



John MacNeil Elementary

The nicer weather is finally here. There may be some chilly days in the morning so please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather each day as they **will be going outside**.

Please ensure we have a working phone number and email so we are able to contact you when needed. Please note that teachers have up to two business days to respond to emails. Please call the main office for something requiring immediate attention.

Reminders:

- **Attendance** - There is a new way to report an absence for your child. You can call 1-833-582-6940, log in to Power School or download the School Messenger app. It is the parent's responsibility to let the school know if their child will not be attending. If you do not report the absence, then the system will call, text and email you regarding your child's absence.
- **Masks** - All students must wear masks at school. They can take them off when they are outside at recess and lunch and while they are eating. Students need to bring their own masks from home every day.
- **Water bottles** - Students need to have a water bottle at school. We do not have water coolers or fountains anymore. We only have water bottle filling stations. There are also no cups to be given to students.
- **Early pick up** - With the nicer weather here, classes are spending a lot of time outside. If you need to pick up your child early, please send a note or email in the morning. This way we can make sure they are in the building when you come to get them. If you show up without notice you may have to wait until they come back into the building.
- **Dogs** - With the warmer weather there have been more people walking dogs on the school grounds. We wanted to remind you that dogs are not permitted on school property during school hours. Guide dogs are the only exception.
- There is **absolutely no driving or parking** for unauthorized vehicles on school grounds. Use the cul-de-sac at the end of the street to let students off and pick them up. Please watch your speed and look out for students. Do not pass a stopped school bus with the lights on. Student safety is our first priority.
- Please do not wear **scented products** in and around the school. Many children and adults have strong reactions to the heavy scents in perfumes, deodorants, hair sprays, laundry detergents. We also have people with severe allergies to **nuts/peanuts**. Do not bring these foods to school.
- **Registration** for next year is ongoing. For more info check out hrce.ca/registration

Important Dates

- May 23 - Victoria Day (no school)