

Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Elementary

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Upcoming Dates

February is African Heritage Month!

February 1
Registration Month Begins

February 2
Groundhog Day

February 5
SAC Meeting (virtual)

February 14
Valentine's Day (Wear Red, White, and/or Pink)

February 12-16
Lock Down Drill

February 19
Heritage Day in honour of William Hall (no classes)

Future Dates:

March 11-15
March Break (no classes)

March 18
Assessment and Evaluation Day (no classes)

School Hours P-5
8:40 Playground Supervision Begins
8:55 Students enter
9:00 Classes Begin
10:35-10:50 Recess
12:00-12:55 Lunch
3:00 Dismissal

Message to Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Families:

We have had a fun first month of the 2024 school year from Literacy Week events, Popcorn Sales, Musical Practices beginning, and our Monthly Assembly. February 1st is the start of African Heritage Month. We will have to wait and see if Shubenacadie Sam sees their shadow to find out how much longer Winter will be. The children also like celebrating Valentines Day too! We will be busy!

Even though the weather has been unpredictable over the past several months we have to be prepared for the cold. Please keep sending your children to school with all of their outdoor gear as it is our plan to continue taking the children outside as much as possible. Don't forget extra mitts and socks. It is nice to see that the days are already starting to get longer and that the sun is still out when we head home at the end of the day. It makes us feel hopeful that spring will eventually come.

Carrie McBay Lisa MacDonald
Principal Vice Principal

February Registration Month:

Do you have a child who will be starting pre-primary or primary this fall? It's time to register! Current Pre-Primary students are not required to re-register for Primary. Registration for the 2024-25 school year begins on February 1. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and
- Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for non-citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.

Visit the [HRCE website](http://www.amc.hrce.ca) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.

African Heritage Month:

The theme for African Heritage Month 2024 is "Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians." This month-long celebration is dedicated to recognizing and honoring the history and culture of people of African descent. The theme coincides with the final year of the United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (DPAD) 2015-2024, which aims to promote global cooperation in support of people of African descent, raise awareness, and acknowledge their full and equal participation in all aspects of society.

Nova Scotia is home to more than 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities with a rich, deep, and complex history that spans more than 400 years. African Heritage Month is an excellent opportunity to celebrate and showcase the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of African Nova Scotians, both past and present.



Valentines Day:

To help spread the Valentine's Day spirit through the halls at AMTB we encourage everyone to wear red, white, and/or pink that day. If there is any additional information about Valentine's Days activities your child's teacher will communicate this to you.



Winter Clothing:

With winter, comes colder weather, and the need to bundle up. We remind all students to dress for winter. Some students may need an extra set of mitts or other clothing just in case. We have some winter coats that have been donated to the school. If we can be of any assistance in this regard, we would be happy to do so. Please email amtb@hrce.ca or call 902-852-2166.



Inclement weather:

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, if you have opted-in. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: 978338
- On our website www.hrce.ca
- On X (formerly Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- On Instagram at www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/
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It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.

