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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Dec. 2 Hanukkah Begins
- Dec. 04-07 Book Fair
- Dec. 05 Reports Home
- Dec. 06 PD day am
  - Parent teacher
  - 1-3pm,
  - 6-8pm
- Dec. 10 Holiday concert ( see schedule)
  - 1:15 afternoon concert
  - 7:00 pm concert
- Dec. 11 Holiday concert ( see schedule)
  - 1:15 after noon concert
  - 7:00 pm concert
- Dec. 14 Food drive ends
- Dec. 21 Last day of classes
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Dec. 26 Kwanzaa Begins
- Dec. 26 Boxing Day
- Jan. 01 New Years Day
- Jan. 03 Classes resume

**The School Advisory**

**Committee** along with The Ecology Action Center for school travel planning would like to thank those families who returned the surveys were completed back in October. The 2 classrooms with the highest survey return rate were 2 Hawley's class and 2 Sampson. Those two classes are awarded with an extra recess time. The two students that have been drawn from the surveys returned are: Alexxa Rae in 2S class and William in 6 M. These two students have won a pass to the Canada Games Centre. Congratulations to all the winners!  
The next School Travel Planning meeting will be held December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00-8:00 pm in the school music room. The meeting will discuss the data collected thus far, which includes the survey results as well as the traffic counts from both the front and back of the school. All are welcome to attend!

**Christmas** is a holiday that's celebrated on December 25th. For religious Christians, *Christmas* is a celebration of Christ's birth. In the Western world, many people celebrate Christmas, some of them for religious reasons and others in a more secular way. Christians observe rituals at Christmas including church attendance and re-enactments of Bible stories surrounding the birth of Christ. Non-religious observers exchange presents, tell stories about Santa Claus, and usually decorate a lighted Christmas tree. In Old English, it was *Cristes mæsse*, or "Christ mass." It's been written as a single word since the fourteenth century.

**Report cards:**

Parents/Guardians,  
Next week, students in Grades Primary to Six will be receiving their Term 1 report cards. There is always a level of anticipation ahead of report cards because they are an important part of the ongoing communication about your child's progress.  
A document which outlines what you can expect to see in your child's report card will be sent home as an alert this week. If your child was in school last year, there will be some changes to the report card from last year. These changes were made in support of recommendations from the provincial [Council to Improve of Classroom Conditions](#). The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has also produced a [video](#) which provides more details.  
If you have any questions about your child's progress, please reach out to your child's teacher or school principal.

**Report Cards:**

Parents and teachers will meet to discuss student progress on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school for students on that day. During the morning teachers will be engaged in professional development. Teachers will meet in their classrooms with parents by appointment. Bookings are on line for appointments. Info. will be sent shortly.

**HOLIDAY CONCERT: P-2**

Our Holiday concert is fast approaching. The dates are December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes perform on different nights so please read the list below to see which evening your child(ren) is performing. Doors open at 6:30 for a 7:00 show time. Concerts are in the cafetorium.

**Monday, Dec 10th**

- P Landry
- P Sullivan
- 1 Banks
- 1 Burt
- 2 Sampson
- 2 Goodyear
- Strings- Grade 5 students

**Tuesday, Dec 11th**

- 6 Band Students
- P Dillon
- P Kidd
- 1 MacDonald
- 1 Totton
- 2 Knox/Kim
- 2 Bembridge
- 2 Hawley

**Two tickets per family only will be issued shortly. Fire regulations will be strictly adhered to with respect to the number of tickets issued. Audience members, adult or child (babies) must have a ticket to attend. Sitting on a lap still counts as a ticket. Tickets must be presented at the door the night of the performance.**

Afternoon concerts will be on both dates @ 1:15pm. Tickets are not required. We **strongly** encourage grandparents, or other invited guests to take advantage of this time. Food donations will be graciously accepted at each concert. Please remember to bring a canned or non -perishable food item.



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### FOOD, FOOD IT'S NOT EVERYWHERE!

Please help us help those in need. The Home and School is participating once again in Feed Nova Scotia's annual food drive. There is still time to send in your food donations. Dec. 14th is the deadline. We appreciate your support.

### Guidelines for School and/or Bus Cancellations due to Inclement Weather

#### Inclement Weather

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or busses 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](http://www.hrce.ca), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS), recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. Families can also receive notice of school and bus cancellations by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website. The weather in Nova Scotia is unpredictable so it's always a good idea for families to have a back-up plan for child care when school is cancelled. To learn more about the process on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather>.

**Hanukkah** also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt of the 2nd century. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days. This year it will be observed from December 2 to December 10th. The festival is observed by illuminating a unique candle holder that has nine branches to hold nine candles. It is known as a **Menorah**. The typical Menorah consists of eight branches with an additional raised branch. The extra light is called a **shamash** and is given a distinct location, usually above or below the rest.

#### **Book Fair**

We are having a book fair! Dec. 3-7th. Students may purchase during their class times. The fair is open to parents on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm and 6-8pm. Hope to see you there.

### **Dressing for the Weather:**

Winter is with us so it is important to stay warm and dry. Please remember when you send your children to dress them in layers. They should have snow pants, boots, hats, mitts or gloves. It is also wise to send an extra set of mitts or gloves in case they get wet at recess. Children will be going outside in the morning and at lunch so be prepared. We will not send them out if it is colder than -15C but other than that they will be outside.



**Kwanzaa** is celebrated from December 26 through January 1st.

Established by Maulana Karenga in 1966, Kwanzaa is a holiday that honors African heritage and celebrates family, community and culture. It takes its name from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza," which in Swahili means "first fruits."

Kwanzaa's origin lies in the 1960s civil rights and Black Freedom movements. Families gather during Kwanzaa to light the kinara, a candle holder with seven candles in the colors of red, black, and green. The black candle is placed in the center and used to light the other flames from left to right. Together, the candles are called the mishuuma saba, and they represent the Seven Principles.