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John MacNeil Elementary

Happy New Year!!!! I hope everyone had a restful break and enjoyed some quiet time with family. Please remember to complete the Covid-19 checklist daily. Students need to wear their masks every day. We have been doing great keeping Covid out of our school. Let's keep it up. It is no surprise that *winter has definitely arrived*. Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Attendance

When your child will not be in school, call us at 464-2488 or email Miss Robyne at rgorman@hrce.ca. You can leave a message 24 hours a day. It is the parent's responsibility to let the school know if their child will not be attending. If we do not hear from you, we will call regarding your child's absence. It's important to send notes in the morning if you are picking up your child early so we can have them ready for you. If an emergency happens, please give the school a call and we will get your child ready so you are not waiting.

Weather

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or busses in the event of severe or inclement weather. Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are posted on the board's website at www.hrce.ca, on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS), recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. Families 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. The weather in Nova Scotia is unpredictable so it's always a good idea for families to have a back-up plan for child care when school is cancelled. To learn more about the process on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather>.

Bell Times

Students can enter the building between **8:20** and **8:40** each morning. Teachers will be waiting at their classroom doors to welcome students in. Please ensure your child is on time to limit disruptions and give your child the best opportunity to learn without missing important daily start up routines. With the colder weather here the doors may be shut. Just knock on the door and they will open it

Primary Registration

Just a reminder that February is the month for Primary Registration for September 2021. Please share this information with friends that have children who will be starting school in September. All new primary students must be 5 by December 31st.

Important Dates

- Jan 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb 1 - Registration for 2021-2022 begins