

**“Hear Us Roar”
Ecole Tantallon
Senior Elementary
Newsletter**

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Happy Spring! With fingers crossed that the finer weather is on the horizon, we are hoping that Spring is truly around the corner. We are back this year to every type of weather within a few days – or in the same day! Our true Nova Scotia Spring!

As the children start wearing lighter clothing, please label all outer clothing including jackets, splash pants, boots and hats. Our “Lost and Found” items reach huge proportions, so this would be a great help in returning items to their owners. Just a reminder to all; even though we are into April the weather is still cool (sometimes downright COLD) and winter coats and mitts might still be the order of the day. Please dress your children warmly as we will be trying to get outside as much as the weather conditions allow. Please, ensure that the students have a clean alternate pair of indoor shoes/ sneakers to change as the conditions outside can be quite muddy.. Thank you.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: (***)Reminder: TES is a SCENT FREE ZONE – please, respect this when you come in for interviews). Notices were sent home to all parents and guardians. Some of the classes are holding traditional parent/ guardian – teacher interviews and others are holding student – led conferences on April 6th. The link to sign up for interviews can be found on our school website. Information forms for the student – led conferences are sent home by the individual teachers. **There will be no school for the students on Thursday, April 6^h.** There will be a teachers’ professional development session in the morning. Interviews and conferences will be held that afternoon from 1:00 – 3:30pm. Evening interviews will be held on Thursday evening from **6:00pm-8:30pm**.

TSES Spring Spectacular: Our Spring Spectacular will be held on Thursday, April 20th. The groups involved will be the TSES Choir, Grade 6 Band and the Grades 4 – 6 Strings. There will be a morning concert at 10:30 with limited seating for parents/guardians and an evening concert at 6:30 with plenty of seating for families.

SAC: Our School Advisory Council meets on a monthly basis. If you would like something put on the agenda, please contact the school at 902 826 - 1200. The next SAC meeting will be held on Monday, April 10th.

TESPA: TESPA is sponsoring “Wacky Wednesdays” for the month of April. Students and staff are invited, if they wish to participate, by support the themes for each day.

April 5th – Neon Day

April 12th – Crazy Hair/ Face paint Day

April 19th – Sports/ Fave Team Day

April 26th – Hawaiian Day

EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2017-2018:

Families who are interested in registering their children in EXCEL's recreation program for the 2017/2018 school year are encouraged to mark the following important dates on your calendars:

- **April 24th** - Beginning at 8:00 am current participants of the 2016/2017 EXCEL program may submit an application for the coming school year via the online application system; by email; or by fax. On April 18th Account Holders of current participants will receive an email containing their user name and password providing them exclusive access to the online application system. Current participant families that have additional siblings that will be registering for the first time with EXCEL are eligible to register all children in their family during this early registration period.
- **May 1st** - General Registration begins for all EXCEL Before and/or After school programs at 8:00 am on May 1st. Applications may be submitted via the online system or the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. Individuals paying by Pre-Authorized Payment, MasterCard or Visa ONLY may register on-line. Go to <https://secure.hrsb.ns.ca/excel> to access.

We encourage parents to submit their applications in a timely manner to ensure the greatest opportunity for entry into the program as demand often exceeds capacity. Applications will be accepted on a first-received, first-accepted basis. (Priority is not given to Before & After participants over After only.) Full-time participation (5 days/week) is required. Please see the EXCEL pages on the HRSB website for more information on registration and the program.

Dates to Remember:

April 6 th	Parent/ guardian – Teacher Interviews	1:00 – 3:30pm 6:00 – 8:30
April 6 th	No school for students: PD – am;	