



# UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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## April News and Notes:

### Important calendar dates in April

Here are a few key dates to note in HRCE's calendar for April:

- **April 1:** No classes for Easter Monday
- **April 4:** No classes for elementary and junior high students only for professional learning and parent/guardian-teacher conferences.
- **April 18:** No classes for high school students only for professional learning and parent/guardian-teacher conferences.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

APRIL <b>1</b>	<b>NO CLASSES</b> Easter Monday
APRIL <b>4</b>	<b>NO CLASSES</b> Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences Elementary & Junior High ONLY
APRIL <b>18</b>	<b>NO CLASSES</b> Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences High School ONLY

Visit [hrce.ca/calendars](http://hrce.ca/calendars) to view & download the 2023-24 calendar.

### Preparing for the Solar Eclipse

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is pleased to provide all students in Nova Scotia with eclipse glasses to view the upcoming solar eclipse safely.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, obscuring the view of the sun from a section of the Earth. This event is extremely rare, with the next solar eclipse not occurring in the province until 2079. Nova Scotia will be just outside of the zone of totality for the solar eclipse; for this reason, it is important that individuals have appropriate protection to view this historic event.

The solar eclipse will begin at 3:27 p.m., reaching maximum coverage at 4:38 p.m., and ending at 5:44 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://thediscoverycentre.ca/solar-eclipse-solaire/>.



### **Education Week 2024**

Nova Scotia's annual Education Week will take place from April 14-20, 2024.

This year's theme is Connections to Community and recognizes the work of teachers, student support staff, administrators and Early Childhood Educators who take deliberate effort to enhance and empower their larger school communities, including families and the community at large.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the impact they have on our students and the outstanding work they do in our school every day.



Happy Education Week to our  
hard-working staff!  
We appreciate everything you do  
for our students!



### **Quick Notes / Reminders:**

- April is World Autism Month
- School Counsellor – A reminder that Mr. S. is currently at UMCS on Wednesdays. If you or your child is interested in his support, please reach out to him via email at nschnerch@hrce.ca.
- Spring weather can be messy, so please ensure that students are dressed for our changing weather. Appropriate outer wear, sweaters, coats, hats and mittens or gloves are at the ready and in the backpacks to wear if needed.
- Parents and guardians are reminded that staff are not on duty until 7:40 in the morning, so please do not drop off students prior to that time as there is no supervision.
- If there is a change to the end of the day routine for your child, we are asking that these changes be made no later than 1:00 PM. We do realize that life happens and while we do plan, plans sometimes have to change.
- Although HRCE Registration month has ended, if you have, or know of, someone in the area who has a child starting school in September in Pre-Primary or Primary, have them register their child using the following link [Register for school here.](#)

### **School Calendar:**

A few dates to keep in mind are:

- April 1 – No Classes – Easter Monday
- April 4 – AM – Professional Development PM – Parent Teacher Conferences – 1:00-3:00pm and 5:30-7:30pm. Please call the school to book an appointment. - No classes for students
- April 8 – Solar Eclipse – Keep your glasses handy!
- April 9 – SAC Meeting – 2:00pm
- April 14 -20 – Education Week and Volunteer Appreciation Week.
- April 22 – Earth Day
- April 24 – Administrative Professionals Day

### **Head Lice Prevention**

Not only can colds and flu bugs be spread at school, so can head lice. Head lice are tiny insects that live on the head. They lay eggs (called nits) close to the scalp. Head lice spread through direct contact among children (head-to-head), or indirectly on items such as hats, combs, hairbrushes, headbands, helmets, or toques. Head lice do not jump, fly, or hop but they crawl very quickly. We encourage you to remind your children not to share anything that could cause a transfer of head lice. Check your child's head regularly for either live lice or nits (eggs), once a week as part of your routine and after every sleepover. Keep long hair tied back or braided. Head lice spread easily, so if one person in the household has lice, others may have it too. Check everyone in the household on the same day. Once your child has been treated, he/she may return to school if there are no live lice. It is important to carefully follow the directions on the treatment package so that re-infestation does not occur. All family members should be checked and treated as required. For more information, please click the link below to read the pamphlet "How to Prevent, Find & Treat Head Lice", written and reviewed by Public Health Services, Nova Scotia Health Authority  
<http://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/public-health-education/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf>

**Peanut/Nut Awareness**

Upper Musquodoboit Consolidated is a peanut free school. Peanuts, or products made with, or that may contain peanuts cannot be brought to school. There are students who may develop a life threatening reaction to exposure to these items. Please be aware of this information when packing snacks and lunches. Thank you in advance.

**"SMALL SCHOOL, BIG SPIRIT"**

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to the school.

Thank you.

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