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*"An experiential approach to learning"*

# MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Students, Parents, Guardians:**

March is here and soon (hopefully) we'll be enjoying longer days and some sunny spring weather. This change in weather allows us to get out of the school and enjoy being active outside. As the weather begins to warm, students should be prepared to go outside on any given day. This allows us to expand our programming and incorporate physical activity/outdoor education within our daily courses. We have quite a few experiential trips planned over the coming months and I encourage students to make the best of these opportunities. All of these trips are connected to our curriculum outcomes and allow students to experience personal challenge and growth. Keep an eye out in the upcoming date's section of this newsletter for upcoming trips. You can also check the online calendar at [www.hec.ednet.ns.ca](http://www.hec.ednet.ns.ca).

During the month of February we celebrated African Heritage Month. Topics of African heritage were discussed in classes and we have a trip planned to the Africville Museum at the beginning of this month. This trip will allow students to experience the community of Africville first hand. During the month of March we will also begin two major projects with our students. We will begin an intensive puppetry workshop with Mermaid Theater in Windsor, as well as a songwriting workshop with local recording artist Heather Kelday. Both workshops will help support the Drama

10 and 11 courses and are sure to be great learning experiences!

I'd like to remind students, parents and guardians of the importance of attending school on a consistent basis. Regular attendance at school has a positive impact on student success and it is one of the most important aspects of our experiential school. Students should only miss school when absolutely necessary (illness, appointment, permission from principal), however if you are absent from school, please remember to inform school staff in the morning. You must also inform the taxi company as soon as possible in the morning.

I look forward to continuing to build strong relationships between home and school. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

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## ***Important Dates to Remember***

**March 10<sup>th</sup> Halifax Oval and Africville**

**March 13 – 17 March Break**

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## BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

We welcome donations of food items and/or monetary donations in support of our school breakfast and lunch program. A receipt will be issued for all monetary donations. Please make cheque payable to "Highbury Education Centre".

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## TRANSPORTATION NOTE: HOME SCHOOL CLOSURES



Please note the following home high school closures which will affect transportation arrangements for some HEC students. **HEC students are expected to attend school, even if their home high school is having a**

**shutdown day or early dismissal. Guardians will be responsible to get their child to/from the taxi pick up location (CK, NKEC or Horton) on these dates:**

**CK:**  
April 4<sup>th</sup>      Early dismissal, no pm buses

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## ABSENT FROM SCHOOL = CALL YOUR TAXI!!!

Students / guardians **MUST contact the taxi company** if they will not be using the taxi on a given day.

→ **M & G Taxi: 691-2500**

Call at least a half hour before your scheduled taxi pick-up time.

Also, guardians need to call the school to let us know their teen will be absent and why.

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## WANNA SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING @ HEC?? CHECK US OUT ONLINE!!!

**School Website:**    [hec.ednet.ns.ca](http://hec.ednet.ns.ca)

- up-to-date calendar of events
- monthly newsletters
- school handbook
- contact info
- timetable
- photo album
- course outlines & other info

**Twitter:**    [twitter.com/HighburyEdCtr](https://twitter.com/HighburyEdCtr)

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**Student**  
Becca                      March 10  
Maddie                     March 22

**Staff**  
Kate                        March 7

