The Halifax Regional Centre for Education is holding registration from **February 3 to February 28**. Our numbers at this time will determine staffing for the 2020 – 2021 school year. **Your child must be five years old by December 31st, 2020 to register.** Registration forms are available at the school. Please call Ms. Wright at 462-6010 for more information or go online to the HRCE website at [https://www.hrce.ca/registration](https://www.hrce.ca/registration).

Students living in the Caldwell Road School Area have access to French Immersion instruction. The program is at Astral Drive Elementary School. If you are registering your child for Primary French Immersion and you live within the Caldwell Road School boundaries you are required to register directly at Astral Drive Elementary.

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**SafeChoice Programs**

February 11 and 13, SafeChoice is offering the following programs at Caldwell Road Elementary School:

**Grades 4 – 6:**
- Home Alone Safety
- 2:30 – 4:30

**Grades 5 – 6:**
- Babysitter Basics
- 2:30 – 5:30

Register via this link: [www.safechoice.ca/event](http://www.safechoice.ca/event)

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**WINTER WEATHER**

Please ensure that your child is dressed properly for the cold and snowy winter weather. Names should be on snow pants as many children have the same size and color. Students do go outside at lunch and recess in cold weather.

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**PICK UP AND DROP OFF**

For those students that are driven to and from school, please do not drive directly up to the door after 8:05 in the morning. Please park in the parking lot at the end of the day. This is a safety issue for students as well as a traffic flow issue.

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**SAFE ARRIVAL**

Please remember to call the Safe Arrival Line if your child is absent or going to be late. The Safe Arrival Line is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you forget to call in, our volunteers will call the phone numbers they have for you. At times, our volunteers can be at the school all morning trying to locate an absent student. If you know the day before that your child will be away please telephone the office at 462-6010 to inform us or call the Safe Arrival Line at 462-6013. Thanks for your continued cooperation.

**SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS**

In the event of school cancellation please visit [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca). You can also sign up for texts or email notifications about school closures by visiting [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca) and clicking on the icon on the left hand side of the home page. Please make sure that the school has been provided with any new contact information, as this is necessary for communication during mid-day closures.

**VALUABLES AND ELECTRONICS**

Unless given special permission, students are not to have cell phones or electronic devices out during school hours. Caldwell Road School is not responsible for lost or stolen valuables, including personal music devices, i-phones, personal gaming devices, etc. We would encourage students to leave these items at home, where they are safe. This also holds true for toys. If your child has toys that are very special to them, please encourage them to leave them home.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| March 2    | Skating at the Oval  
(upper elementary) |

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH!**
INFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

The provincial government has created a webpage to share facts-based information about the coronavirus. This information can be found at www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus. We would encourage all families to take a moment to visit the webpage to learn more. Although the risk in Nova Scotia remains low at this time, it is flu season and health officials recommend the following routine prevention measures to stay healthy:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand rub when hands are not visibly soiled.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. If using a tissue, immediately place it in a waste disposal and wash your hands.
- If possible, stay home when ill with acute respiratory symptoms; if this is not possible, limit close contact with others.
- Limit touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Don't share items that may have saliva on them such as drinking glasses and water bottles.
- Frequently clean surfaces like taps, doorknobs, and countertops.

LOCKDOWN DRILLS

The safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority for Caldwell Road School and the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. We have been implementing a number of measures as part of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring our school remains a safe place for our students to learn.

One of the procedures our school will be practicing during the week of February 10 is a lockdown drill. During a lockdown drill, classroom doors are secured and the students remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building.

Students are kept inside the school and classrooms when circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill. These drills should be treated with the same level of importance as fire drills.

Please be assured that staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time after the drill to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger. When possible, our School Liaison Officer may assist us in conducting the lockdown drills just as the Fire Department assists with evacuation drills.

Please take the time to speak with your son/daughter about this procedure and reinforce its importance. We practice these drills to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning.

PTO Updates and Fundraising Information

WHAT ARE WE DOING/ WHATS COMING UP?

PTO is busy preparing for Teacher & Staff Appreciation week that will be happening Feb 10-14th.

We would love to make the week extra special for them. We sent out an email to our volunteer list requesting miscellaneous items and/or baked goods. If you are not on our volunteer list but interested in helping out/ or finding out more about what we need and have planned Please contact us @ caldwellroadpto@gmail.com . Information A

***We are looking for items or commitments by Feb 5th*****

TEACHER & STAFF APPECIATION SPIRIT WEEK FEB 10th- 14th

In addition to the daily activities PTO is planning for the Teachers & Staff as a whole we are also having a spirit week for students and families. The below ideas are all optional suggestions to participate in the daily themes/activities. If you have other ideas or would like to show your appreciation to teachers & staff in different ways please feel free 😊
MONDAY FEB 10th- SUPPLY WITH THANKS DAY- send a supply for your student’s classroom
TUESDAY FEB 11th-TREAT YOUR TEACHER- send a small treat
WEDNESDAY FEB 12th-PAINT THE CLASS- wear your teachers favorite color
THURSDAY FEB 13th- SHOUT OUT– send a card/note or add a shout out to our Spirit wall
FRIDAY FEB 14th- SHOW THE LOVE- wear red or hearts today

BINGO- Once again we will be hosting our Merchandise Bingo in March. We are looking for corporate/business donations of gift certificates or items to contribute to a gift basket. If you believe your company can make a donation please email us or contact the school for a donation letter.
**Please note we are not asking any parents to go door to door or to any local businesses, just a business you own or work for directly or a family member or friend.**

We are also accepting any gift certificates or gift cards/ or new items from parents that can be used as prizes. You can contact us at caldwellroadpto@gmail.com if you have one of the above you would like to donate or send in to school labeled “BINGO”

When is the next meeting: Next virtual meeting FEB 10th at 6pm

Stay In Touch
If you have not already joined, please check out the PTO Facebook page to stay up to date on all events and important reminders. https://www.facebook.com/groups/ptocres/
If you have any questions or suggestions about any of the events or fundraisers, you can contact us at Caldwellroadpto@gmail.com