



Central Spryfield Elementary

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November 2023 News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. With the colder temperatures upon us, 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 -20 degrees Celsius.

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on November 23. Teachers will be reaching out to arrange meeting times that work best for families. Report Cards will be sent out electronically the week of November 27. Please let your child's teacher know if you do not receive the report card in your email.

We want to remind you to save the date for the Holiday Concert on Dec. 13 at 6:30pm. Each family will receive TWO tickets for the evening performance. Grandparents and other family members are welcome to attend the afternoon dress rehearsal on the afternoon of Dec. 13th. Tickets and more info will be sent home in your child(ren)'s backpack early in December.

Kind regards,
Karen

Dates to Remember

Nov 9 – Operation Warm – Coats distributed to students in the Gym

Nov 13 – Remembrance Day observed – no classes

Nov 16 - SAC

Nov 17 – Assess and Eval Day (no school for students)

Nov 23 – Professional Learning - AM / Parent Teacher – PM (no classes)

Nov 27 – Report Cards go home

Dec 4 – P. D. Day – no classes for students

Dec 13 – Holiday Concert

Dec 19 – Pancake Breakfast for students

Dec 20 – Last day of classes before Holiday Break

Jan 2 – First day back to school after Holiday Break





October Fun!



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SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOL

The staff and administration support a safe and secure environment at Central Spryfield Elementary. Exterior doors are locked during the instructional day. Visitor access to the school is at the front door.

If parents/guardians are bringing their child(ren) to school after the 8:50 am bell, please remind your child(ren) to check in at the office when they arrive.

In order to minimize disruption and to foster independence for your child(ren), we request that parents/guardians do not accompany your child(ren) to their classroom. If you have information that needs to be relayed to your child's teacher, please send a note in their backpack or send the teacher an email before the start of school day.

Parking Lot Safety

It is important that we work together to ensure student safety in the parking lot of our school. **Please remember that the parking lot of the school is strictly for staff during the school day. The back driveway, off Herring Cove Road is not permitted. Please do not use it.** Student safety is our number one priority.

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Birthday Cakes

Due to food allergies and sensitivities, we ask that families **please do not** send birthday cakes to school. We appreciate your cooperation.

School Bell Schedule

8:35 - Students start arriving

8:50 - Classes begin

11:50-12:45 - Lunch

2:50 - Dismissal



PIZZA Lunch!

If you ordered pizza lunch for your child(ren) for the second order this year, pizza order dates are as follows

November 8, November 15, November 22, November 29, December 6



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WINTER WEATHER



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
- On X (formerly Twitter) at twitter.com/hrce_ns
- On Instagram at 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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We are so excited to be partnering with Operation Warm and FedEx who will be providing coats for our students!

Operation Warm is a non-profit organization that provides **brand-new winter coats** to children. This fall, they will be providing brand-new winter coats to every CSES student in Grade PP-4, with the help from their sponsors at FedEx.

They will provide your child with a **brand-new winter coat, completely free of charge**, during the coat giving event at the school on **Thursday, November 9th**.

During the coat giving events, Operation Warm will take photos and/or videos that they will share with their supporters and in their messages to further their mission.

Signing the waiver that was sent home is completely optional. Your child will receive a coat regardless of the waiver.

We are extremely thankful to Operation Warm and FedEx for working with our school to provide our amazing CSES kiddos with brand-new new winter coats!

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