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JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2021!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 11th - First Day of School for Students
January 12th - SAC 5:30 pm/PTA 7:00 pm (Via Zoom)
January 25th – 29th - Family Literacy Week (More Information to Follow)

ELECTRONICS AND TOYS:

With the holidays, many children would have received electronic devices and toys for Christmas. Just a reminder that we cannot guarantee the security of these items, so we do not encourage students to bring them to school.

RAINY DAY AND COLD WEATHER DAY BAGS:

Winter is definitely upon us and with that comes cold temperatures and indoor lunches. A suggestion is to fill a large freezer bag with items that would keep your child amused on those days when we cannot get outside to play. For the younger students a doodle pad, crayons, a favorite book, Lego, coloring book, building blocks etc. and for older students, crossword puzzles, word searches, sketch pad, sudoku books, novel etc. This indoor lunch bag can be kept in the student's desk or in their backpack.

BOOTS AND SNOW PANTS:

Just a reminder that students should be wearing boots, snow pants, hats and mitts every day, and carrying extra dry socks and mitts in their backpacks. Children will be playing outside as long as the temperature is above -15C, so please make sure that your child is dressed warmly each day.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

The Halifax Regional School Board takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools in the event of severe or inclement weather. Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are posted on the board's website at www.hrce.ca and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/HRCE-Official, recorded on 464-INFO and communicated to all local radio stations.

You may also sign up for a text message from the HRCE should school be cancelled. You can do this by going to the School Board's website at www.hrce.ca. Early dismissal, due to inclement weather, is infrequent but is sometimes necessary. If school is to be cancelled midday, the center will notify schools by 11am. Calling the main office when there is bad weather outside is not necessary. Please take advantage of the numerous ways above that will inform you when school is being cancelled mid-day. We do not make this decision at the school level, and therefore will not be informed before the general public. Please note: we are part of the Charles P Allen family of schools.

ODDS AND ENDS:

- Please make sure that your child has two masks with them every day. Many times, the masks get wet

or misplaced, so it is important for them to have a spare. Please also remember to wash their masks regularly. This week, each student in Grade 3-5 will be given another package containing two masks.

- Just a few reminders regarding Safe Arrival procedures. It is important that you call our safe arrival line 902-832-8426 to report an absence. Please **do not email your child's teacher**, as we cannot guarantee that the email would be checked before we begin making phone calls.
- We are looking for substitute lunch monitors. If you are able to help out one to two hours when we have a regular lunch monitor unable to make it for their shift, it would be greatly appreciated. If interested, please contact the main office at 902-832-8412

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND THE SCHOOL:

Parents and Guardians are encouraged to contact the school first if they have a school-based concern. The Halifax Region Center for Education is committed to addressing parent concerns in an efficient and respectful manner. Every reasonable effort will be made to resolve issues brought to the attention of Board and its professional staff. The initial contact is with the classroom teacher and if unresolved school administration.