



# UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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## May News and Notes:

### Important calendar dates in May & June

Here are a few key dates to note in HRCE's calendar for May and June:

- **May 20:** No classes for PP-12 for Victoria Day
- **June 26:** No classes for high school students only for assessment and evaluation
- **June 27:** No classes for PP-12 for assessment and evaluation
- **June 28:** Last day of school

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

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| MAY<br><b>20</b>  | <b>NO CLASSES</b><br>Victoria Day                                   |
| JUNE<br><b>26</b> | <b>NO CLASSES</b><br>Assessment & Evaluation Day - High School ONLY |
| JUNE<br><b>27</b> | <b>NO CLASSES</b><br>Assessment & Evaluation Day - PP-12            |

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

### 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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### Quick Notes / Reminders:

- May is Asian Heritage Month, Canadian Jewish Heritage Month and Hearing and Speech Month
- We would like to welcome Mr. Casey to our school. Mr. Casey is a Literacy Coach from HRCE and is here working with students in grade 3-6. He will be with us until May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 has arrived. Now that the weather is warmer, be sure to check children for ticks.
- 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:

- May 5 – Red Dress Day – Wear Red
- May 6 – Fluoride Clinic - Consent forms were distributed in the fall and returned.

- May 14 – Trip to Bicentennial Theatre
- May 14 – SAC Meeting – 2:00pm
- May 15, 16, 22, and 23 – Grade 3 students are completing a provincial assessment in Literacy and Math
- May 17 – Trip to MVEC for Young Neptune performance
- May 20 – Victoria Day – No Classes
- May 23 – Grade 6 visit to MRHS – afternoon only. Students will be dismissed from MRHS and be coming home on buses from MRHS. Please note that these grade 6 students may be later arriving home than usual in the afternoon.
- May 30 - Band Concert @ MRHS – 7:00pm
- May 31 – Grade 6 Band Trip to Mount Saint Vincent University – Stadacona Band Performance
- May 31 – Spring Fling - 6:00-8:00pm – more information to follow

### **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.

Troy Smith – Principal

Andrea MacAulay – Vice Principal