

# École Élémentaire Astral Drive Elementary

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 6	SAC Meeting, 5:30 pm; PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
May 8	Staff Appreciation
May 16	Primary Orientation
May 17	Professional Development Day – No Students Present
May 20	Victoria Day – No Students Present
May 24	Popcorn Day
May 29	Musical
June 12	Staff Appreciation (2Marr & 3Noseworthy)
June 20	Ice Cream Social
June 26	Grade 6 Closing
June 27	Assessment & Evaluation Day – No Students Present
June 28	Last Day of School – Report Cards Go Home

## REQUEST FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT

Each spring the task of creating classes for the coming school year begins.

We want to create classrooms that are conducive to learning and that best suit the needs of all students. We look at children's personalities, male/female ratios, and student needs academics, social and emotional).

Placements will be made with input from the following staff members: sending teacher, receiving teacher, specialists and administration.

- If you perceive your child has exceptional needs that should be considered, you may submit a description in writing, addressed to Ms. MacNeil, by May 15<sup>th</sup>. This written submission is to describe the needs of the child only and is not to be a request for a particular teacher.
- Due to the uncertainty of staffing allocations at this time, we are unable to inform parents of what grade teachers will be teaching next year.

**Please note that the request is not a guarantee of placement.**

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Thank you to all who donated items at the last parent/teacher night. To date we have served 13,000 breakfasts so the extra funds saved get put to good use! It's been such a treat for volunteers to be a bit more relaxed with portions if a child is extra hungry that day as well as splurge on 'luxury' items we need such as the zippered snack baggies. They are much easier and faster when preparing the crackers/cereal and it's nice to not find as much loose cereal in backpacks. The volunteers especially, thank you for those baggies! We've also

been able to keep our office basket well stocked with lots of fruit so make sure your children know they are always welcome to help themselves and it's there as a backup if there is a forgotten lunch.

Thank you again for all the support and donations  
Breakfast Club has received!

## WE ACT

Our final fundraiser will be taking place in May: WE Act Spirit Days! These will be taking place from May 13th to 16th to raise money for Brigadoon Village. To participate, students can bring in a \$1 donation each day they participate. Please watch for upcoming notices with more details on the Spirit Days.

## EXCEL CHILD CARE 2019-2020



ACTIVITY  
EXPLORATION  
LEADERSHIP

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.

## PRIMARY ORIENTATION

Our primary orientation is being held the morning of **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Within a couple of days, parents of children beginning school in September will receive a letter outlining the day. Included will be a questionnaire that needs to be completed and returned on Orientation Day. Please call to confirm your attendance.

If you have not already done so, please bring with you:

- Your child's birth certificate and health card
- Proof of address (power bill, water bill, etc. - not a driver's license)
- \$40.00 for school supplies which includes a stand up against bullying t-shirt
- Registration form/Out of Area Form

## EAL (English as an Additional Language)

Activities that our EAL (English as an Additional Language) families might be interested in.

From fire breathers and acrobatics, to comedians and magical THINGS TO DO: SUMMER 2019

<https://buskers.ca/ns>, the Halifax Busker Festival brings the best street performers in the world to the Halifax waterfront in July 31-Aug 5.

<http://www.natalday.org/> Celebrate Nova Scotia's birthday from Aug 2-Aug 5 - lots of events will be happening around town.

<https://discoverhalifaxns.com/things-to-do/>  
Find out what to do and where to go- check this website for an up-to-date calendar of events.

<https://www.halifax.ca/recreation/programs-activities/programs-registration>  
Halifax Recreation includes information about parks, trails, facilities, fields, youth programs (summer camps and day camps), culture and heritage, beaches and more.  
Registration for camps is very soon!

<https://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/>  
Click the "What's On" tab to see activities and events offered by your local public library.

<https://www.chatterblock.com/events/halifax-nova-scotia-c1471/>  
This website has information about local events including academic programs for kids, concerts and

performances, sports, free things to do, as well as cool and unique things happening in the city.

<https://zatzmansportsplex.com/programs-services/program-guide>  
Brand new sports facility in Dartmouth - swimming pools, gymnasium, exercise equipment etc.

<http://www.alderneylanding.com>  
Community Cultural Centre has a lot of offer from a performing arts camp to concerts. Check their calendar for fun things to do!  
<https://www.coleharbourplace.com/chp-programs/all-about-kids/summer-day-camp/>  
Cole Harbour place offers day camps for children throughout the summer.

## PARENT NAVIGATORS

Do you have questions about supports available for your child? Are you wondering where to turn?

HRCE's Parent Navigators can help guide you!

We know that navigating the many supports available to you and your family during the school years can be overwhelming. That's why PN positions were created in 2018, as part of the 51 additional inclusive education specialists allocated from the Commission on Inclusive Education. The role of the PN is to help parents and guardians of HRCE students find and access services available in education, justice, health, community services and more.

As part of HRCE's Student Services Team, Stephen Somers and Tressa Moore have built strong relationships with community agencies throughout the region and developed deep understandings of the tools and resources out there for families.

Our PNs are available to help you find the support that you or your child may need to achieve success, inside and outside of school. They'll meet you in a comfortable setting in your community to have a conversation about what your child may need. They'll help guide and connect you with the most appropriate services and resources. They'll attend school meetings with you. They'll be your co-pilot.

Who is my Parent Navigator?

Tressa Moore  
mooret@hrce.ca  
902-464-2000 x4362  
Available to families of students in the following Families of Schools:

Auburn Drive, Cole Harbour, Citadel, Duncan MacMillan, Island View, J.L. Ilsley, Sir John A. Macdonald, Bedford & Forsyth Education Centre (Bedford & Dartmouth Campuses)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Girl Guides of Canada**

Fun for All Ages!

Sparks (grade primary & 1)

Brownies (grade 2 & 3)

Guides (grade 4 – 6)

Pathfinders (ages 12 – 14)

Rangers (ages 15-17)

Many options in Colby Village. Find a unit near you!

Go to: [www.girlguides.ca](http://www.girlguides.ca) and click "Find A Group"  
New member registration begins June 5th, 2019

Colby District is always looking for new Guiders (leaders). We are committed to giving girls life skills and new experiences. If you, or anyone you know, would like to become part of a strong, dynamic and fun organization please get in touch with Kim Rhuland: [boudreau1117@gmail.com](mailto:boudreau1117@gmail.com)

### **Summer Soccer Registration is open!**

Register for summer soccer with United DFC Soccer Club. Programs and teams are filling up quickly. UDFC also offers summer days camps.

Please visit [www.UDFC.ca](http://www.UDFC.ca) for program information and to register online. In person registration will take place at Cole Harbour Place on Friday, May 3, 6-8 pm or at the UDFC office daily during office hours.

## PTO NEWS

Important Dates:

May 6 – PTO Meeting

May 8 – Staff Appreciation Day

May 24 – Popcorn day


June 12 – Staff Appreciation (2Marr & 3Noseworthy)

June 20 – Ice Cream Social

In case you missed our recent Facebook blast or prefer the newsletter for all your school news, the Spring Fair has been cancelled. Want to stay up to date with PTO events, updates or connect with other Astral Parents? Check out the Astral Drive Elementary School - Friends & Family page.

Mark your calendars for this year's Ice Cream Social it will be held on Thursday, June 20th keep your eye out for more details, it's always a fun way to end the school year. If you want to take part in this end of the year hoorah join us at the next PTO meeting and share your ideas!



 Staff Appreciation Day will be held on Wednesday May 8th and will be hosted by the families of 2 Marr & 3 Noseworthy. 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 Friday, May 24th. 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 Monday, May 6th at 6:30pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

Did you know...the PTO contributes \$150 to each classroom for materials that enhance student learning?