



John MacNeil Elementary

The winter weather is now here. Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. They will be going outside for recess and lunch. Please ensure we have a valid phone number and email so we are able to contact you when needed. Report cards will be sent home by email so we need to have one on file. Please note that teachers have up to two business days to respond to emails. Please call the main office for something requiring immediate attention. It's always a good idea for families to have a back-up plan for child care when school is cancelled. School closures are posted on the board's website at www.hrce.ca and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS. You can call 902-464-INFO (4636) or listen to local radio stations. Families can also subscribe to receive notice of closures by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website.

Reminders:

- There is **absolutely no driving or parking** on school grounds. Use the cul-de-sac at the end of the street to let students off and pick them up. Do not leave your car unattended.
- Students will enter and exit through their classroom doors. Please ensure your child is on time each day, as well as not picking them up early each day, so as to limit disruptions.
- **Attendance** - Call 1-833-582-6940 **OR** 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.
- Allergies - Many children and adults have strong reactions to the **heavy scents** in perfumes, deodorants, hair sprays and other cosmetic products. There are also allergies to **Nuts** this includes **Nutella**.
- Pets are **not permitted** on school property. (Service Dogs permitted)
- Cell Phones - Students are not allowed to have cell phones out during class time, unless directed by their teacher. Students are not allowed to take pictures and post to social media as this is against our privacy policy. Unless they are needed for walking to and from school, cell phones should stay at home.
- **Holiday Concert** - Tickets are first come first serve, so return your request slip ASAP. Each student will be allowed 2 tickets for 1 day. Call or email the office to request extra tickets. Extra tickets will be given out Tues. Dec. 6th if there are any available.

Important Dates

- Dec 1 - PD in am/ Parent Teacher in pm - No classes for students
- Dec 2 - PD Day - No classes for students
- Dec 8 & 9 - Holiday Concert 1:15pm
- Dec 21 to Jan 2 - Holiday Break
- Jan 3 - First Day back to school