



Crichton Park Update

April 2018

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Parent/Teacher conferences:

Parents and teachers will meet to discuss student progress on Thursday, April 19th (1-3:00 and 5:30-7:30 p.m.). We will be conducting professional development workshops in the morning so school will not be in session for students on April 19th. Ms. Hudson is available for the afternoon session, Madame George is available for the afternoon session, and Mr. MacDonald is available during the afternoon session of parent/teacher conferences. Ms. Reid and Ms. Gourlay will be attending a conference during this time and are unavailable for conferences on this date.

Class News: (As written by students)

***Potters Village**

Gr. 5 /6 VanBuskirk will be raising money for Potters Village in Ghana, Africa by doing a canteen every Tuesday and Thursday outside until June 12th. Everything will be \$1.50-\$2.00!

A little about Potters Village

Potters Village is an orphanage in Ghana, Africa. Potters Village was started by **Dr. Jane Irina Adu** to support children and women. We are fundraising to support the housing project. They have slowly started building it but every step of the way they run into a problem so it is becoming more expensive. We are raising money to help make it easier.

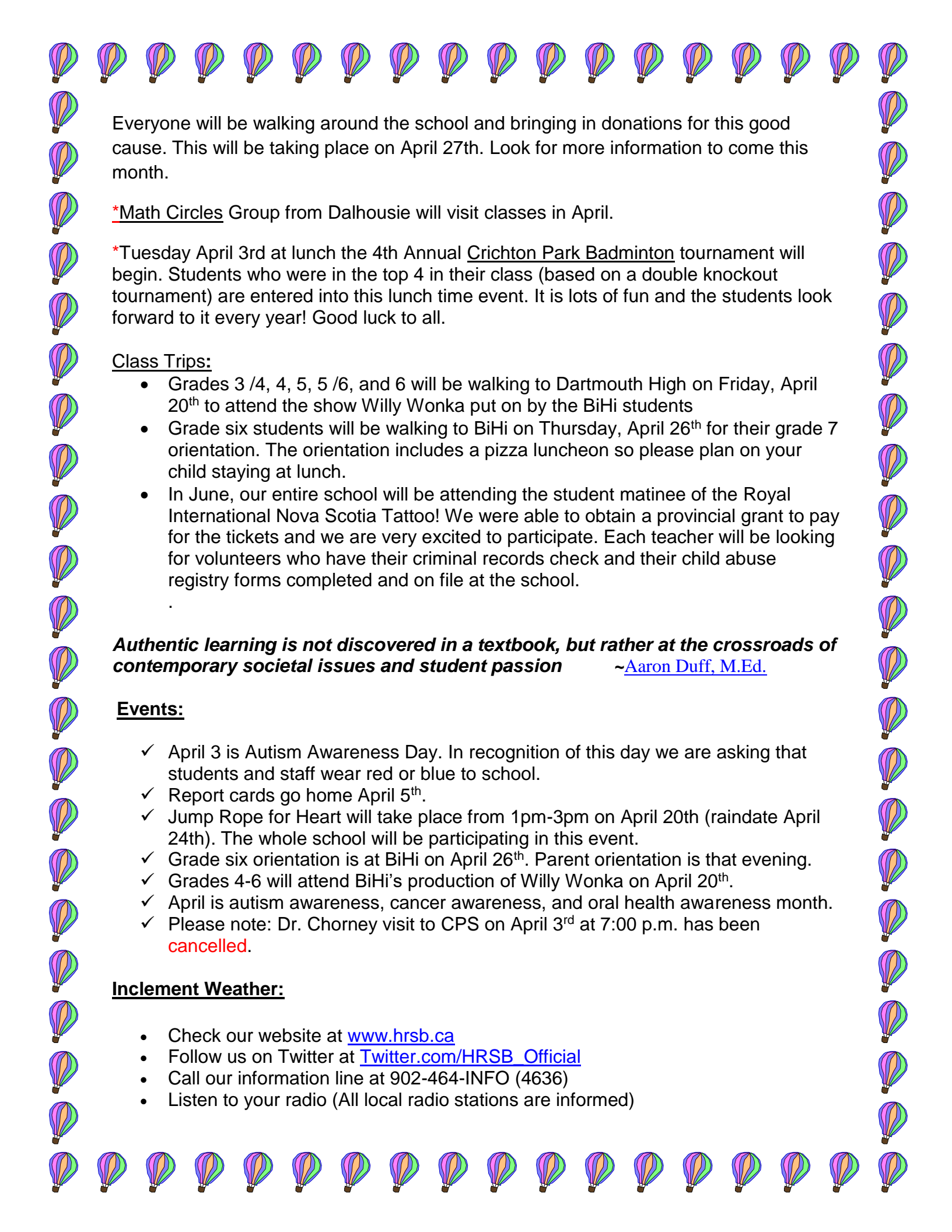
Check out the website to learn more: <http://www.thepottersvillage.org>

***Up With Gaelic**

Bradan Press publisher is coming in with 'Up With Gaelic' to video the P/1 class reading/listening to a Gaelic folktale book <http://www.bradanpress.com/fionn> The video will be used as an educational resource for teachers and the release of the book is during May- Gaelic Awareness Month.

***Walk For Water**

Some people in grade 6 Pacheco are planning on doing something called Walk for Water. Walk for Water is a fundraiser done by the WE.org foundation for people in countries that are in poverty. Every 25 dollars that we donate will give someone water for life. Here is the link to the WE website so you can learn more about it. <https://www.we.org/we-schools/program/campaigns/we-walk-for-water/>



Everyone will be walking around the school and bringing in donations for this good cause. This will be taking place on April 27th. Look for more information to come this month.

*Math Circles Group from Dalhousie will visit classes in April.

*Tuesday April 3rd at lunch the 4th Annual Crichton Park Badminton tournament will begin. Students who were in the top 4 in their class (based on a double knockout tournament) are entered into this lunch time event. It is lots of fun and the students look forward to it every year! Good luck to all.

Class Trips:

- Grades 3 /4, 4, 5, 5 /6, and 6 will be walking to Dartmouth High on Friday, April 20th to attend the show Willy Wonka put on by the BiHi students
- Grade six students will be walking to BiHi on Thursday, April 26th for their grade 7 orientation. The orientation includes a pizza luncheon so please plan on your child staying at lunch.
- In June, our entire school will be attending the student matinee of the Royal International Nova Scotia Tattoo! We were able to obtain a provincial grant to pay for the tickets and we are very excited to participate. Each teacher will be looking for volunteers who have their criminal records check and their child abuse registry forms completed and on file at the school.

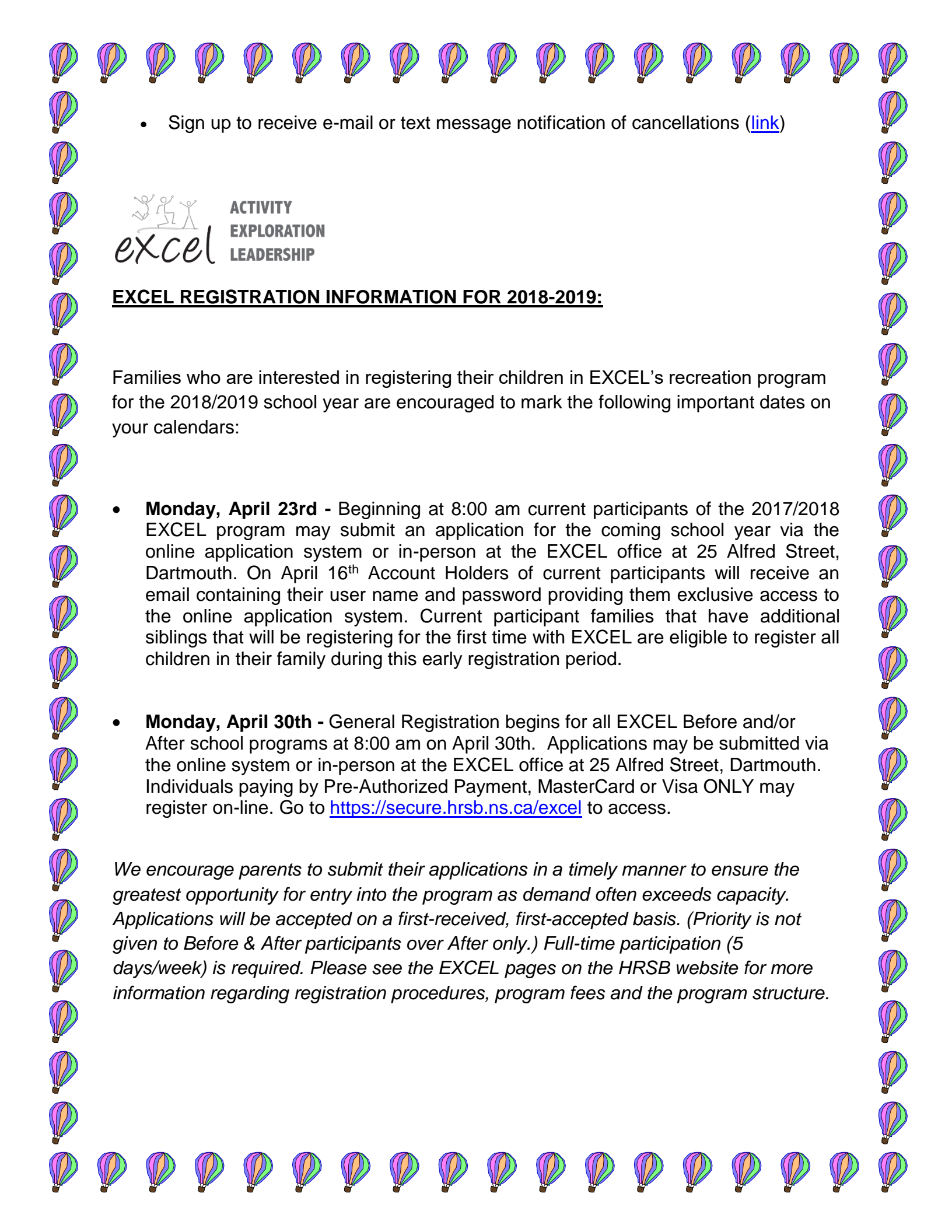
Authentic learning is not discovered in a textbook, but rather at the crossroads of contemporary societal issues and student passion ~[Aaron Duff, M.Ed.](#)

Events:

- ✓ April 3 is Autism Awareness Day. In recognition of this day we are asking that students and staff wear red or blue to school.
- ✓ Report cards go home April 5th.
- ✓ Jump Rope for Heart will take place from 1pm-3pm on April 20th (raindate April 24th). The whole school will be participating in this event.
- ✓ Grade six orientation is at BiHi on April 26th. Parent orientation is that evening.
- ✓ Grades 4-6 will attend BiHi's production of Willy Wonka on April 20th.
- ✓ April is autism awareness, cancer awareness, and oral health awareness month.
- ✓ Please note: Dr. Chorney visit to CPS on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. has been **cancelled**.

Inclement Weather:

- Check our website at www.hrsb.ca
- Follow us on Twitter at [Twitter.com/HRSB_Official](https://twitter.com/HRSB_Official)
- Call our information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)
- Listen to your radio (All local radio stations are informed)

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- Sign up to receive e-mail or text message notification of cancellations ([link](#))



EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019:

Families who are interested in registering their children in EXCEL's recreation program for the 2018/2019 school year are encouraged to mark the following important dates on your calendars:

- **Monday, April 23rd** - Beginning at 8:00 am current participants of the 2017/2018 EXCEL program may submit an application for the coming school year via the online application system or in-person at the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. On April 16th Account Holders of current participants will receive an email containing their user name and password providing them exclusive access to the online application system. Current participant families that have additional siblings that will be registering for the first time with EXCEL are eligible to register all children in their family during this early registration period.
- **Monday, April 30th** - General Registration begins for all EXCEL Before and/or After school programs at 8:00 am on April 30th. Applications may be submitted via the online system or in-person at the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. Individuals paying by Pre-Authorized Payment, MasterCard or Visa ONLY may register on-line. Go to <https://secure.hrsb.ns.ca/excel> to access.

We encourage parents to submit their applications in a timely manner to ensure the greatest opportunity for entry into the program as demand often exceeds capacity. Applications will be accepted on a first-received, first-accepted basis. (Priority is not given to Before & After participants over After only.) Full-time participation (5 days/week) is required. Please see the EXCEL pages on the HRSB website for more information regarding registration procedures, program fees and the program structure.