

EPEC EDITOR - A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Eastern Passage Education Centre – Home of the Phoenix!



From Administration!



We kindly remind all families to prioritize safety by not passing the special needs bus at any time – either in the morning during drop-off or after school during dismissal. The extended stop sign and/or lights indicate that students may be boarding or exiting the bus, and it is critical for everyone's safety that all vehicles come to a complete stop. Thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe!

What's Happening at EPEC



PHOENIX NEWS

This is where you will
find out what's
happening at EPEC

This will give you information on tryouts, practices and games for all sports at EPEC!
Below is the link that will take you to the calendar.

<https://calendar.online/37b0c1fc9646>

If I Had A Million Dollars

- Show Times
- April 28, 9:30 am: Show for students of Seaside Elementary.
- April 29, 9:20ish: Show for grade 7 audience.
- April 29, 1:15 pm: Show for grade 8 audience.
- April 29, 6:30 pm: Public show.
- April 30, 6:30 pm: Public show.
- May 1, 9:20ish: Show for grade 6 audience.
- May 1, 6:30 pm: Public show.

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Important Dates In May



Important HRCE Dates

May 19: No classes for PP-12 for Victoria Day

June 26: No classes for high school students only (assessment & evaluation)


June 27: No classes for PP-12 (assessment & evaluation)

June 30: Last day of school

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 19	NO CLASSES Victoria Day
JUNE 26	NO CLASSES High school students only for assessment and evaluation
JUNE 27	NO CLASSES PP-12 for assessment and evaluation
JUNE 30	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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Other Important Dates in May

May is Asian Heritage Month

May is Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

May is Polish Heritage Month

May is Speech and Hearing Month

May 5 is Red Dress Day

May 11-17 is Education Week

May 15 is Black Excellence Day

· May 17 is International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

May 25 to 31 is Nova Scotia Access Awareness Week



May 15 is Black Excellence Day

What is Black Excellence Day? In essence Black Excellence Day is about acknowledging, celebrating, and uplifting Black contributions while fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment. The following are ways you celebrate the fourth annual Black Excellence Day:

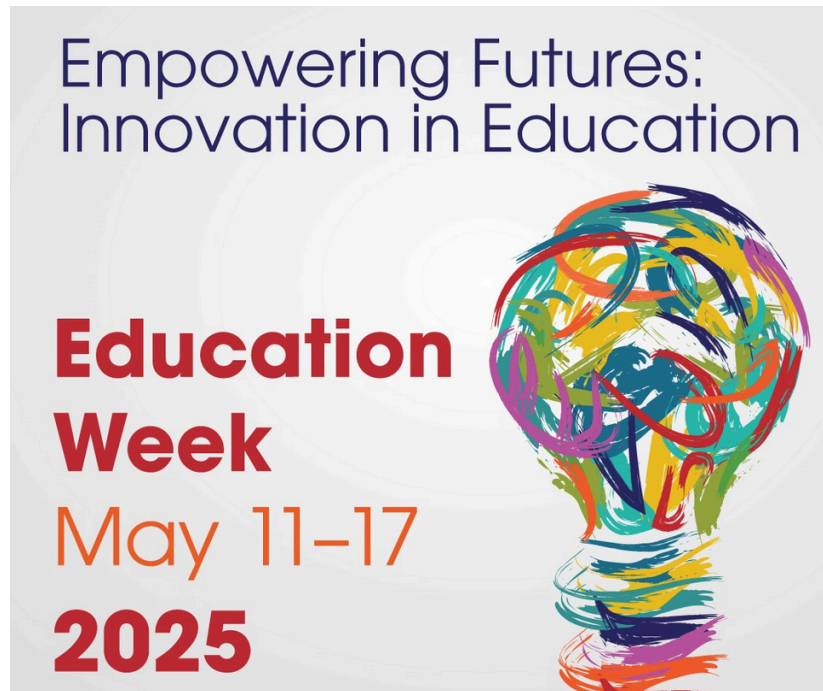
Celebrating achievements: Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community. It highlights the talent and accomplishments within the Black community, ensuring that Black students have an opportunity to highlight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

Promoting 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.

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.

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.

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.



Celebrating Education Week 2025

Education Week 2025, May 11 to 17, is a special opportunity to acknowledge educators, school support staff and partners for their outstanding work. This year's theme, Empowering Futures: Innovation in Education, celebrates educators who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to infuse innovation into their classrooms and schools.

We applaud educators, school staff, and partners who embrace innovation in meeting the evolving needs of students in preparing them for a rapidly changing future.

Congratulations to HRCE's winners:

Alicia Hennessey | Teacher | Lockview High

Rhonda McLean | School Counsellor | St. Agnes Junior High

Diana Hatchette | Teacher | John Martin Junior High

Rosaline "Rosie" Bona | Principal | Rockingham Elementary

Peta-Gay Clarke | Lead Early Childhood Educator | Central Spryfield Elementary

Kristin Welbourn | Library Support Specialist | Bay View High

Phillip Jackson | African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker | Duc d'Anville Elementary & Clayton Park Jr. High

Matthew Hughson | Mi'kmaw/Indigenous Student Support Worker | Sackville High & Leslie Thomas Junior High

- Please take a moment, if you feel inspired, to send a note of appreciation to an educator in your child's life who is having a positive impact!



Finish the year off strong with Homework Hub!

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Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account (gnspes.ca) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.

→ **24/7 Access**

Anytime access to video tutorials, practice questions and vocabulary review.

→ **Bilingual Tutors**

Tutors available for students in:

- Grade 4-6 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Find the Homework Hub at
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[Watch this video](#) to learn more about Homework Hub!

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](#).

2025-26 EXCEL Registration

The EXCEL Before and After Program is a recreation based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by Halifax Regional Centre for Education. At each school site where EXCEL is offered, the dedicated staffing teams plan games and activities that suit the needs and interests of all registered students. Since EXCEL began more than 25 years ago, staff have continually enhanced the program based on experiences and feedback. Today, with more than 4,000 participating students, EXCEL is one of the largest programs of its kind in the Maritimes, providing inclusive and engaging programming for participants.

For more information about registration, fees and programming, please [click here](#).

If you have additional questions, please contact the EXCEL Before and After Program Registrar's Office: **Kimberly Lozon at 902-464-2000 ext. 2787** or xcelregistrar@hrce.ca and **Gail Hartling at 902-464-2000 ext. 2236** or excel@hrce.ca.



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