



## FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Dear Hilden Families,

Welcome to February. We are all hoping that the Groundhog will not see his shadow and spring will be right around the corner. We have had a pretty good winter so far and there have been very few days that the students have had to stay in for recess. I do check the weather and wind chill at various times throughout the day to see if it is okay to go out. With that being said, students need to be ready for any kind of weather. Even on mild days, our playground can be cold and windy, especially down on the lower part. Layers are best on those kinds of days. As stated above, we have been able to get out most days, although we have had to stick to the pavement when ice is present.

Have a great month and please contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

We are asking again that you not park in the staff parking lot. The parking lot is for staff only. The area is congested and we have safety concerns around people coming and going.

February 6<sup>th</sup>- We will be having our class pictures retaken as the first set was not the best quality. Thank you to Pridhams for doing this for us.

The After School Sports Program – Omnikin Games - will be held on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:15-3:15 pm. Sessions are open to girls and boys in grades 4-6 and will be led by Mr. MacKenzie. Permission forms will be sent home.

February 19<sup>th</sup>- No School – Heritage Day

### **Family Snowshoe Hike at Stewiacke River Park Saturday, February 10 at 2:00 pm**

Join Colchester Recreation for a winter walk in the park! A relaxed 2-km hike with prizes, hot chocolate and cookies afterward.

Dress for winter conditions. If there is not enough snow, we will walk. No dogs please.

Meet at the park entrance at 528 Stewiacke River Park Road. Visit [www.colchester.ca/parks](http://www.colchester.ca/parks) for directions and park information.

**Don't have snowshoes?** Call Colchester Recreation's snowshoe lending program at 902-897-3185 to reserve a pair for this event.

Part of Hike NS's Winter Guided Series. View the schedule at [www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca)

The SCA junior boys are offering a basketball camp at Brookfield Elementary School for students in Grades 4-6 on Saturday, February 10th. The cost is \$10.00 and runs 9:00 am -3:30 pm. Please make sure your child brings a water bottle, lunch and a snack. You can call Brookfield Elementary School; 902-673-5050, to pre-register or you can just show up the day of. This is open to students at Brookfield Elementary, Hilden, Upper Stewiacke and Winding River.

### Postcard Assembly Recipients

December



January





**Show off your wonderful Nova Scotia community!  
Host families needed for Junior & Senior High School  
students for local schools.**

**Have you considered hosting?  
Why not give it a try?**

- **You have a willingness to share your culture and your community.**
  - **Families do not need to have children at the school.**
  - **Students have their own spending money and health insurance.**
  - **Tax free monthly stipend (\$575) provided to the host family.**
  - **Families have support of school board staff.**
- 5 month students (Sep -Jan)  
10 month students (Sep – Jun)  
Various short term placements (1-3 months)  
May 2018 - 10 day placements**



<https://www.nsisp.ca/become-host-family>  
902-956-3648

February 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5 Home and School 2:30	6 Class Picture Retakes  Choir Pick up 3:00	7 After School Sports Pick up 3:15	8	9	10
11	12 SAC meeting 2:30	13 Choir Pick up 3:00	14 After School Sports Pick up 3:15 	15	16	17
18	19 No School Heritage Day	20 Choir Pick up 3:00	21 After School Sports Pick up 3:15	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 After School Sports Pick up 3:15			

**Upcoming Dates**

March 5-9 Winter Carnival- Details to follow  
March 12-16 March Break



