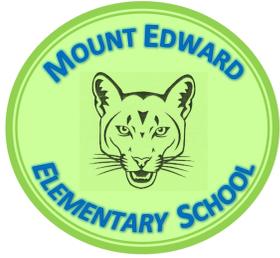


# February 2022 Newsletter



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**A reminder to always  
call the office if your  
child will be absent**

## MEDITERRANEAN QUINOA SALAD

### Salad

- 1 cup dried quinoa (cooked)
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes
- 1 cucumber, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 cup sliced Kalamata olives
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

### Dressing

- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

### INSTRUCTIONS

In a small bowl, whisk the lemon juice, vinegar, garlic, oil, salt and ground pepper. Mix well.

Combine red peppers, green onions, tomatoes, cucumber, and olives in a large bowl. Add dressing. Mix in quinoa. Add parsley and mix.



## Principal's Message

January has been an extremely busy month here at Mount Edward School. Students have been working hard in their classrooms since returning to in-person learning. As always, I encourage parents and guardians to communicate often with classroom teachers. It is our partnership between home and school that creates the most positive learning environment for our students and we value your continued support.

Just a reminder to families that we will be continuing with the morning entry routine. Once students arrive at the school (between 8:35 and 8:45), they are to enter the school by their regular entry door, hand sanitize and go directly to their classroom. The goal is to lessen the congestion in the hallways as students require more time and space with the hanging up of winter clothing. No students are to arrive to school before 8:35 am. If your child arrives to school prior to the 8:45 bell, they are expected to enter the school by their regular entry door and **not** the main entrance. We also ask that you try to ensure your child has a water bottle with them each day which they can fill up at a cooler at school when needed.

In an effort to prevent cohorts of students from mixing, we will be continuing with our staggered recess approach. Students will be limited to different zones for playing and interacting with their class only. Students in grades primary to two will continue to have their recess from 10:25-10:40 and students in grades three to six will have their recess from 10:40-10:55. Class schedules and lunchtimes will remain the same. All students will remain in their classes to eat their lunch.

Mount Edward Administration Team



## Pre-Primary and Primary Registration

As always, February is pre-primary and primary registration month. During 2022-2023 school year, registrations will be done electronically. More information is available on our school website and the HRCE website.

Be sure to register any children who will be entering school in September 2022 as staffing for next year is based on these numbers.

## Early French Immersion Program

Early French Immersion Program begins in grade primary and is guaranteed for students who live within areas of eligibility of the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. Should you wish for your child to attend Early French Immersion for grade primary, you would need to register them at Shannon Park Elementary School during the month of February.

## Need Help with Online registration?

Our Parent Navigators are ready to support you!

- Missy Searl: [lsearl@hrce.ca](mailto:lsearl@hrce.ca) or 902-464-2000 x4362
- Zachary Garcia: [zachary.garcia@hrce.ca](mailto:zachary.garcia@hrce.ca) or 902-464-2000 x4361

### What's Pre-Primary all about?

Check out our [Welcome to Pre-Primary](#) site.

### What does Grade Primary look like?

Visit our [Welcome to Primary](#) site.

## LATE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

Late French Immersion Programs are offered in designated areas of eligibility of the Halifax Regional Centre for Education and take place at specific French Immersion school sites. The entry point to the Late French Immersion program is at Grade 7. As students attending Mount Edward Elementary do not qualify for guaranteed placement in French Immersion, parents/guardians would need to seek placement for their child in a Late French Immersion program through the Out-of-Area Request process. Please contact the main office for information about Out of Area Requests for the 2022-23 school year.

## LOCKDOWN DRILLS

The safety and security of our students and staff are a top priority at our school and the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. We have been implementing a number of measures as part of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring our school remains a safe place for our students to learn. All classrooms will participate in our a lockdown drill in the coming weeks. During a lockdown drill, classroom doors are secured and the students remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building. Students are isolated within the school whenever circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill. Please be assured that staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time to debrief after the drill to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger.

## SEVERE WEATHER CLOSURES

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools in the event of severe or inclement weather. Any decisions on school closures, delayed openings or bus cancellations are posted on HRCE's website at [www.hrce.ns.ca](http://www.hrce.ns.ca), on twitter at [www.twitter.com/hrce\\_official](https://www.twitter.com/hrce_official), recorded on 464-4636 and communicated to all local radio stations. You can also receive notice of school and bus cancellations by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website. If you are interested in learning more on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit <http://www.hrce.ns.ca/content/id/1137.html>.



## DELAYED OPENING



If weather conditions warrant, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a severe weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the school is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school would be delayed by two hours. For Mount Edward Elementary, school would start at 10:45 a.m. with outdoor supervision starting 10 minutes prior to that time (10:35 a.m.). Classes would resume at 10:55 a.m. after our regular routine of morning announcements and O'Canada. With a delayed opening, the Excel program would be cancelled for the morning only. Our lunch, afternoon schedule and dismissal times would remain at their regularly scheduled times. Excel would be open for their regularly scheduled afternoon hours.

## VALENTINE'S CELEBRATIONS

In order to follow Public Health guidelines due to Covid-19, we need to handle our Valentine's Day Celebrations a bit differently from other years. Each child will receive a brown paper bag to take home and decorate the week of February 7th. We are asking that parent/guardians return the bag with their child on Monday, February 14th with a small, nut free, snack for them to eat during in class Valentine's celebrations.



## LUNCH MONITOR NEEDED

We are currently in desperate need of 2 lunch monitors. This paid position would be a commitment of 1 hour per day, 5 days per week at a rate of pay of \$13.41 per hour (plus 4% vacation pay). The lunch for Mount Edward runs from 11:50 am to 12:50 pm. If you are interested, please contact the office to discuss further at 902-435-8459.

## **Upcoming Dates**

Tuesday, February 1	Pre-Primary and Primary Registration Begins
Friday, February 18	PD Day for staff—No school for students
Monday, February 21	Heritage Day - No school
Monday, February 28	Last day for Pre-Primary and Primary Registration
March 14- March 18	March Break

