



# BELL PARK BULLETIN



## IMPORTANT DATES

May 9	Home & School Meeting – 5:30 pm
May 13, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24	Grade 3 Assessment
May 20	Victoria Day (no classes)
May 23	School Bingo
May 26 – June 1	National Accessibility Week

### May is Asian Heritage Month

Asian Heritage Month is an opportunity for us to learn more about the diverse culture and history of Asian communities in Canada, as well as to acknowledge the many achievements and contributions of people of Asian origin who, throughout our history, have done so much to make Canada the country we know and love. The theme for Asian Heritage Month 2024 is “Stories of Determination”, which represents the strides made and the challenges overcome by Asian communities to thrive in Canada over the last 2 centuries and beyond. It is a history filled with hardship and setbacks, but ultimately, it is a story of triumph over adversity. This month is also a reminder for all of us to come together to combat anti-Asian racism and discrimination in all its forms.

### 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](#).



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## Red Dress Day & Moose Hide Campaign Day

Yesterday, our community honoured Red Dress Day, which gives us an important opportunity each year to show our support for ending violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. I know many schools incorporated this learning in lessons and ceremonies last week and will today as well.

Please also keep in mind that May 16 is Moose Hide Campaign Day, on which we are reminded that no one should suffer violence, no matter their gender. We must all stand up against violence and act for our shared journey of reconciliation. Please join me in reflection.

