

# Caldwell Chronicles



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In our Caldwell Chronicles update you can find out more about Ramadan and Lunar New Year below.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first PTO popcorn day! The school smelled amazing and the students were excited! A special thank you to some of our PTO exec who popped and bagged popcorn ALL day!



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## UPCOMING DATES

- 16- Heritage Day - no school
- 16-20 -Lockdown drill
- 20- Maritime Centre for African Dance
- 25 – Caldwell Community Culture (CCC) Assembly
- 27- Rafflebox 50/50 draw

## RAFFLEBOX FEBRUARY

Our next Rafflebox has begun! When you support this fundraiser you are supporting our school with the costs of guest speakers, trips, and activities. **Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.**



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## REGISTRATION MONTH



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# February is Registration Month!

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

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### Student Registration & Updates

Registration and updates for school are completed through the online portal. Please log in to school. Children are guaranteed a space in their assigned school based on their address. Schools will be in touch with families closer to the start of the new school year with relevant details.

Children born in 2020 are eligible for Pre-Primary or Primary and children born in 2021 are eligible for Pre-Primary in September 2022. To register, you will need to create an account using a valid email address or other identifying one of the available forms.

#### What You Need to Register

Make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (Google, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of the child's age (born in 2020: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers or legal adoption papers) if you are new to HRCE
- Proof of home address (recently issued official government or utility documents with your current address that include your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt or property assessment, residential tax assessment or a mortgage contract)

Please note: Proof of address is a non-resident, immigrant or refugee, further documentation related to your status must also be provided during the process.

#### Need Assistance? Check if you have access to a computer?

HRCE Home Address Lookup is available for parents/guardians and **Family Members of 2021-2022**. There are fees for access to HRCE Home Address Lookup for registration purposes.

The 2021-2022 HRCE Home Address Lookup Process

This is the form required to:

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Registration is only required if you are either **new to Halifax Regional Centre for Education** or **your child is beginning school in Pre-Primary or Primary**. Current Pre-Primary students are not required to re-register for Primary.

- Registration for new students begins on February 2nd. For more information on Pre-Primary registration, please click [here](#).
- HRCE Home Address Lookup can be accessed [here](#).
- The Parent and Student Portal for PowerSchool can be accessed [here](#). New registrants to HRCE will be able to access the portal at the beginning of the school year.

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### LUNAR NEW YEAR



Lunar New Year begins on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and welcomes the Year of the Horse. This is a time for family gatherings, cultural traditions, and hopes for good fortune in the coming year.

#### **What is Lunar New Year?**

Lunar New Year is celebrated around the world, especially in many Asian countries. It begins with the first new moon of the year and marks the start of a new zodiac cycle on the lunar calendar, which means the date changes each year.

While many people connect it with China, it is also celebrated in Vietnam, South Korea, Singapore, and Malaysia, as well as in countries like Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Mauritius. In some places it has different names, such as Tết in Vietnam and Seollal in South Korea.

Families gather for special meals, decorate with red for good luck, and children often receive red envelopes with wishes for happiness and prosperity. Each year is represented by one of twelve zodiac animals. Above all, Lunar New Year is a celebration of family, new beginnings, and hope.

# رمضان كريم

## RAMADAN KAREEM

When is Ramadan Celebrated?

Ramadan takes place in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar when the first sliver of the crescent moon appears.

The Islamic calendar is lunar, not solar, so Ramadan begins on a different date each year. The first day begins with the sighting of the new crescent moon.

2026: February 17 – March 18

Families get up for an early meal before the sun rises, called suhoor, and the fast is broken with an evening meal after the sun sets called iftar.

The new moon marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan, and the “Festival of Fast-Breaking,” Eid al-Fitr, begins.



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**UPCOMING FREE EVENT!**

**Thriving Offline:**

**How Delaying Smartphones Can Help Kids Flourish**



**When:** Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm ADT

**Where:** St. Margaret's Bay Elementary, NS

(Virtual Zoom option available)

**Register:** [UnpluggedNSThrivingOffline.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/unplugged-nsthrivingoffline)

*Connect with other parents in our supportive community!*

## Two Truths & AI

Two Truths & AI is a free, interactive activity from Common Sense Education that helps students learn how to tell the difference between real and AI-generated content. Through guided examples, students practice asking good questions and thinking critically about what they see online. This resource can also be a helpful way for parents and caregivers to build their own understanding of AI and media literacy alongside their children. Learn more [here](#).