

Central Spryfield Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

Dec 13-22: Spirit Week

Dec 22: First day of Christmas Break!

Jan 4: Students return for 2022!

Spirit Week

Monday, Dec 13 – Wear school colours (blue and white)

Tuesday, Dec 14 – Card decorating

Wednesday, Dec 15 – Light Day

Thursday, Dec. 16 – Wear Bows and Ties

Friday, Dec. 17 – Pajama Day and Pancake Breakfast for all students

Monday, Dec. 20 – Wear your holiday clothes

Tuesday, Dec. 21 – Wear red and white – last day before Christmas Break

Mask Reminder

We need your help...

Please ensure that your child arrives at school wearing a **mask every day**. Students have been arriving without a mask or losing masks outside. Please ensure that your child has at least one extra mask in their backpack each day. Please remember to do daily covid symptom checks- if you have covid-19 symptoms please stay home and take advice from public health.

<https://backtoschool.ednet.ns.ca/>



Principal's Message

Hello Families,

November was a very busy month!

We had a very special Remembrance Day Ceremony which all classes participated in virtually, sharing music, art, writing etc.. Thanks goes out to Mr. Gallagher and his Grade 4/5 class for taking the lead and organizing such a memorable ceremony.

Virtual Parent/Teacher conferences were very successful last week. We heard from many of you that you appreciated the flexibility of the virtual conferences.

Report Cards were sent out electronically on Nov 30. Please let your child's teacher know if you haven't received the report card in your email.

We are gearing up for the holidays and the work of term 2.

The winter weather is kicking in which means cold weather gear is important for our outdoor recess and lunch. We are outside until it is -20'C- please keep that in mind.

Kind regards,

Karen Doran

Reminder to please call the safe arrival number if your child is going to be absent.

Safe Arrival: 902-479-4292

Winter Weather

It is important that students come to school prepared for different kinds of weather. If possible, when you send your children to school, dress them in layers. 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. Children will continue to go outside during the winter months, weather permitting. We will not send them out if it is colder than -20C.

Cars on School Grounds – A Safety Issue

We have students walking to and leaving from school in many directions. As well, at recess, lunch and outdoor time, there are students walking between our play areas and the school at different times during the day. We ask parents to respect the safety of our students by **not** driving onto school property. This includes our staff parking lot. Please park on the street and walk in to drop off or collect your child(ren).

Please respect to the **NO PARKING** and **NO STOPPING** signs on Pine Grove Drive.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

No Holiday Concert This Year

Due to Covid-19 and Public Health Restrictions, we are not able to have a holiday concert this year. Our Music teacher, Ms Durnford, will still be doing holiday themed programming leading up to the holiday break for each class.

Early Dismissal/Storm Closure/Delayed Openings

For full day closures for all or some schools, the decision will be announced as close to 6:00am as possible. Announcements will be:

- Posted on the HRCE's website www.hrce.ca
- Posted on the HRCE's twitter (HRCE-Official)
- Recorded on the HRCE phone line (902-464-4636)
- Shared with subscribers to the board email and text notification system
- Communicated to local media outlets

Subscribe for Notifications

Would you like to be notified about school cancelations due to inclement weather by text message and/or email? Please click the link to subscribe. <https://www.hrce.ca/notifications>

Guidelines for Early School Closure

In the event of early school closure due to deteriorating weather conditions, the Director of School Administration will send an email to principals as close to 11:00am as possible regarding information about an early school closure. If there is to be an early closure, a parent/guardian for each student in grade pre-primary to five will be contacted directly before the student is released from school to confirm parent/guardian direction.

Vaccine Requirements

Starting Dec 1, 2021:

Vaccine Requirements: We must verify the vaccination status of people before granting access to the school:

- All staff, visitors, community partners, sports officials and outside service providers hired by the school.
- When we are able to welcome volunteers in the future, vaccination status will need to be verified
- Only in the case of a health or safety emergency, parents/guardians who are not vaccinated may be granted access by school administration

Substitute Lunch Monitors and EPA's

We are still in need of subs for our Educational Program Assistants and Lunch Monitors. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact us at the school for more information.

902- 479- 4286