



# Central Spryfield Elementary

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## December 2024 News

Dear Central Families

We have all had a wonderful first term of learning and I was so pleased to read the accomplishments of our student in their first term reports.

Our Holiday Concert will be held on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Each family will receive TWO tickets for the evening performance and doors will open at 6:15pm. Grandparents and other family members are welcome to attend the afternoon dress rehearsal on the afternoon of Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets and more information will be sent home in your child(ren)'s backpack this week.

The staff at Central want to thank you all for your support and to all who celebrate, we wish you a joyful holiday season! Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Blessed Kwanzaa!

### Dates to Remember

Dec 5 – Parent Teacher Conferences – no classes for students

Dec 11 – Holiday Concert

Dec 19 – Pancake Breakfast for students

Dec 20 – Last day of classes before Holiday Break

Dec 25 - Christmas Day

Dec. 25 – Hanukkah Begins

Dec. 26 – Kwanzaa

Jan 3 – First day back to school after Holiday Break





## Pancake Breakfast



We will have our annual pancake breakfast for students on Thursday, December 19. Staff will prepare breakfast for students before school and students will share in a special breakfast meal with their classmates at 9:00am in their classrooms.

## School Bell Schedule

**8:35** - Students start arriving

**8:50** - Classes begin

**11:50-12:45** - Lunch

**2:50** - Dismissal



Please remember that the school parking lot is **closed to parents during the school day** for the safety of our students. Thank you for your understanding and helping us keep everyone safe!

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## The Nova Scotia School Lunch Program

The Nova Scotia School Lunch Program started last week at Central. Hot, nutritious meals were enjoyed by hundreds of Central students!

The next ordering window closes on **Wednesday at noon.**

The ordering calendar is on the next page

<https://nslunch.ca/>



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## SchoolsPlus is here to support you

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. Parents, guardians and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus 12 months a year! Just contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator at your school. Call 902-464-2000, ext. 2331 or email [schoolsplus@hrce.ca](mailto:schoolsplus@hrce.ca).

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# NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM 2024 – 2025 Ordering Schedule

Ordering opens on Fridays at midnight and closes on Wednesdays at noon

## SEPTEMBER 2024

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## NOVEMBER 2024

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## JUNE 2025

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### LEGEND

- Week 1 & 2 Menu Served
- Week 3 & 4 Menu Served
- Ordering Window for Week 1 & 2 Menu
- Ordering Window for Week 3 & 4 Menu

No School  
Some schools may have additional closure dates. Please check your RCE/CSAP calendar for school-specific closure dates

# WINTER WEATHER



The cold weather is upon us. Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the changing Nova Scotia weather. They should have snow pants, boots, hats, mittens or gloves. If possible, we recommend sending an extra set of mittens or gloves in case they get wet at recess. As always, it is a good idea to have additional dry clothing in your child's backpack. This will keep us from having to contact you in the middle of the day. Children will continue to go outside during the winter months, weather permitting. We will not send them out if it is colder than -20 degrees Celsius.

## Guidelines for school and/or bus cancellations due to weather

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or school buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.

### A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and 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 weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an

### 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- 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.



If there are any changes to our regular operations, we will communicate in the following ways:

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, if you have opted-in. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: 978338
- On our website [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)
- On X (formerly Twitter) at [twitter.com/hrce\\_ns](https://twitter.com/hrce_ns)
- On Instagram at [instagram.com/hrce\\_ns](https://instagram.com/hrce_ns)



How does Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) decide on school and/or bus cancellations?

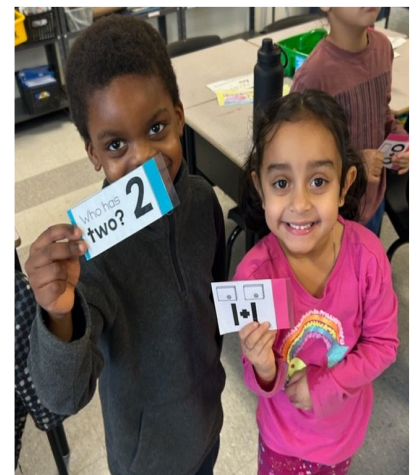
- By 4:30 a.m., HRCE staff begin to gather information from:
  - A contracted weather service that provides radar and satellite imagery, real-time road conditions and weather warnings;
  - A meteorologist who provides forecast details, level and type of precipitation and impact on road conditions;
  - HRCE's transportation service providers, who provide updates on road conditions in their area;
  - Municipal and provincial transportation staff; and
  - Other local weather services, including Environment Canada and The Weather Network. By 5:30 a.m., HRCE staff make recommendations to the Regional Executive Director (or designate), who then makes the final decision. This decision is communicated as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.

**Remember: Parents/guardians always have the right to keep their child home from school if they believe that the travelling conditions are unsuitable.**

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# NOVEMBER FUN!



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