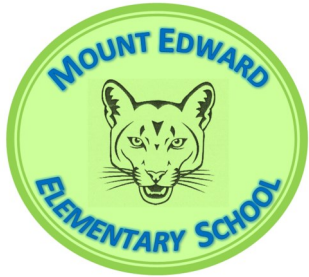


# January 2023 Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all parents, students and staff members. I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. As the year has progressed, there have been an increasing number of students arriving late to school. This causes a disruption to learning for the student who is late as well as for those who are here on time. That said, your help in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time would be greatly appreciated.

Our teachers continue to work on implementing strategies that promote achievement of our school improvement goals. As always, I encourage you to communicate regularly with your child's classroom teacher to address any questions or concerns.

Students are asked to bring a water bottle to school each day 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.

Lori Bartkiw, Principal

## PIZZA LUNCH ORDERS

The pizza lunches were very popular during November and December. Pizza orders for the next cycle will start on January 19th. The deadline for orders is January 16th. On December 28th, the information to order for this next cycle was sent out to all who are pre-registered for SchoolCash Online. All orders will have to be placed through SchoolCash Online.

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 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.

## HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Mount Edward's annual Bring and Buy took place on Monday, December 19th and was a great success. Thanks to the support of some of our Home and School members and volunteers, children were able to choose gifts to offer their loved ones this holiday season. We would also like to thank students from Woodlawn High School who wrapped presents all day and helped spread the Christmas spirit. This event raised over \$540 for the Home & School.

Congratulations to the winners of the Recess Basket Raffle. Thomas Bellefontaine from grade 5 won the main basket, and Ms. G. Soeder won 2nd and Mr. B. Thompson won 3rd. The big winner was the school as we were able to raise over \$1,770.00 from the ticket sales. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and contributed snack items for the baskets.

## PRE-PRIMARY AND PRIMARY REGISTRATION

As always, Pre-primary and Primary registration will take place during the month of February. Please ensure you come in and register any children who will be entering school in September 2023 as staffing for next year is based on these numbers. If you know anyone in your neighborhood with school aged children, please pass on the information.

More information will be posted on our school website and the HRCE website when available.

# WINTER IS HERE: 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)

## DID YOU KNOW.....

A dog’s sense of smell is over 10,000 times better than a human’s.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| February 1—February 28 | - Registration Month for Pre-primary and Primary 2023                |
| February 20            | - Heritage Day (No classes for students)                             |
| March 13—March 17      | - March Break (No classes)   |
| March 20               | - Assessment and Evaluation Day (No classes for students)            |
| March 30               | - Professional Development for staff —a.m. (No classes for students) |
|                        | - Parent/Guardian/Teacher Interviews—p.m. (No classes for students)  |

