

<i>February 2021</i>				École Élémentaire Astral Drive Elementary School 902-462-8500 <a href="https://ade.hrce.ca/">https://ade.hrce.ca/</a> <a href="mailto:ade@hrce.ca">ade@hrce.ca</a>			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Week 1	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	
Week 2	7	8	9 Early French Immersion Zoom Meeting 6:00 pm	10	11 Late French Immersion (ADJH) 6:30 pm	12	13
Week 1	14 Valentine's Day	15 Edward Francis Arab Day (No school)	16	17	18	19	20
Week 2	21	22	23	24	25	26	27

**Late French Immersion Virtual Meeting**

Astral Drive Junior High will be hosting a virtual meeting for parents of grade 6 students interested in registering their child in the late French Immersion Program on Thursday, February 11th, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

You can join the meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85658174756?pwd=ZGJiMW90cVVTUS9CcjI3M0ZsOEJYUT09>

Another reminder will be sent out before the meeting date.

**PRIMARY & PRE-PRIMARY REGISTRATION**

***February is Registration Month!***

**Primary Registration**

***NOTE: If your child is already attending our pre-primary program, no registration form is needed.***

**To limit non-essential visitors to our school due to Covid-19 protocol, registrations will be done electronically for the 2021-22 school year.** Families will be required to register using the following steps:

1. Please complete all sections of the registration form attached and email to [ade@hrce.ca](mailto:ade@hrce.ca)
2. You must attach a scanned copy or picture of proof of residence (Power or Water bill), Nova Scotia Health Card and your child's birth certificate

- In order to register your child for Grade Primary, they must be 5-years-old **on or before December 31** in the year they start Grade Primary
- Students must register for the English Program at the school serving the area (neighbourhood) in which they reside. If you plan to register your child for the Early French Immersion Program, you must register at Astral Drive Elementary.

### **Early French Immersion Virtual Meeting**

For parents who are interested in hearing more about our Early French Immersion program for the grade primary student, we will be hosting a zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 at 6:00 pm. A link will be sent home a few days prior.

### **Pre-Primary Registration**

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1. Please complete all sections of the registration form attached and email to [ade@hrce.ca](mailto:ade@hrce.ca)
  2. You must attach a scanned copy or picture of proof of residence (Power or Water bill), Nova Scotia Health Card and your child's birth certificate.
- In order to be eligible to attend Pre-Primary your child must be 4-years-old **on or before December 31** in the year they start Pre-Primary.
  - Students must register at the school serving the area (neighbourhood) in which they reside.

### **Transportation**

For more information on student transportation and to see if your child is eligible for bussing, please visit <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/student-transportation>

### **VALENTINE'S DAY**

After much deliberation and discussion we have decided not to have the students handing out Valentine cards. Students may be engaged in a variety of activities leading up to Valentine's Day and individual teachers will communicate any specific class plans to parents in the near future

### **OUT OF AREA REQUESTS**

Parents/guardians may seek placement for their child in a school outside of the neighbourhood in which they reside under the guidelines of the Student Registration Policy. Parents/guardians may obtain an Out-of-Area Request form at their child's neighbourhood school. Once completed, parents/guardians must forward the Out-of-Area Request form to the requested school on the first school day in April starting at 8:00 a.m. Alternatively, parents/guardians may complete the online Out-of-Area Request form at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca) beginning on the first school day in April at 8:00 a.m. The electronic submission is automatically sent to the receiving school. Instructions on completing the online option can be found [here](#).

### **Safe Arrival**

If your child will be absent for any reason (illness, late arrival, away, etc.) you are asked to call Safe Arrival at 902-462-8500, press #1 and leave a message, or email at [ADESafeArrival@hrce.ca](mailto:ADESafeArrival@hrce.ca), with your child's name, teacher's name and reason for their absence. We ask that you call before 8:30 a.m. if possible, to avoid us calling home and/or work. The purpose of the Safe Arrival Program is to keep our children safe. Please help by notifying us when your child is absent from school.

If your child is arriving late, please remind them that they must come into the office for a late slip before going to their classroom. Parents/Guardians **are not** able to come into the school with them. If you have arranged for someone other than a parent/guardian to come for your child, please make them aware of the changes for pick-up and drop-off.

### **Daily Reminders!**

- a mask (students gr 4-6);
- a full water bottle;
- a lunch; and
- a change of clothes (especially our younger learners)

### **Inclement Weather**

#### School/Bus Cancellations and Delayed Openings

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or buses, or delay the opening of school, in the event of severe or inclement weather. When these situations occur, the information is posted on the HRCE's website at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca) , on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS) , recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to local radio stations. Families can also subscribe to receive notice of cancellations and delayed openings by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website.

If weather conditions warrant, the HRCE could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school and Pre-Primary would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 10:30 a.m. Pre-Primary would start at 10:30 a.m. If school buses are operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time pending any weather-related delays. Our lunch and dismissal times will remain at their regularly scheduled times. The EXCEL program will be cancelled for the morning only.

The weather in Nova Scotia is unpredictable so it's always a good idea for families to have a back-up plan for child care when school is cancelled. To learn more about the process on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather> .

