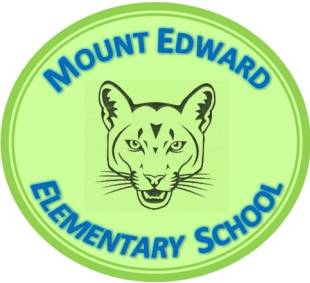


# March 2023 Newsletter



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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.

## HOW TO ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE IN CHILDREN

It may seem counterintuitive at first, but letting kids make mistakes will teach them how to succeed in life. When they make a mistake, let them know it's OK and help them brainstorm how they might do better next time.

This mindset shift can guide anything from small mistakes, like choosing not to wear a coat to school when the forecast calls for rain, to larger ones, like failing a test because they decided to wait until the night before to study.

It's hard to see your child struggle. But if you focus on teaching them that failure is just feedback, it helps develop a growth mindset, and with that mindset, they will be able to overcome any struggle confidently.

## MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Winter is slowly beginning to wind down and our students continue to be engaged in a wide range of learning experiences within their classrooms. Term two report cards will be sent home to families electronically the week of March 27th and we encourage you to discuss your child's progress with them. Parent/guardian/teacher interviews will be held March 30th during the afternoon and again during the evening. More details will be sent home as that date approaches.

We would like to stress the importance of having students arrive to school on time. When a student arrives late, it is not only disruptive to the student who is late but also the teacher and other students in their class. Please ensure your child arrives to school each morning between 8:40 and 8:50 to be ready to line up with their classmates at the 8:50 bell.

Lori Bartkiw, Principal

## UNITED DFC SOCCER

If your child is interested in trying soccer, join UDFC March 6th and 13th to try out their mini program and/or community program. For more information, please email [gracej@udfc.ca](mailto:gracej@udfc.ca)

## STUDENT SAFETY CONCERNS

HRM Parking Authority has been paroling schools in our area recently and several cars have been ticketed for parking in NO PARKING or NO STOPPING areas. When you are dropping off your children, please ensure you abide by the street signs that are posted. The excessive congestion in these areas is only putting our students--your children--at risk. Those streets are being travelled by more than just parents of students of our school. As always, you are reminded not to park on school grounds at any time.

## SAFEARRIVAL

SchoolMessenger SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for families to inform their child's school if they will be away – powers all three of these options.

If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

- Toll-Free Number—Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.
- PowerSchool Parent Portal — Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- SchoolMessenger App—Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (complete email address).

For more information about reporting your child's absence and a list of frequently asked questions, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/safearrival>

## OUT OF AREA REQUESTS

Parents/guardians may seek placement for their child in a school outside of the neighbourhood in which they reside under the guidelines of the [Student Registration Policy](#). Out-of-area requests can be made for students in Grades Primary to 12. **The out-of-area transfer is permanent.**

By accepting an out-of-area transfer, families are responsible for transporting their child to and from school. Please contact the [Student Transportation Team](#) if you have questions about bus eligibility.

The out-of-area process for the 2023-24 school year opens on Monday, April 3, 2023. Out of area link: <https://www.hrce.ca/about-hrce/school-administration/student-registration/out-area-request>

## ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL

Students have been reminded that no electronics are to be brought to school – this includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, I-Pods, MP3's, hand held video games, etc. Students bringing these items will have them taken from them until the end of the day. Repeated disregard to this rule will result in further consequences. Please remind your child that these items are not to be brought to school.

## EXCEL 2022-2023

Registration for the 2022-23 EXCEL Program will start in late April for Parents/Guardians with children currently enrolled and in early May for New Parents/Guardians. Visit their website for more details: [https://www.hrce.ca/excel\\_registration](https://www.hrce.ca/excel_registration)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Friday, March 3      | - | Hat Theme Day<br>Ice Cream Sandwich Sales (\$1.00)  |
| March 13 - March 17  | - | March Break   |
| Monday, March 20     | - | Assessment and Evaluation Day<br>(No classes for students)  |
| Week of March 27th   | - | Report cards sent home electronically   |
| Thursday, March 30th | - | Morning - PD for staff (No classes for students)<br>- Afternoon - Parent/Teacher Interviews (No classes for students) |
| March 31st           | - | Sports Theme Day<br>- Ice Cream Sandwich Sales (\$1.00)   |
| Friday, April 7      | - | Good Friday   |
| Monday, April 10     | - | Easter Monday   |

