

CRICHTON PARK CHRONICLE

March 2025

Website: crp.hrce.ca



WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CRICHTON PARK?

Dear Families,

Through daily school wide trivia and thoughtful class lessons, students have been building knowledge of local African heritage! This year's theme was Legacy in Action. Please enjoy the quilts created by Primary Harding inspired by designs by local African Nova Scotian quilt makers!

UPCOMING DATES

March 7 - Assessment and Evaluation Day
(no school for students)

March 10-14 - March Break

March 19 - Bingo 6pm (this is a Wednesday)

April 1 - Reports Home through Edupost

April 2 - Conferences 5:30-7:30

April 3 - PD morning and Conferences 1-3pm
(no school for students)

Scholastic Book Fair will take place during the week of conferences.



Grade 6 Families, we will have an end of year ceremony on June 26th at 1:30 pm. Mark your calendars!

If there has been a change of address 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 (April 1).



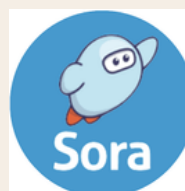
Check out SORA! This site gives students and families access to e-books and audio books for free! You can access it through your child's gnspe login. The app is also located on the gnspe dashboard and at this link. <https://soraapp.com/library/halifaxca>

We are looking forward to greeting families during our upcoming conferences. Your child's teacher will reach out to you with more information. Some classes will be parent/teacher sessions (like term 1) and some classes will include students in student led conferences. Stay tuned for more information and expect an email to sign up for a day and time.

We wish all our families an enjoyable and restful March Break!

Suzanne Hawkes and Tracy MacDonald

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.



Friendly Reminders

- Dogs at School: Please keep dogs on leashes and away from where students are gathered.
- 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.



Message from our School Advisory Council

Our SAC continues to be committed to supporting student wellbeing. Please review our past articles for resources on keeping your children safe online. Recently, the SAC supported the school to purchase a number of books about Cyber Safety for teachers to use in the classroom. We are also hoping to arrange for a parent/guardian session this spring on how to ensure your online space at home is safe for children. More details to come! As part of this work we will be asking our Grade 6 students for their ideas and concerns about online safety – Ms. Hawkes will be connecting with Grade Six parents/guardians about this.

As Spring approaches we have also started thinking about how to engage our students and families regarding the raised garden beds in front of the school. Last year students planted potatoes and donated the product to the Food Bank!

As always, we welcome all ideas and invite guardians to join our virtual meetings at any time. Our next SAC meeting is April 24 at 3:30 pm. Connect with Jackie our chair at: hrcsac-crp@gnsps.ca



UPDATE FROM THE HOME AND SCHOOL

UPDATE FROM CRICHTON PARK'S HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

🎉 CHOCOLATE BAR BINGO NIGHT – RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 19TH

OUR MUCH-ANTICIPATED CHOCOLATE BAR BINGO NIGHT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH. THE DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 6:00 PM - MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, GAMES, AND SWEET TREATS!

🌸 SPRING FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
WE'RE GEARING UP FOR OUR ANNUAL SPRING FAIR AND NEED YOUR HELP! WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH THE SILENT AUCTION, GAMES & ACTIVITIES, AND SO MUCH MORE. MANY HANDS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS - IF YOU'RE ABLE, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO CRICHTONPARKHSA@GMAIL.COM!

🎁 SPRING FAIR SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS
SPEAKING OF THE SILENT AUCTION, WE ARE OFFICIALLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS! IF YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES, PLEASE CONSIDER ASKING THEM TO DONATE GIFT CARDS, SERVICES, OR MERCHANDISE TO HELP MAKE OUR ANNUAL AUCTION THE BEST ONE YET! ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING TEACHERS, CLASSROOMS, FIELD TRIPS, AND MORE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE CRICHTON PARK HSA!



Counsellor's Corner

Here is a great graphic to deal with some common behavioural challenges in children. It was taken from the UCDavis Health Children's Hospital website. You can find more information on their website but I thought this graphic was an excellent summary of the main points that focus on "Positive Parenting."

| To decrease these... | "Catch" these... |
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| Acting aggressively | Being careful and gentle Keeping hands to self Making safe choices |
| Acting impulsively | Being patient Concentrating Thinking things through |
| Disobeying | Cooperating Following directions Listening right away |
| Fighting with siblings | Sharing Taking turns Using kind words |
| Interrupting | Letting others talk Saying <i>excuse me</i> |
| Lying | Being honest Telling the truth right away |
| Picky eating | Being brave Trying new foods |
| Talking rudely | Saying nice things Using polite words |
| Throwing tantrums | Calmly expressing feelings Calming down |
| Whining | Having a positive attitude Asking with a big boy/girl voice Using words to express needs |

