

CRICHTON PARK CHRONICLE

March 2024

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Items will be donated before March Break.

UPCOMING DATES

Mar 3: HSA Oval Skate 2-3pm Free Hot Chocolate!

Mar. 11-15: March Break

Mar. 18: Assessment & Evaluation Day
(no school)

Mar. 29: Good Friday (no school)

Apr. 1: Easter Monday (no school)

Apr. 2: Light it up Blue for Autism!
(students invited to wear blue)

Apr. 2: Reports home

Apr. 3: PT Conferences evening 5:30-7:30

Apr. 4: PD morning/Conferences aft 1-3pm
(no school)

Save the date Band and Strings families!

May 9th 6:30pm concert

*note new date for Spring Fair is June 8th

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 by the end of April.

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CRICHTON PARK?

Dear Families,

Your classroom teacher will reach out to explain what conferences will look like on April 3/4. Some classes will be having Parent Teacher Interviews and others are choosing Student Led Conferences. The online booking system will be used again similar to November. Please be expecting an email prompting you to book later this month.

Please be reminded that the space in front of the school is an HRM No Stopping Zone. As well, for safety reasons, the school driveway needs to be avoided at all times. There are students on site after school as well so thank you for your attention to this.

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

Yours in education,

Suzanne Hawkes and Tracy MacDonald



We are continuing to look for full or part time lunch monitors! Please email crichton@hrce.ca or give us a call at 902-464-2503 for more information. Thank you!



Recently in Phys Ed classes grades 3-6 tried Cross-Country Skiing. Below is information if your child is interested in doing some more or trying it out for the first time, from XC NS:

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING ON YOUR CHILD'S CROSS-COUNTRY SKI EXPERIENCE FROM OUR RECENT "TRY-SKIING" SESSION AT SCHOOL? DISCOVER SCOTIA XC SKI CLUB ([HTTPS://SCOTIAXC.CA/](https://scotiaxc.ca/)), WHICH IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT BRINGS OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS TOGETHER TO ENJOY CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING. SCOTIA XC OFFERS LESSONS FOR ALL AGES, 40 KM OF GROOMED TRAILS ACROSS 8 VENUES IN HRM AND WESTERN NOVA SCOTIA, SOCIAL EVENTS, AND MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL WELCOME YOU AND OFFER FRIENDLY ADVICE.

IF WE GET MORE SNOW THIS SEASON, WE SUGGEST CHECKING OUT THE LINKS AT BRUNELLO IN TIMBERLEA. THEY HAVE A FAMILY-FRIENDLY SKI AREA ON THEIR DRIVING RANGE, AND RENTALS FOR ALL AGES ON SITE. THE DRIVING RANGE IS LIT AT NIGHT AND THE FACILITY IS OPEN EVERY DAY UNTIL 8PM. CHILDREN AGE 5 AND UNDER SKI FOR FREE. FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND ADULTS, A TRAIL PASS IS \$10+HST AND RENTALS ARE \$20+HST.

MORE INFO AT [HTTPS://WWW.THELINKSATBRUNELLO.COM/ACTIVITIES/WINTER-ACTIVITIES](https://www.thelinksatbrunello.com/activities/winter-activities)
YOU CAN ALSO CALL TO CHECK CONDITIONS AT 902.876-7649
PRESS 1 FOR GOLF SHOP.

WEATHER PERMITTING, CROSS-COUNTRY SKI NS WILL BE OFFERING A FEW "FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRY IT EVENTS" ON WEEKNIGHTS IN MARCH. YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION ON THESE BY FOLLOWING CROSS-COUNTRY NS'S SOCIAL MEDIA FEEDS OR ON THE "NEWS" SECTION OF THEIR WEBSITE. YOU CAN VISIT: "GROOMED TRAILS AND CONDITIONS" ACROSS THE PROVINCE; "NEW TO SKI" FEATURING INFORMATION TO HELP YOU GET STARTED, AND A PROVINCE-WIDE "EVENT CALENDAR" FEATURING INFORMATION ABOUT TRY-IT EVENTS, CLUB SOCIALS, LOPPETS, AND RACES. CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING IS THE IDEAL FAMILY SPORT FOR ADVENTURING IN NATURE AND SPENDING TIME TOGETHER! IF YOU HAVE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING RELATED QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT NSXCSKI@GMAIL.COM.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HSA

Calling all volunteers: There may still be snow on the ground but at the Home and School Association we've got our minds on spring - the Spring Fair to be exact! Money raised at last year's Spring Fair paid for buses for field trips, a new sound system for assemblies, new balls for classrooms and more. We can't make it happen without volunteers though. Keep an eye out for a volunteer sign up sheet coming soon or get in touch in the usual places (see below) to let us know if you'll be able to help in advance or on the day of the fair.

Save the date/ change of date: For logistical reasons, we've rescheduled the Spring Fair. Mark Saturday, June 8th in your calendars and get ready for fun.

Three ways to join in the discussions:

- Our digital message board on Discord: <https://discord.gg/tuCp6XwKV>
- The HSA Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CPSHSA>
- Join the Email list by sending a note to CrichtonParkHSA@gmail.com

Our next meeting is April 9th , and we'll be preparing for our Spring Fair!

- Spring Fair Saturday, June 8



Counsellor's Corner

Here at school, we have been learning about kindness- what it means and how we can be kind to others! Learning happens best when it is done both at school and at home. Below are many ways that you can help your child continue to learn about the theme of kindness through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We have really enjoyed exploring this topic at school, and I hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

Read About It! Here are some books to help you learn more about kindness: •How Kind! by Mary Murphy •The Golden Rule by Ilene Cooper •The Lion and The Mouse by Jerry Pinkney

Practice It! Spend time writing encouraging notes to people in your community. This could be neighbours, police officers, teachers, postal service workers, anyone! Have your child go with you to deliver your notes of kindness!

Talk About It! Here are some discussion points to help you talk about kindness with your child:: •Tell me about a time when someone was kind to you. How did it make you feel? •What do you think kindness means and why is it important? •Who is someone in your class you can be kind to? •What are ways you can be kind to people at home, at school and in the community?

