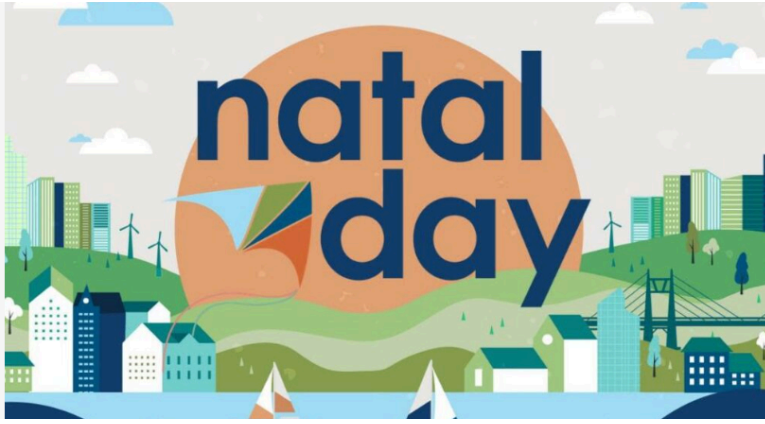




### Natal Day Parade | August 3

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> you will enjoy a day off from work and school to celebrate Natal Day. This holiday commemorates the establishment of Halifax and features a number of traditional festivities. This year, the 129<sup>th</sup> Pepsi Natal Day Parade will make its way through Dartmouth and Halifax with colorful floats, marching bands and performers from the local community. [Info HERE](#)

### Multicultural Marketplace | August 28-29

Held on the Halifax Waterfront, East Coast Markets and Exchange is a free two-day event that aims to celebrate the diverse cultures and communities that make up Nova Scotia. Not only will attendees find local food vendors and artists, but also a plethora of live performances and cultural showcases that are great for the whole family. [Info HERE](#)



### NOVA SCOTIA SPOTLIGHT

#### Balancing Rock

Located on Long Island in the Digby Neck region of southwestern Nova Scotia, the Balancing Rock Trail is home to one of the province's most unusual natural landmarks. The trail winds through the forest before leading to a 9-metre basalt rock that appears to balance on its tip. The balancing rock has become one of Nova Scotia's most photographed features and if you make the trip (and subsequent hike) out to it, you're sure to see why.

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT Shuang

**Hometown:** Guiyang, China

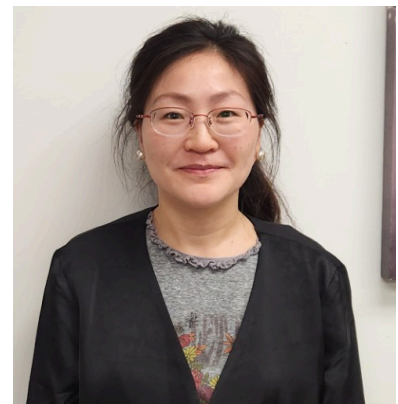
**Favourite thing about Halifax:** All of the nature

**Fun Fact:** I make the best dumplings

**Favourite Hobby:** Listening to music

**Language Learning Tip:** Watch movies with the subtitles on

**Current Obsession:** Playing badminton with my son





## Halifax Mural Festival 2026

This July saw the Halifax Mural Festival return to the city for its 5<sup>th</sup> year. Local and international artists brandished buildings, electrical boxes and more with vibrant murals, turning the city into a living art gallery. There were 35 artworks to be found on Quinpool Road alone. ALCC students and teachers took an afternoon to view the attractions, which served as a reminder of the city's creative heart.



## Summer Vision Boards

Thinking ahead and visualising is common practice at the beginning of the year, but how about as a mid-year reset?

Our students recently got creative, digging through magazines, information pamphlets and books to find images and words that inspired them. They then created collages which demonstrated their hopes for the remainder of the year. The vision boards can now be found adding colour and personality to the walls of our classrooms.

## Sea Turtle Centre

Situated on the waterfront, The Sea Turtle Centre is a volunteer led museum and information hub that opens its doors to the public every summer. On our recent excursion, our students received an informative talk about the ongoing research of these magnificent creatures. Among other things, they learned about the turtles' migration patterns, food source, and why they make their way up to the North Atlantic every year.



## Paint a Song

Here in Halifax, summer is a time when creativity and performance shine. To reflect this, our students recently took on an activity that blends art forms and made a visual representation of a song. Thinking about how colour could represent pitch and how tempo could be portrayed through fluid or jagged lines, they interpreted The Beatles' Hello, Goodbye—with each painting offering a unique perspective on the music.

