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# *HPCS January 2018 News*

## *Happy New Year!!*

### **IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:**

**January 9 SAC 6pm / PTA 7pm**

**January 22-26 Family Literacy Week**

**February is Registration Month.**

**SAFE ARRIVAL LINE:** 902-832-8426. If your student will be absent from school please call the safe arrival line. If your student will be absent from the Excel program please call 902-478-4214. If you would be interested in volunteering a morning or two a month with our safe arrival program please contact the school office!

### **ELECTRONICS AND TOYS:**

With the holidays, many children will receive 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 favourite book, lego, coloring book, building blocks etc and for older students crossword puzzles, word searches, sketch pad, suduko books, novel etc. This indoor lunch bag can be kept in the student's desk or in the backpack. If you have any age appropriate games gently used with all pieces that you no longer use and would like to donate to indoor lunch days please send them in to your child's teacher.

## **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.hrsb.ns.ca](http://www.hrsb.ns.ca) and on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRSB-Official](https://www.twitter.com/HRSB-Official), recorded on 464-INFO and communicated to all local radio stations. Please note: If you are interested in learning more on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit <http://www.hrsb.ns.ca/content/id/1137.html>

You may also sign up for a text message from the HRSB should school be cancelled. You can do this by going to the School Board's website at [www.hrsb.ns.ca](http://www.hrsb.ns.ca). Early dismissal, due to inclement weather, is infrequent but is sometimes necessary. If school is to be cancelled midday, the board 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.

## **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 Regional School Board 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.