

April 2026

# SYCAMORE LANE

## NEWSLETTER



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Safe Arrival: 1-833-582-6940

### Progress Conferences:

Will be on Thursday, April 2nd between 1-3PM and 4-6PM.

Please use the direct link below to book an interview with your children's teacher(s):

<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/3rj82>

**Bookings will open Tuesday, March 24th and will close Thursday, April 2nd at 11:00 AM.**

Our schools code is: 3rj82

**Spring 50/50** – This spring we are running a 50/50 fundraiser. We are raising funds to purchase needed supplies and materials for our students.

Tickets available here:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/sles-spring-5050>

Thank you for your support! We invite you to share the link with friends and family.

On sale starting **March 27<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup> at noon. Draw date May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.**

Open to Nova Scotia Residents who are 19 years of age or older.

Progress  
Conferences





**SLE Spirit Wear** – We are excited to offer SLE Spirit Wear with a newly designed logo! Sales will be through SchoolCash starting **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and close April 30<sup>th</sup> at noon.** (orders will be ready late May) Sizing and detailed pricing is in the SchoolCash listings.

Youth T-Shirts \$17 & Youth Hooded Sweaters \$34 are available in sizes S-XL

Adult T-Shirts \$18-\$24 & Adult Hooded Sweaters \$37-\$43 are available in sizes S-5XL

Please visit <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/> to create an account and add your SLE students and purchase.

Need help with SchoolCash online with things like logging in or adding a student click the link below:

[https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com/en/support/home?email=&board\\_name=&mw=0&mp=0](https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com/en/support/home?email=&board_name=&mw=0&mp=0)

## April Book Fair

We are having a SPRING Book Fair!

Classes will have the opportunity to view on March 31 & April 1st and be able to purchase books on April 7th.

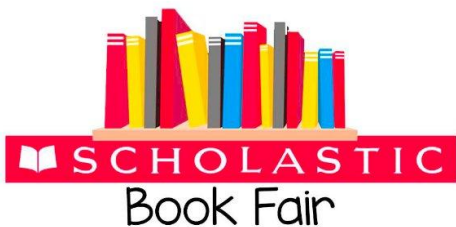
The book fair will also be open to families to shop during Progress Conferences on April 2nd from 1-3pm and 4-6pm!

## Try Carpool Conversations with your Kids

Looking for an easy way to talk with your child about their digital world? Carpool Conversations from Common Sense Media offers short, engaging prompts and mini podcasts designed to spark family discussions about technology, media use, and online behaviour. Many episodes are only a couple of minutes long, perfect for a car ride or while waiting for practice to start. Explore the conversation starters [here](#).

## Common Sense Carpool Conversations

A podcast series that invites adults and kids to talk about the issues that matter most in kids' digital lives.





## April 2 is Autism Awareness Day

Autism Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many strengths and experiences of autistic children and youth in our school communities. For families, it's a moment to reflect on the importance of feeling seen, heard, and supported — not just today, but every day.

In our schools, awareness is only the beginning. True inclusion comes from acceptance, understanding, and a commitment to meeting each student where they are. When educators, students, and families work together to build empathy and reduce barriers, we create environments where every child can thrive.

Recognized globally on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, led by the United Nations, highlights the importance of improving quality of life and upholding the rights of autistic individuals. This year's theme, "Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value," reminds us that every person deserves dignity, respect, and the opportunity to thrive, both in school and beyond.

## The “Amazing” Adventure Guide

[Unplugged Canada](#) encourages families to reclaim childhood by creating more opportunities for outdoor adventure, independence, and real-world responsibility. Research shows that children thrive when they spend more time exploring their neighbourhoods, solving problems with friends, and contributing meaningfully at home and in their communities. Simple steps like walking to a neighbour's house, biking to a local park, helping plan a family meal or running small errands help kids build confidence, resilience and practical life skills.

Families can support this shift by intentionally creating space for free, unsupervised play and increasing responsibility over time. That might mean designating “no-adult” play zones, encouraging kids to gather in groups of three or more for creative play, or giving them meaningful household roles such as helping with groceries, cooking or caring for pets.

It can feel challenging to step back, but children build independence by practicing it. Families can make it easier by teaming up with other parents in their neighbourhood to create shared boundaries for safe roaming and outdoor play. For more ideas and practical steps, see the full guide: [The “Amazing” Adventure Guide](#) from Unplugged Canada.

## A Few Reminders

### **Arriving on Time**

We understand that at times students will have morning commitments and appointments that will result in arriving late to school. On regular days it is important that students arrive on time to ensure they are missing as little instructional time as possible. Instruction begins daily at 8:15 AM.

### **Early Pick Up**

When picking up students early from SLE please plan to arrive with enough time to have your student(s) called from class, gather their belongings and come to the main office for sign out. It is not necessary to phone the school before hand. Once you are here in person we will call students from class to get ready to go. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Toys stay at home:**

A friendly reminder that students should not bring toys, fidgets, electronics, cell phones, or valuable items of any kind. These items cause distractions during learning time. Additionally, it is very heartbreaking when these items get lost or broken, please leave them at home. The school has items for students to use during non instructional time such as toys and board games for inside and equipment for outside.

### **Safe Arrival**

**-To report a student as absent choose- Absent with Notification for the FULL DAY**

**-To report a student who will arrive late choose- Absent with Notification for the FULL DAY and their attendance will be updated when they arrive at school.**

There are 3 Ways to do this:

√ PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal (Internet) √ SchoolMessenger App √ Toll-Free Number- 1-833-582-6940

For more detailed information, Frequently Asked Questions and even a video tutorial, please visit <https://www.hrce.ca/families/general-information/safe-arrival>

## **Do you know how to raise a concern?**

We want families to feel comfortable reaching out when they have questions or concerns about their child's education or well-being. In most cases, concerns can be resolved quickly by connecting directly with school staff.

If you do have a concern, here are the steps to follow:

- **Start by speaking with your child's teacher or ECE.** They are often best positioned to address questions about your child's learning or classroom experience.
- **If the concern isn't resolved, contact the school principal** to continue the conversation and work toward a solution.
- **If you need additional support, HRCE's Family Navigators are here to help.** They can provide guidance and connect families with helpful resources and supports. They can be reached at [connect@hrce.ca](mailto:connect@hrce.ca).
- **If the concern still isn't resolved,** a formal review process can be requested and the matter will be looked into by the appropriate HRCE Director.
- **The final step** is for the concern to be reviewed by the Regional Executive Director.

You can learn more about the process [here](#) or by reviewing the [Parent/Guardian Concern Policy](#).

# IMPORTANT DATES

**April 1: Report Cards Emailed Home**

**April 2: Professional Practice Day & Progress Conferences NO SCHOOL**

**April 2: World Autism Awareness Day**

**April 3: Good Friday NO SCHOOL**

**April 5: Easter**

**April 6: Easter Monday NO SCHOOL**

**April 22: Earth Day**

**April 24: Popcorn Day**

**April 19-25: National Volunteer Week**

**April 29- PD Day - NO SCHOOL**



## **April is the Month of the Military Child in Canada**

The #TealUp campaign recognizes and celebrates the unique experiences and sacrifices of children of military families. To learn more, check out this Toolkit designed specifically for school ages children: [Teal Up Toolkit](#)

## **February is Registration Month**

Do you have or know a child who will be starting Pre Primary or Primary this fall? It's time to register!

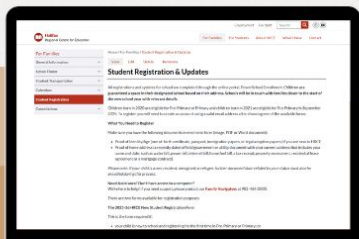
Registration for the 2026-27 school year begins on Monday, February 2. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.



Visit [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca) to register today!



# April 2026 CALENDAR

Thank you to our Teachers and Staff who are volunteering their lunch time to provide great clubs for our students.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Open Gym R1: 2/3D R2: 3P & 4M Lunch Clubs -Wind Down Wed -Art Gr3 -Primary Coloring	2	3
6	7 Open Gym R1: 2/3D R2: 1L & 1/2B Intramurals: 4's Lunch Clubs -Pokemon 3/4s	8 R1: Skipping Lunch Clubs -Wind Down Wed -Art Gr2 -Primary Coloring	9 Lunch: Glee Lunch Clubs -Basketball -Multicultural 3-5	10 Recess: Open Library Open Gym R1: PTh & PTu R2: 1/2B & 2B Intramurals: 5's Free Choice Gr3
13 Recess: Open Library Lunch Clubs -Dodgeball Gr5	14 Open Gym R1: 4/5B & 4/5C R2: 1L & 2 B Intramurals: 3's Lunch Clubs -Pokemon 3/4s	15 Open Gym R1: 2/3D R2: 3P & 4M Lunch Clubs -Wind Down Wed -Art Gr1 -Primary Coloring	16 Lunch: Glee Lunch Clubs -Basketball -Multicultural 3-5	17 Recess: Open Library Open Gym R1: 4/5B & 4/5C R2: 3P & 4M Intramurals: 2's Free Choice Gr4
20 Recess: Open Library Lunch Clubs -Dodgeball Gr1 -Bots	21 Open Gym R1: 2/3D R2: 1L & 1/2B Intramurals: 4's Lunch Clubs -Pokemon 3/4s	22 R1: Skipping Lunch Clubs -Wind Down Wed -Art Gr5 -Primary Coloring	23 Lunch: Glee Lunch Clubs -Basketball -Multicultural 3-5	24 Recess: Open Library Open Gym R1: PTh & PTu R2: 1/2B & 2B Intramurals: 5's Free Choice Gr5
27 Recess: Open Library Lunch Clubs -Dodgeball Gr2	28 Open Gym R1: 4/5B & 4/5C R2: 1L & 2 B Intramurals: 3's Lunch Clubs -Pokemon 3/4s	29	30 Lunch: Glee Lunch Clubs -Basketball -Multicultural 3-5	

# March Snapshots

We Celebrated the 100th day of school, did weaving with our Art Specialist & have fun flashlight reading!



In March we focused on Honesty

