

MAY 2025



ASIAN/
GAELIC
HERITAGE MONTH
HEARING
AND SPEECH

**DATES TO
REMEMBER:**

May 05 Teacher
Appreciation
Week
May 05 Red dress day
May 11 Mother's Day
May 11-17 Education
Week
May 15 Black Excellence
Day
May 19 Victoria Day
No students



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Empowering Futures:
Innovation in Education

**Education
Week
May 11-17
2025**



ROBERT KEMP TURNER ELEMENTARY

Grade 3 Provincial Assessments;

In May, in the morning, grade 3 students will be writing the Provincial School Assessments in both Language Arts-May 15 and 16th and Mathematics-May 20th and 21st. The classroom teacher will be sending out information to parents/guardians regarding the assessment. No special preparation is necessary. A positive, relaxed attitude will help children do their best. What your child has been doing in school has been preparing them for the assessment. Please make sure your child is in attendance on the dates above and is on time. We thank you for your support.

Gaelic Nova Scotia Month

May is Mìos nan Gàidheal |Gaelic Nova Scotia Month in Nova Scotia which is a time to celebrate and create awareness of the history, culture, language, contributions, and achievements of Gaels across the province.

Virtual Events: Throughout the month of May, there are various virtual events taking place across Nova Scotia. Visit the Gaelic Nova Scotia Month Planning Committee event page at <https://www.gaelic.ca/> Follow Gaelic Affairs Facebook and Twitter pages for more information:

Click on the banner image to download and print.
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/gaelicaffairs>
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Enjoy Gaelic Nova Scotia Month!

May 15 is Black Excellence Day

Celebrating Black Excellence Day on May 15, 2025, within Halifax Regional Centre for Education is important for several reasons:

1. Representation and Recognition: Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community. It highlights the talent and accomplishments within the Black community, ensuring that Black students have an opportunity to highlight all their positive contributions within the educational system.

2. Empowerment and Inspiration: By celebrating Black Excellence, students are inspired and empowered to pursue their own goals and dreams. Seeing examples of successful Black individuals from various fields, such as science, arts, politics and sports, can motivate students to strive for their own excellence.

3. Education and Awareness: Black Excellence Day serves as an educational opportunity to raise awareness about the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black people. It provides a platform to share stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership, helping to combat stereotypes and promote understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.

4. Equity and Inclusion: Recognizing Black Excellence fosters a culture of equity and inclusion within schools. It sends a message that all students, regardless of their background, have the potential to excel and make valuable contributions to society. By celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity, schools create a more welcoming and supportive environment for all students.

5. Community Engagement: Black Excellence Day can serve as a platform for community engagement and collaboration. It provides an opportunity for schools to partner with local organizations, leaders, and activists within the Black community to organize events, workshops, and discussions that promote dialogue and understanding. Overall, celebrating Black Excellence Day within HRCE schools is important for fostering a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and appreciation for the diverse talents and contributions of Black individuals.



R K Turner Home and School:

The Home and School held a wonderful “glow in the dark”, dance for the school at the end of March. What a great event. Everyone who came out had a great time.

Spring Fair: Please put this date in your calendars now-our Spring Fair is Saturday May 31st. There will be games, food, prizes and more. Pop that date in the calendar!

The fair runs from 11am until 1pm! Hope to see you there!



May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, a time to reflect on and celebrate the contributions that Canadians of Asian heritage continue to make, to the growth and prosperity of Canada. Canadians are invited to take part in the events that honour the legacy of Canadians of Asian heritage who, throughout Canadian history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated across Canada since the 1990s. In December 2001, the Senate of Canada adopted a motion proposed by Senator Vivienne Poy to officially designate May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to designate May as Asian Heritage Month.

Access Awareness Week

Access Awareness Week takes place annually during the last week of May to raise awareness about disability, access and inclusion. This year, Access Awareness Week runs from May 25-31, and the provincial theme is "Our Voices, Our Votes: Disability Rights in Action."

The provincial Accessibility Directorate is providing all HRCE schools with posters to help bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. The posters are being mailed directly to schools from the directorate and should arrive in the coming days.

For 38 years, Nova Scotians have organized community events, flag raising, forums, and concerts during Access Awareness Week to bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. More information can be found [here](#).

School Supplies 2025-2026:

Your Home and School is happy to announce that consumable school supplies for next year will be ordered and paid for by the home and school! What does this mean for families? It means families will only have to provide personal items for their children for the coming year:

- **Water bottle**
- **Indoor shoe**
- **Headphones/earbuds for the chrome books**
- **Lunch box**



Bike Safety:

The Making Tracks Bike Safety video series was created in partnership with Ecology Action Centre's Making Tracks program and Halifax Regional Municipality's Get There by Bike campaign. This six-part video series covers everything from bike and helmet fit to navigating infrastructure. You will also learn how to combine cycling and transit, what to wear while you cycle, proper bike signaling and so much more. [Bike Safety with Making Tracks — Active Atlantic](#)

