

Caldwell Chronicles

April



APRIL

Our Roots & Radiance Gallery was incredible! Every class from Primary to Grade 6 contributed, showcasing work that ranged from group artwork and research projects to impressive 3D art pieces. Each display centered around celebrating Black Excellence and Black History. This event served as our closing celebration for African Heritage Month. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend!



Student Led Conferences

What an incredible experience! We had the majority of our families come out to see the hard work their children have been doing. Listening to families support and praise their children was heartwarming, and seeing the smiles on the children's faces was even better! Thank you for taking the time to support and acknowledge the work your children are putting in each day.

DATES TO NOTE

- April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day
- April 22 is Earth Day
- April 22 is Administrative Professionals Day (**Thank you Mrs. Hopkins!**)
- April 22 is PTO Popcorn Day
- April 28 - PTO Bingo!
- April 29 is Elem/Middle/Jr Professional Development (**No classes - all schools**)



RAFFLEBOX APRIL

CONGRATULATIONS TO March winner Ticket #: C-1120. They have won \$260. 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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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CRES SINCE JANUARY

Our halls have been full of hard work, great learning, and a few exciting visitors too! Here's a look at some of the guests we've welcomed into our building!



Julia Tynes
History of Motown

Earth Rangers!



Maritime Centre for
African Dance



Hope for Wildlife
visited some classes

This is not an exhaustive list! There were many activities going on including skipping club, bingo, and more.



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See The Spectrum Differently
Le spectre autistique



WORLD AUTISM 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.



World Autism
Awareness
Day

 Halifax
Regional Centre for Education



Raising Healthy, Balanced Kids

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](#).



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 children thrive when they spend time exploring their neighbourhoods, solving problems with friends, and contributing meaningfully at home and in their communities.

Simple experiences like walking to a neighbour's house, biking to the park, helping plan meals, or running small errands **build confidence, resilience, and practical life skills.**

Families can support this by creating space for free play, gradually increasing responsibility, and encouraging safe independence. This may look like setting up "no-adult" play zones, encouraging group play, or assigning meaningful household roles such as helping with groceries, cooking, or pet care. While stepping back can feel challenging, children build independence by practicing it. Families can also work together with neighbours to create shared expectations for safe roaming and outdoor play. For more ideas, check out [The "Amazing" Adventure Guide](#) from **Unplugged Canada.**



Upcoming events

April 22 - Popcorn Day
(more info to come)

April 28th - FAMILY BINGO!

Notices were sent home about the theme for each grade level basket. Thank you for considering donating items to these baskets.

