



Central Spryfield Elementary

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December 2023 News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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. 13th at 6:30pm (Storm Date Dec. 14th). 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. 13th. Tickets and more information will be sent home in your child(ren)'s backpack this week.

In the coming weeks, as many people get ready to celebrate the holidays, the staff at Central want to thank you all for your support and wish you joy, happiness and wonderful times filled with family and friends this holiday season.

Kind regards,
Karen

Dates to Remember

- Dec 4 – P.D. Day – no classes for students
- Dec. 7 – Hanukkah Begins
- Dec 13 – Holiday Concert (storm date Dec 14)
- Dec 18, 19, 20 - Spirit Week (more info will be sent from teachers)
- Dec 19 – Pancake Breakfast for students
- Dec 20 – Last day of classes before Holiday Break
- Dec 25 - Christmas Day
- Dec. 26 – Kwanzaa Begins
- Jan 2 – First day back to school after Holiday Break





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Recreation

Help finding and applying
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Help understanding and
accessing tutoring supports.

Food supports

Help accessing food banks and
other local food supports.

Health & wellness

Help navigating healthcare systems.

General support

Help completing paperwork
and applications, as well as
transportation and accompaniment
to appointments.



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Natasha Tacoma is our Schools Plus Facilitator. (902) 943-0212 ntacoma@hrce.ca

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DONATIONS to our CSES Christmas Families Initiative



As the holiday season is upon us, we have a number of families at Central Spryfield Elementary in need. Anyone, including community members or local businesses interested in making a donation to support our **Christmas Families Initiative** can do so using the link below or by visiting our school website. Please share.

<https://cns.hrce.ca/>

Central Spryfield staff use the donations to do the holiday shopping and wrapping for families who could benefit from some extra holiday support. A donation to purchase food and gifts goes a long way to help spread holiday cheer and would be greatly appreciated.

Happy Holidays!

<https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/4/319/false/true?school=617&initiative=9>



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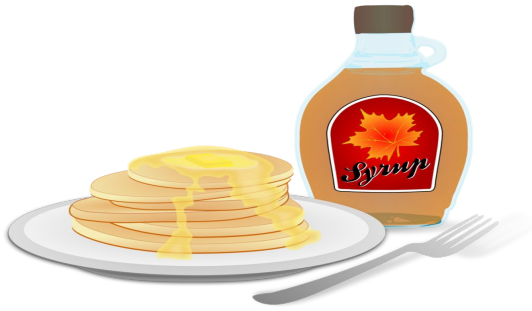
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Jane Smith
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Pancake Breakfast

We will have our annual pancake breakfast on Tuesday, 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



PIZZA Lunch!

If you ordered pizza lunch for your child(ren), please note that the last day for pizza will be **December 6th** before the Holiday Break.



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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
- 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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NOVEMBER FUN!

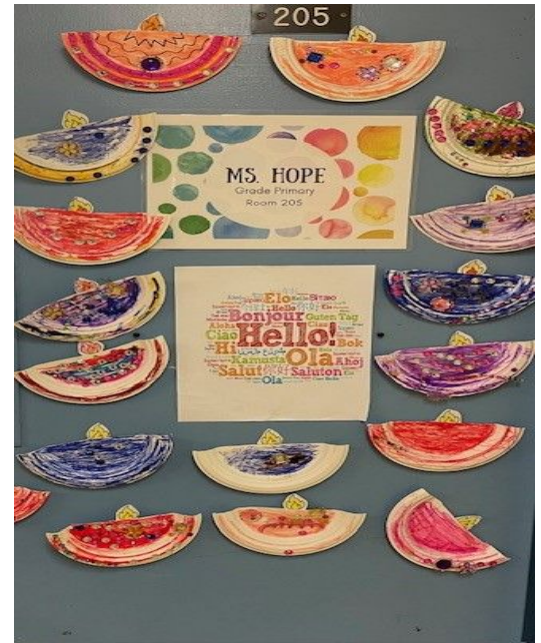


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What a day! Thank you @FedEx and @OperationWarm! Central Spryfield is warm and thankful. @HRCE_NS #freecoats #warmkids #happykids #Grateful



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