

# École St. Joseph's A. McKay Elementary School



## June Newsletter

Thirty days in June doesn't seem to be enough time for all that we've got left to do together! Many classes are organizing special events to support the learning they have been doing in their classes this year. Each class will be sending home specific information regarding their plans. A list of school-wide special events is listed below.

### **SJAM Volunteer Breakfast**

You've been so very good to us. You've been kind in every way. You've made us treats and helped us out on all our special days. We would like to thank you for all you've done this year, and to tell you that you're special and so very, very dear. We would like to tell you in our own special way: We appreciate the things you've done more than words can say!

**Please join us on Friday, June 7 from 8:30-9:30 in the library, so we can tell you in person how much we appreciate you! RSVP by May 31 at [sjam@hrce.ca](mailto:sjam@hrce.ca) or 902-493-5180.**

### **Lunch Hour Change - September 2019**

Beginning in September, 2019. The lunch hour will be from 12:10-12:55 pm. To account for this change, school will begin ten minutes later in the morning. Students can be dropped off on the playground beginning at 8:50 and the bell to enter the building will be at 9:00. This will not affect afternoon dismissal times. We feel this option will have a positive impact on the quality of our morning and afternoon instruction.

Thank you for your feedback. Please know we will work in collaboration with you during this transition period.

### **Year End Trip**

We're so excited about our year-end trip! On June 21 between 9:30 and 1:30 our whole school will be spending the day in Africville and you're invited! This outdoor day in our community promises to be full of activity, learning, music and fun. You are welcome to join us - for the day or for lunch. **If you are available to help out with the BBQ, serving lunch, or running stations, please contact the school: 902-493-5180.** We appreciate your support in making this day a success!

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### Exploring Lunch Options

We would like to explore the option of providing access to hot lunches for our students at no cost to families. If you would like to be part of a conversation about what this might look like in our school community we will be holding a meeting on June 11 at 6:30 in the school library.

### Library Books

The last day for borrowing school library books is June 6th. All books need to be returned to the library by June 13th.

### Lunch Monitors

We are currently recruiting for casual staff to work as Lunch Monitors for next year. The Lunch Monitor oversees students in a variety of settings including the classroom, lunch area, and outside play areas. This is a paid position and the hours are from 11:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you think you might like to earn a little extra money and help out at our school at lunchtime, please call the school at 902-493-5180. Thank you.

### Volunteers

Any volunteer involved in trips, coaching or who may have regular and direct contact or responsibility for students with limited supervision by HRSB staff must provide annually:

- A completed Department of Community Services Form XIII – Child Abuse Register – Request for Search
- A certified and true copy of a current (completed in the 3 months before volunteer activities begin) Police Reference/ Records Check. There is a \$30 cost to have this paperwork completed.

A reminder that prior to volunteering or commencing any other activity in the Halifax Regional School Board's schools, any volunteer with regular and direct contact with students under the supervision of HRSB staff at all times is required to only complete an Offence Declaration.

As we come to the time of year when classes plan their year-end trips, please contact the office for more information about these forms.

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Our last day of school is June 28 and dismissal on this day will be at 10:00.

### Report Cards

Report Cards will be distributed on June 28th. If your child will not be in school on that day, please leave a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will mail it to you. The front page of the report card will contain the name of your child's teacher for the coming year. Please note that there is always a possibility that this may change up until September 30.

### Supply Lists

These will be sent home with our child at the end of the school year and will also be posted on our school web site.

### August Registration

For families who move into the community over the summer months there will be a Late Registration on Wednesday, August 28th from 8:00-3:30. Please pass this information on to your new neighbours.

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## EVERY SECOND

SATURDAY, 9:30 - 11:00am

## SUMMER 2019 LOCATION

### BETHEL CHURCH

5406 Roome Street, Halifax

At the corner of Devonshire and Roome Street

May 4, 18

June 1, 15, 29

July 13, 27

August 10, 24

September 7, 21

October 5, 19

NORTH END HALIFAX

**MOBILE  
FOOD  
MARKET**



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### Northern Lights Festival

The annual Northern Lights Lantern Festival will be on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 4:30-9:30pm (rain date Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> at Merv Sullivan Park (The Pit). The organizing committee is looking for your help – they need donations of glass jars for the lantern making. These can be dropped off at the school up until June 28.

### EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2019-2020

The dates for early and general registration have been finalized. Early registration will be open to families enrolled in the EXCEL program, at the time of registration, for five days beginning on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 8:00 am AST. A link to the online registration system will be made available on the HRCE website on Monday, June 3, at 8:00 am AST. An email will also be sent to current participants with this information. Registration will be open to families who are not enrolled in the EXCEL program, at the time of registration, on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 8:00 am AST. A link will be available for parents of new participants on the HRCE website as of Monday, June 10, at 8:00 am AST. From there, parents will click the “New Parents Open Account” icon which will provide access to the Parent Portal.

### Looking ahead to June – Mark Your Calendar

June 13– Grade Six Closing at 1:30  
June 18 & 19 – Grade Six Trip  
June 21 – SJAMBoree  
June 27 – No School for Students  
June 28 - Last day of school – Report Cards go home

### Looking ahead to September

September 5 – First Day of School for Students  
September 17 – School Photos  
September 26 – Curriculum Night  
September 28 – PD Day – No School

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