

# École Élémentaire Astral Drive Elementary

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# April 2019

## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1-15	Out of Area Applications for Grade Primary
April 1	SAC Meeting, 5:30 pm; PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
April 2	Autism Awareness Day – Wear something Blue and bring in a donation
April 5	Report Cards go home
April 10	Staff Appreciation Day (1/2 Bourgeois and 1/2 Jamieson)
April 11	AM PD Day / Parent-Teacher Interviews (Afternoon and Evening)
April 17	PTO Bingo Night
April 19	Good Friday – no school
April 22	Easter Monday – no school
April 26	Popcorn Day
May 6	SAC Meeting, 5:30 pm; PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
May 11	Spring Fair
May 16	Primary Orientation
May 17	Professional Development Day – No Students Present
May 20	Victoria Day – No Students Present
June 27	Assessment & Evaluation Day – No Students Present
June 28	Last Day of School – Report Cards go home

### BREAKFAST PROGRAM

I can't believe its April already! ADES kids have been making good use of our grab & go breakfasts in the morning as well as the basket in the office which has been well stocked thanks to all the generous donations of cereal and crackers from parents and caregivers.

The breakfast club is in need of volunteers on Mondays and Thursdays, if anyone is able to help out with this very worthwhile program. Please contact Jennifer ([Jennifer.mckay@live.com](mailto:Jennifer.mckay@live.com)).

Thank you and happy April!

### HEAD LICE

We would like to remind caregivers to continue to carefully check your child's head on a weekly basis now and throughout the school year. Remind your child not to share hats or combs!

A child with head lice may return to school after the first treatment. Please know that head lice is a common occurrence and we can all work together to minimize the effects.

### SAFE ARRIVAL



With 465 students in our school, we would like to take care of all of them. So if your child will not be attending school, or will be late, we request that you call us at the school 462-8500 or email us at [ADESafeArrival@hrce.ca](mailto:ADESafeArrival@hrce.ca) any day that your child is absent or late. A message may be left on the answering machine. If your child becomes ill during the day, we will call you to make arrangements for pick up. For this reason it is important that we have up-to-date telephone numbers on record.

### MORNING DROP OFF

When bringing your child(ren) to school in the morning please say goodbye to them at the door. We want children to gain independence in their morning routine and in removing their outerwear. Teachers and program assistants are available to assist students who may require support. This is also a safety concern. We need to know who is in the building at all times and for what purpose. Thank you for your support and understanding.

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Our Battle of the Books team is finished for the 2018-19 school year. Many thanks to everyone on the team and the parents that supported us in so many ways. The team received medals of participation for their extraordinary efforts. Well done!

## AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

April is Autism Acceptance Month in Nova Scotia, with April 2nd being World Autism Day. On Tuesday April 2nd, Astral Drive Elementary will be participating in Toonies for Autism in partnership with Autism Nova Scotia. Students are encouraged to "Light it up Blue" by wearing blue clothing and accessories and donating a toonie (\$2) in celebration of neurodiversity. Each person who donates will receive a community champion sticker.

Half of the funds raised (minus a \$25.00 processing fee) will remain at the school. The remainder of the funds will go directly to our local Autism Nova Scotia Chapter to enhance programs and services in our region.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Parent-Teacher interviews will take place on April 11th. Please go to [schoolinterviews.ca](http://schoolinterviews.ca) to book your interview

time. The school code is **xnpse**. Booking will be available on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Parent-Teacher interview times are:

Thursday, April 11th from 1:00 – 3:00pm

6:00 – 8:00pm

No school for students on Thursday, April 11th.

## EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2019-2020:



The EXCEL program will be using a new registration and payment system for the 2019-20 school year. The software offers a secure,

convenient, web-based platform on which clients can register their child(ren) online for the EXCEL program.

To ensure that the new system is fully operational for the registration period, the designated registration dates of April 29th, 2019 for current participants and May 6th, 2019 for new participants will be postponed until late Spring 2019. Despite the delay in the registration dates, it is anticipated that clients will be informed of their acceptance to the EXCEL program no later than June 28th, 2019.

Please visit <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/excel-child-care/registration> in the coming weeks to receive the latest information on the 2019-20 EXCEL registration process and dates for early and general registration.

## PTO NEWS

### Important Dates:

- April 1 PTO Meeting
- April 10 Staff Appreciation Day
- April 17 Family BINGO Night
- April 26 Popcorn day



The Astral Drive PTO brings you Family BINGO Night! It will be held on Wednesday, April 17th, doors will open at 6:00pm and BINGO starts at 6:30pm. The cost is \$10 for 8 games. Please note seating is limited. Prizes have been donated from many local businesses and as always popcorn & water will be available to purchase! We hope you will join us for what is sure to be a fun evening.

Staff Appreciation Day will be held on Wednesday, April 10, and will be hosted by the families of 1/2 Bourgeois and 1/2 Jamieson. If you have a student in one of these classes, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send in a nut free treat. If you did not submit a Staff Appreciation form at the beginning of the year, but are able to donate or help set up, please email us at [astraldrivepto@gmail.com](mailto:astraldrivepto@gmail.com). Treats can be homemade or store bought, edible or decorative, everything is appreciated! Thanks to all the families who have already committed to sending in some goodies.



Popcorn Day will be on Monday, April 26. For families who haven't prepaid for the year, popcorn can be purchased for \$1/bag.

The PTO needs you! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome!



## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### **Girls' Softball**

Cole Harbour Comets Girls Softball Association will holding registration at Cole Harbour Place on April 10, 2019 at 6:30-9:30 in the Lagarde Room and April 27, 2019 at 3:00-6:00 in Stewart Hall. Any interested girls between the ages 4-16 can contact us at [CH.Comets@gmail.com](mailto:CH.Comets@gmail.com) or check out our Facebook page.

### **UDFC Summer 2019 Soccer Program**

United DFC is the largest youth soccer club in the Maritime Provinces. We are getting revved up for the summer soccer season and invite you to join us!

Summer soccer registration is now open for Mini, Skill Centre and Community programs. Visit [udfc.ca](http://udfc.ca) for more information about each program and registration.

United DFC's "Come Try Soccer" for free will take place on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Visit [udfc.ca](http://udfc.ca) for details.

Register early so you are not disappointed!!!

Attachments from Abenaki Swim Club, Royal City Soccer Club, Shearwater Aviation Museum