



MARINE DRIVE ACADEMY NEWS
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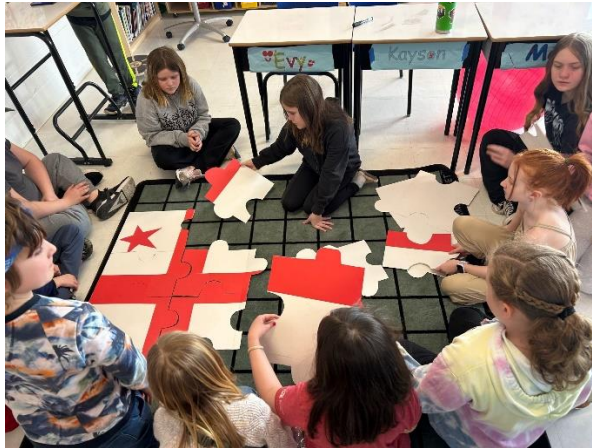
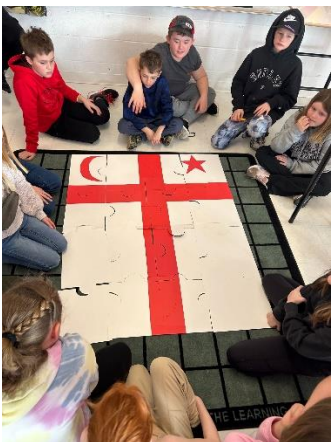


2023-24 Yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale from April 25-May 15. The preferred method of payment is school cash online. Please visit www.hrce.schoolcashionline.com and register for an account. Purchase yearbooks online using credit card and echeck. To receive email notifications please click "My Account – Manage email notifications". If paying by cash or cheque (payable to Marine Drive Academy) please send to the school with the order form that was emailed to parents/guardians on April 25th. **Orders are due by May 15th – no exceptions.**

What's happening in the classroom with Ms. Mullen, Mi'kmaq/Indigenous Student Support Worker

Grade 5 Class Cultural Learning Opportunity Mi'kmaq Flag Puzzle



Homework Hub: Finish the year off strong!

Did you know your student has access to Homework Hub? Finish the year off strong with the help of experienced tutors!

- **GNSPES Access:** 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 available for students in:**
 - Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
 - Grade 4-6 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

[Watch this video](#) to learn more about Homework Hub!

Friendly Reminders

Main Office

The Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Levy, is away from her desk from 11:00am to 12:00pm. If you call the school and leave a message during this time, please be aware, it will not be retrieved until after 12:00pm.

Reporting an Absence for PP-12 Students: For your child's safety, it is very important that you contact the school if your child will be absent or late for any reason. Please call 902-885-2777 and extension 1 to report an absence. **Leave your name, the student's first & last name, and reason for the absence (type of illness and symptoms, medical appt, etc.).** Leaving a message will avoid the school calling home. The absence line is available 24/7.

When the percentage of total students absent most likely due to illness is 10% or higher, the school will need to provide this information to Public Health, so it's important for the school to know when your child is out due to illness and the type of symptoms.

Water Bottles

Students are reminded to bring a water bottle to fill up at the water coolers.



Online clothing order: You can purchase school clothing at <https://pmgsw.com/Your-Ecommerce-Store-c114165318>

Graduation and Post-Secondary Updates from Ms. Walsh

Grade 12 students, the final semester of high school has started, and you are one step closer to graduation. It's an exciting time with lots of news coming your way from the post-secondary institutions to which you have applied. As they do not send your news to the school, please remember to keep me updated. You can email twalsh@hrce.ca, call 902-885-2777 ext.4, or drop by my office.

- If you have been accepted or have news about your application, please let me know your status, the school and the program.
- If you have made a decision about where you will be attending, please let me know the school and the program.
- Don't forget that some schools have separate applications for scholarships, bursaries and awards. Check the websites of the schools to which you have applied.
- If you receive an award, scholarship or bursary and would like to have it included in the graduation program, please let know:
 - the name of the award
 - the school or organization giving you the award
 - the amount of the award.

May 15 is Black Excellence Day

Celebrating Black Excellence Day on May 15, 2024, 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.

For more information and activities to help mark the day, [click here](#).

Dates to Remember	
<p>May</p> 	<p>June</p> 
<p>May is Asian Heritage Month, Canadian Jewish Heritage Month and Hearing and Speech Month</p>	<p>June 16th</p> 
<p>May 5th – Red Dress Day</p>	<p>June 17th – NS Virtual Exams</p>
<p>May 9th - Year End Dance (Semi Formal outfits are encouraged!) P-6 – from 6-7pm (must be accompanied by Parent/Guardian) Gr. 7-12 from 7-8:30pm</p>	<p>June 19th-25th – Exams</p>
<p>May 12</p> 	<p>June 21st – National Indigenous Peoples' Day</p>
<p>May 15th is Black Excellence Day</p>	<p>June 24th – Prom Set Up</p>
<p>May 16-19 – School Travel Group Trip</p>	
<p>May 17th - International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia</p>	<p>June 25th – Prom Time: TBA</p>
<p>May 20th – Victoria Day – No Classes</p>	<p>June 27th – Assessment & Evaluation Day for PP-12 NO CLASSES Graduation by invitation only at 9:30</p>
<p>May 26 to June 1 is National AccessAbility Week</p>	<p>June 28th Last Day of School 😊</p>