Glory - IBD & Ostomies

Camp Brainiac - Neurosurgical Conditions

Camp Carpe Diem - Epilepsy

Camp See-Ya - Visual Impairments

<https://brigadoonvillage.org/>

