



December 2022



"Care, Share, Learn"

Bell and Lunch Schedule

7:40 am - School Opens

8:00 am - Classes Begin

10:00 - 10:15 am - Recess

11:30 am - 12:20 pm - Lunch

1:50 pm - Dismissal

Calendar of Events

Dec 1st - PD Day (AM) & Parent Teacher Interviews (PM) (No classes)

Dec 2nd - PD Day PP-12 (No Classes)

Dec 15th - Holiday Concert

Dec 21st - First Day of Holiday Break

Jan 3rd - Schools Re-open

Dressing for the Weather

The weather can change throughout the day this time of year, so it is important to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outside play. All children are expected to participate in outside play as part of the learning experience. Jackets, warm hats, mitts and boots will make recess and lunch more enjoyable.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who was able to connect with their child(ren) teachers for Parent Teacher conversations. We value your participation in your child(ren)'s learning. Please know that you can always connect with staff at any time through email or a phone call should you have any questions or concerns.

Special thank you to our Breakfast Program volunteers. We have several baker elves as well as our volunteers who come into the school in the early mornings to organize the food for the classrooms. Students are greatly enjoying the pancakes, muffins and fruit that arrives in their classrooms on Monday's and Wednesday's.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Carole DesBarres

Holiday Concert: Pre-Primary - Grade 6

Please join us for a Holiday Concert on **Thursday, Dec 15th**. There will be a morning concert and an evening concert for our school families and extended families to attend.

Morning Concert (10:15am): Seats will be filled on a first come basis until we reach seating capacity. **The doors will not open before 9:45 am. This allows our music teacher some time with our students on stage.**

Evening Concert (6:30pm - doors open at 6:00 pm): All guests will require a ticket. Each family will receive 2 tickets. If you attended parent teacher interviews you should have received them at that time. If not they will be sent home with your child.

If your family is not using the evening tickets please return them to the school so that they can be redistributed to families that may need them. If you require additional tickets please call the office to put your name on a waitlist. There is no guarantee that evening tickets will become available so please plan accordingly.

Visitors are encouraged to wear a mask. Hand sanitizer and masks will be made available at the door.

Healthy Hunger

Healthy Hunger is an online lunch ordering website that uses local restaurants to provide lunches to schools.

We are currently offering:

Tues. Kenny's Pizza

Fri. Sunwich Cafe (NEW!)

You **must order at least 5 days before** the date in order to receive lunch. Get started by visiting www.HealthyHunger.ca and "Register Your Student". Healthy Hunger also offers free technical support by calling 1-800-818-6260.

Bus Planner Text Messaging

Does your child ride the bus? We are excited to introduce text messaging through BusPlanner!

To ensure compliance with Canadian Anti-Spam laws, you must opt-in to receive information by text message. You can opt-in by logging into BusPlanner Parent Portal.

By opting in, you will receive texts from BusPlanner, including late notifications, general notices, and bus cancellations due to inclement weather.

Click here for directions on how to opt-in.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723.



Volunteering at Atlantic View

Looking to participate in the school community? There are several ways that you can be involved as a volunteer at Atlantic View. You can be a chaperone on a field trip, assist with the breakfast program or become a casual lunch monitor.

In accordance with HRCE's Student Protection Policy, prior to volunteering with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, all volunteers will provide:

1. A completed Child Abuse Register - [Child Abuse Register Search](#)
2. A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check **with Vulnerable Sector**-[Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Search](#)

Child Abuse Register Search and Vulnerable Sector Search/Criminal Records Check must be issued within the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years and they transferable to other HRCE schools. If you require financial assistance with completion of the paperwork please contact the office. The office will also provide a letter to indicate that you are volunteering for the school, this may be requested by the RCMP. If you are interested in supporting the school please contact the office.

Become a Host Family, Help an International Student

The Nova Scotia International Student Program has launched *Bring Home the World*, a campaign to bring more awareness about opportunities to host students to more families and communities across the province.

To learn more, [click here](#).

International Services is looking for warm and caring host families for international students attending schools within the Halifax Regional Centre for Education.

Hosting a student is an exciting adventure that enriches your family's life and brings a world of new ideas and experiences right to your doorstep. Host Families are supported by a Homestay Coordinator and financial assistance is provided during the student's stay (\$725 tax free per month).

Host families are required for students who are in Grades 7 to 12.

For more information, please contact hostastudent@hrce.ca or 902-464-2000 ext. 2548.

Piano Classes - Grade 4/5 students

Have you ever wanted to learn to play the piano? Do you ever wish you could play a few songs on the keyboard? Well, here's your chance! Atlantic View Elementary school will be offering an 8-week introduction to piano over the winter. Classes will be held Wednesdays at noon and will start in Jan. Initially, they will be offered to **Grades 4-5**. There will be a limit of 8 per class. We are looking for students with no prior or minimal experience. **Please fill out the google form that has been shared with you to get in the cue for the classes.** Once we have your info, you'll be contacted to register your child and we will give you more details at that time!

We look forward to working with you!

Winter is Coming: Guidelines for Inclement Weather

Making the decision to alter the regular operations of school and/or school buses due to inclement weather is never an easy task. To learn more about how the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) makes this call, visit www.hrce.ca/weather.

When is the decision made?

HRCE's goal is to make the decision as close to 6 a.m. as possible.

A 6 a.m. announcement could be:

All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and all bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day; or Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or All schools are closed for the day.

If the weather deteriorates through the school day, the HRCE can decide to dismiss early. In the event of an early dismissal, the decision will be communicated as close to 11 a.m. as possible.

An 11 a.m. dismissal means:

Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly-scheduled lunch hour.

Please Note: students in Grades Primary to 6 will not be released from school until parents/guardians or designates have been notified by the school.

How will families be notified?

Families will receive an email and text message (opt-in is required: text Y to 978338)*

Check our website at www.hrce.ca

Follow us on Twitter at @HRCE_NS

Call the HRCE information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)

All local radio stations are informed

If you know someone who is NOT a parent/guardian who would like to receive an email and/or text message, let them know they can sign up here: www.hrce.ca/notifications