



JOSEPH GILES ELEMENTARY

Safety. Kindness. Patience. Making Connections

February 3-7 Week 1

Thank you for your cooperation during last week's **early dismissal**—it was a great success. Did you know that we contact **all families** to confirm whether students will be **picked up, taking the bus, or walking home**? Just to clarify, for future early dismissals:

- **Walkers and students being picked up** will be dismissed at **11:25 AM**
- **Bus students** will be picked up at **12:25 PM**

We also appreciate everyone who **emailed or called** to provide updated information—it truly helps things run smoothly!

Additionally, students continue to enjoy **outdoor play each day**, and we're happy to see students dressed appropriately for the weather. Thank you for your continued support!

Lastly, don't forget to mark your calendars for the **PTO Family Bingo Night on February 27!** We are currently **collecting prize donations**, and we'd love your help in making this a fantastic event.

Have a great week ahead!

Mr. Fry

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 2025: Registration for new Pre-Primary and Primary students (students not currently in Pre-Primary)

Feb 17: Heritage Day: no classes

Feb 27: PTO Family BINGO

March 7: Assessment Day: no classes

March 10-14: Spring Break

April 2,3: Progress Conferences

April 3: No classes for students

June 30: Last Day of School

SLOW DOWN
IN SCHOOL ZONES

Remember to pay attention to posted speed limits and keep your eyes on the road.



Cozy Coat Exchange: The coat rack is located outside the office, and families can stop by during **Excelp pick-up, drop-off, or our office hours (8:00 AM - 3:30 PM)**. If you're unable to come in person, our Child and Youth Practitioner, **Jill Flick**, can assist with fitting your student with available items. You can reach Jill at **jillian.flick@hrce.ca** or call **902-464-5192** and leave a message.



February marks the beginning of **African Heritage Month**, and we are excited to celebrate and learn together as a school community.

Here's how we'll be honoring this important month:

✓ Daily Quiz Questions – Each morning, students will learn about **African Nova Scotian Trailblazers** through quiz questions during announcements. The following day, we will display their pictures on our celebration wall to acknowledge their contributions to our history.

✓ Weekly Themes – Each week will focus on a different aspect of African Nova Scotian achievements:

- **Week 1:** Government Leaders
- **Week 2:** Music and Arts
- **Week 3:** Business Owners
- **Week 4:** Community Organizations

✓ Color Days on Fridays – Every Friday, students and staff will learn about the meaning behind African Nova Scotian colors and wear the designated color for the day.

- **This Friday will be ALL Black Day.**

We look forward to a month of meaningful learning and celebration.

Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
				Black Day- students and staff encouraged to wear black