



Hello Cavalier Community:

Each year we enter the month of April at approximately the same calendar pace and yet when we arrive at this month it seems like the school year is going so fast. This seemingly quick pace is due to the amazing energy our students have and the need we have as adults to keep up with them. We appreciate all you do at home to keep up with the pace of school and the support you provide your children and our staff. Take a moment to slow down and appreciate the leaps and bounds your children are making with their learning and social development...and then run and do some more errands.

Sincerely,

Stephen Driscoll
Principal

Important Dates & Reminders

April 14-20	Education Week
April 22-26	Spirit Week – see theme days below
May 6 –	Home and School – 6:00p.m.
May 20 –	Victoria Day Holiday – No Classes
May 30 –	Family Dance – 6:00 p.m.
June 8 –	Spring Fling – 10:00 a.m.
June 25 –	Grade 5 Farewell – 9:00 a.m.
June 27 –	Assessment and Evaluation Day – No Classes
June 28 –	Last Day of School

Calendar of dates is also on the [school webpage](#)

SCHOOL HOURS

Supervision Begins	7:40am (Students should not be on the playground unsupervised before 7:40am)
School Starts	8:00am
Lunch	11:30am - 12:30pm
Dismissal	2:00pm

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, April 22 - Many Colours Monday – dress in bright spring colours

Tuesday, April 23 – Dress like a member of school staff

Wednesday, April 24 - Sports Day - dress in favourite team colours or as an athlete

Thursday, April 25 – Fun hat/hair day. Also, Teddy Bear Sleepover. Students can bring a stuffie to leave at the school overnight. We'll see what the stuffies get up to when no one is in the school!

Friday, April 26 – PJ day

CHAPERONING AND VOLUNTEERING

If you are interested in volunteering in the school and/or chaperoning on field trips, parents are required to have their paperwork up-to-date and on file in the school office. In accordance with HRCE's Student Protection Policy, prior to volunteering with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, all volunteers will provide a **Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable**

Sector Check and a Child Abuse Registry.

If you have any questions or wish to check the status of your paperwork, that is currently on file in the school office, please read the volunteer information on the HRCE website or email Cindy Harroun at charroun@hrce.ca

SINGLE USE PLASTIC

Please remember to include a fork or spoon in your child's lunch. The school is unable to provide utensils any longer.

SCHOOL CASH

Please take a few moments to sign up for our [new payment system](#). HRCE is moving away from accepting cash in the school for missing library books, pizza days, school trips, etc. Thank you.

SPRING WEATHER

It is a good idea to pack a change of clothes for your child as all children will play outside at recess and lunch. The school grounds can become quite wet and muddy at this time of year. This will eliminate a call home for a change of clothes.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

HRCE has a new Student Absence Reporting System. There are three ways to report your child absent. Please visit <https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival> for more information.

There is not an option for a Late Arrival so if your child will be arriving late please select the "AWN" code and when your child arrives at school they should check in at the office. We will switch their code to "L"

SICK CHILDREN

Sick children and children with contagious diseases should not come to school. Children who are sneezing and coughing frequently are also passing along colds to others, as well as not being physically able to keep up the active pace of the daily program. Consideration for your child's health, as well as the health of others is requested.

EXCEL Child Care

The EXCEL Childcare Program is a department of the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE). It offers an option to parents in

selecting before school and after school care five days a week. The name EXCEL stands for Extended Care and Enhanced Learning. EXCEL will strive to provide EXCELlent programming for your child. The program is designed for students from grades pre-primary to 5. Our goal at EXCEL is to create an organized, fun atmosphere for your child and to provide you with the sense of security knowing your child is in good hands.

SCHOOL SAFETY

In order to regulate the flow of traffic from staff, school buses, parents and caregivers we ask you to adhere to the following:

- Student drop-off between 7:40am and 7:55am takes place on are asked to say good-bye at the end of the fence/sidewalk on Cavalier Drive.
- **Entrance to the parking lot between 7:30am and 3:00pm is only permitted for staff, busses and volunteers**
- Parents/Caregivers who are driving to the school to pick up students park on Cavalier Drive or Cavendish Drive

- The driveway policy remains in effect on inclement weather days as well
- Exceptions apply for students whose mobility is impaired for any length of time. Parents of students in this situation are asked to drop by the main office to discuss arrangements.
- Parents sign in at the main office when visiting the school.

LUNCHES

Parents are able to order hot lunches from The Lunch Lady. Check out the link below for more information. You will need to send a utensil with your child on days that you order hot lunch. The Lunch Lady does not supply utensils.

<https://thelunchlady.ca>

RECESS

All children play outside if the weather is suitable. It is important your child brings a healthy recess snack. Ideas include apples, oranges cut in sections, grapes, a banana, cheese and crackers, a muffin, or other healthy snack. Salty and/or sugary snacks provide a quick burst of energy, but do not

provide the nutrition they require for learning.

Please Note:

Cavalier is a nut-aware school.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Emergency Management Plan has a number of steps to be followed to ensure the safety of all in the building. These procedures are discussed and practiced throughout the year so everyone is knowledgeable of what they should do in an emergency.

The three main components of the Emergency Management Plan are:

Evacuation – This is commonly referred to as a fire drill. A school may need to be evacuated for reasons other than fire, so we use the generic term 'evacuation'. We had our first drill this week.

Relocation – If our school had to be evacuated for a significant period of time during the day, we would have all students and staff relocate to another building in the community. Currently, this is the local church.

Lockdown Procedure –

Unlike an evacuation where everyone leaves the building, the goal of the lockdown procedure is to have everyone remain in the building. Although infrequent, the possibility of a major incident creating a situation causing serious injury in our school is a possibility. There could be a hazardous leak outside the school, an animal loose in the building or in the general area, or a major health concern.

CAVALIER CLOTHING

All orders for [Cavalier clothing](#) can be placed online and shipped directly to you. There is free shipping offered on orders over \$85 and discount rates when ordering multiple items so feel free to combine orders with your family and friends to get a discount. Also, if you sign up for the clothing site newsletter, they offer sale codes during the year.

You are able to customize the items by choosing your logo, style etc. and

can even embroider on your child's name...so it's less likely to get lost! These items also make great Christmas and birthday gifts.

Another bonus is that Cavalier Drive will get a rebate cheque for 10% of the profits, so this is another fun way to support your school AND get something cool in the process!