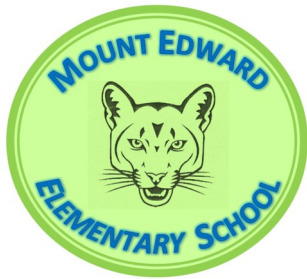


# December 2022 Newsletter



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Please call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system or by the SchoolMessenger App or login to PowerSchool.



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Report cards were sent out electronically on November 29th. Our teachers and staff continue to create classroom learning experiences that focus on student learning and their progress towards grade-level outcomes. I encourage you to maintain communication with your child's classroom teacher throughout the school year and to contact the teacher should you have any questions or concerns.

Students are asked to bring a water bottle to school which can be filled up at one of the filling stations in the halls. Please be reminded that we ask that no scented products be brought to school (hand cream, hand sanitizer, etc.). If your child must have such products at school, please ensure that they are scene free. We do have hand sanitizer for students use in the classrooms and various locations throughout the school.

Our Christmas concert will take place during the afternoon and evening of December 15th. More detailed information was emailed to all families last week. The afternoon performance is a dress rehearsal but families are welcome to attend. For the evening concert, each family will be given 2 tickets for that performance as we must follow fire regulations. Tickets will be sent home to each family next week. Unfortunately, with our music teachers busy schedule this year, we are not able to have a storm date for the concert.

I wish to extend to all parents/guardians, students, and staff my best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

Lori Bartkiw, Principal

## PIZZA LUNCH ORDERS

The pizza lunches are very popular. Pizza orders for the next cycle will start on January 19th. The deadline for orders is January 16th. The next orders will be sent out to all who are pre-registered for SchoolCash Online on December 28th. All orders will have to be placed thru SchoolCash Online. There will be no more paper orders with cash changing hands.

With SchoolCash Online, you will be able to make all payments safely, securely and quickly through **SchoolCash Online**. Our school will post items for purchase and assign school fees relevant to your child. You can make all purchases and payments from your phone, tablet or computer.

Please register for **SchoolCash Online**. It's free and takes less than two minutes. You will receive an email once items are posted for purchase. Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/> and click **Register** to get started. You can also go to our school's website and click the link on our home page.

Need support? Connect with the SchoolCash Online help desk at [schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support](https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support). We hope that **SchoolCash Online** makes paying school-related fees more convenient!

## APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

As we settle in to colder temperatures this fall and winter, parents/guardians are reminded to ensure students dress appropriately for the weather. Sending in a change of clothes on wet days would be recommended.

## BUSPLANNER 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](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or call 902-431-4723.

## DID YOU KNOW HRCE IS GROWING?

More than 57,000 students are currently enrolled in the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE). In the last five years, enrolment has increased by 7,733 and that number continues to grow!

As our region's population expands (Nova Scotia's population reached one million last year), new families are registering all year round. This is an exciting time for our province, our city and for HRCE!

You can learn more here: [www.hrce.ca/growth](http://www.hrce.ca/growth)

# 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](http://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](http://www.hrce.ca)
- Follow us on Twitter at [@HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- Call the HRCE information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)
- All local radio stations are informed

[Click here](#) for a printable PDF of our guidelines.

\*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](http://www.hrce.ca/notifications)

TOMATOES AND AVOCADOS ARE ACTUALLY FRUITS,  
NOT VEGETABLES.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, December 1st	- Morning: PD Day—No School for Students
	- Afternoon: Parent/Guardian/Teacher interviews 1pm - 3pm & 6pm - 8pm
Friday, December 2nd	- PD Day—No School for Students
Thursday, December 15	- Christmas Concert (1:00 & 6:30pm)
Monday, December 19	- Bring & Buy (all day)
Tuesday, December 20	- Last Day of Classes
Tuesday, January 3	- Classes Resume

