



January 2023

"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

Jan 3rd - Schools Re-open

Jan 27th - Family Literacy Day

Feb 20th - Heritage Day

Feb 21st - Pancake Lunch

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,

It's exciting to welcome in a new year and to see our students returning to school refreshed and ready to continue their learning journey. We are looking at a variety of special activities during the next few months and we will be needing volunteers. The first event coming up is a Pancake Lunch for our students in February. Please see the information below and take the time to complete the Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check and Child Abuse paperwork if you are interested/able to assist with upcoming events and activities.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Carole DesBarres

Preparation for Registration Month

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year runs for the month of February and will be completed through an on-line process. All required documentation will be uploaded into the electronic registration form. If your child is currently registered in Pre-Primary they are not required to re-register for Primary. The advance registration period ensures that the school will receive adequate funding, which affects items such as staffing, support and book purchases.

If your child will be **5 years of age (4 for Pre-Primary) by December 31, 2023 and starting Primary or Pre-Primary in September**, please ensure you have the following documentation ready for February registration:

1. Proof of identity (birth certificate, passport, immigration or adoption papers)
2. Proof of civic address (utility bill or phone bill)
3. Proof of medical insurance

If you currently do not have a birth certificate for your child you can apply online <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-birth-certificate> .

Celebrating Our Heritage - Pancake Lunch

COVID-19 Test Kits

If you are in need of test kits they are available at the office and can be picked up or requested to be sent home with your child. Each test kit has 2 tests.

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

BusPlanner now has text messaging!

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.

Contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723 for support.

We are hosting a pancake lunch for the students on **Tuesday, February 21st** to celebrate our community and heritage. We will be looking for volunteers to assist in the preparation and serving of the meal. We need assistance with the following: fruit preparation, pancake cooking and mixing, and clean-up. Any time that you can provide for the day is appreciated. Please contact the office if you can provide assistance. Please see information below if you would like to volunteer but do not have your paperwork into the office.

Volunteering at Atlantic View

We are in the process of planning school events and class trips for the Winter/Spring. If you are interested in supporting the school and students, we must have all the required paperwork on file at the school, before you are able to volunteer directly with the students. This process can take several weeks.

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. 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.

Family Literacy Day : Celebrate your Heritage

Family Literacy Day 2022 Theme: Celebrate your Heritage

Canada is a diverse country full of different cultures. Take time to explore and learn about your heritage on this year's Family Literacy Day. Share a story, share your culture as we celebrate. Learn about your family, reading and exploring literature together as a family.



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

