



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan 01 New Year's Day
- Jan 06 First Day for students.
- Jan 06 Feast of the Epiphany
- Jan 07 Orthodox Christmas Day
- Jan. 14 SAC 6:00pm H.S.A.. 7:00 pm.
- Jan. 20 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 25 Lunar New Year
- Jan 27 Family Literacy Day



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FAMILY LITERACY DAY 2020:

In celebration of the 21st annual celebration, ABC Life Literacy Canada is offering 20 tips for families to do during 2020 to make sure everyone keeps their literacy skills sharp.

Plan a Day Trip: Go online together to find fun (and free) places to go in your city for your next family day trip.

Sing it to Me: Play a song and then pause it. Ask your family to sing the next line – do they know it?

Pop-up Kitchen: Follow a recipe together – a yummy way to practice math and reading.

Aqua Adventure: Visit an aquarium (or aquarium store) to learn about nature and the environment (see cool fish too!)

#TTYL: Keep in touch with teens and impress them with your amazing texting skills (like using popular hashtags while using full sentences.)

Weekend Hike: Enjoy the great outdoors and learn about nature – why not make it a scavenger hunt!

Shop Till you Drop: Shopping together can be fun if you're prepared (no really.) Write a list together of what you need and take turns finding the items on your list.

Hopscotch Count: Make a giant hopscotch calculator, ask math questions and hop to the answers!

Reverse Story: Tell your favourite story, backwards – start with the ending. Can your family guess the story?

Library Passport: Use your library card at the library as your passport to travel the world. Where will you go and what will you learn?

FGN: Start an FGN (Family Game Night) with your family and friends, and switch houses each week.

Picture Maker: Make pictures out of modelling clay to go with your story. Get inspired by Family Literacy Day Honourary Chair Barbara Reid (have you seen what she can do with modeling clay? WOW!)

Tell it 2 Me: Write a secret message with numbers and do math to solve it.

Animal Walk: Read street names and think of animals that begin with the same first letter of each street.

Eat Your Words: Play with your food and write words with alphabet cereal and soup (we like cookie letters too!)

Story Switch-A-Roo: Take turns reading a bedtime story together, kids and adults each read one sentence at a time.

WOW Palindromes: Find words that are spelled the same way forwards and backwards. How many can you find? (Some to get your started: wow, mom, dad, radar.)

Abacadabra: Find cool card tricks from the library or by going online with your family. Practice and show your friends – can they figure out the tricks?

Word Dynamo: Say a word and ask kids to say a new word that begins with the last letter of the word you just said (apple, eat, tidy, yawn.)

Watch a Book: Read a book then watch the movie together. Talk about which version you liked the best.

ARE YOU LATE!!!

The school bell rings at 8:25. 8:35 is when students are expected to be in the building at 8:35. **If they come after 8:35 they are late.**

Our students need to be here on time. When students arrive late for school (either in the morning or after lunch) they are disrupting school and classroom routines, missing out on receiving classroom instruction and important information. Arriving on time allows them the opportunity to prepare for learning (getting their materials organized, removing outdoor wear, going to lockers, etc.). Entrance bells ring at 8:35 am and 12:45 pm. Students should be on school grounds and ready to enter the building at those times. We are striving to teach our students the value of time management, punctuality, respect for others, and good citizenship. We are preparing them for life. Our society values punctuality. When your child is late our secretary has to manually change every student's attendance. We have close to **80 students** late every day. Many of these students are the same students each day. **In January**, we will be starting **to monitor** students who are chronically late. We will be contacting the parents of these students to discuss how we can help get their children



**February 3rd-
February 28th is
Primary
Registration!!**

If you have a child who turns five on or before December 31st, they are eligible to begin school next year. Registration will begin on Feb. 3rd., 2020. Please visit our office to register your child. You will need to bring your proof of residency, permanent residence cards, birth certificate and Health card. Please check the HRCE website for further instruction on student registration. www.hrce.ca

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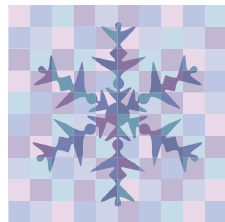
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A Canadian Winter:

Generally speaking, when the temperature reaches -15C or below we assess the appropriateness of sending children outside. We also consider wind chill factors. Wind chill is the cooling sensation caused by the combined effect of temperature and wind. Environment Canada advises there is an “increased risk” of frostbite and hypothermia with a wind chill below -27C. School administration consults the Environment Canada weather website frequently and uses common sense in determining whether or not students should be outside on a given day. We also consider the length of time students will be outside, their activity level (heat generation), and exposure to wind and sun (the sun does have a warming affect, even during the winter months). Whenever possible we do like to see our students being given the opportunity to socialize with friends, rather than being confined to their classrooms for extended periods of time. Student safety, health and well- being are always paramount. Parents are encouraged to dress their children appropriately for the weather and possible outdoor play, just as they would at home. Dressing in layers is always helpful along with extra hats and mittens.



Feed NS:

The Home and School collected boxes and boxes of food for Feed NS. Many thanks for your support. A whopping 1314 kilograms of food was collected. A record breaking amount!



INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Winter is here. Are you prepared for when classes are cancelled? School boards make decisions to cancel classes based on many factors, including the weather forecast and road conditions. Parents and families should have a plan in the event of cancelled classes. What is your families plan if school is cancelled?

The Halifax Regional Centre takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools and board offices in the event of severe or inclement weather. It is their goal to make the decision **as close to 6 a.m. as possible.**

If the weather deteriorates during the day, the HRSB can decide to dismiss students early. In the event of a midday cancellation, the decision will be communicated to all schools as close to 11:00 a.m. as possible.

In the event of an early dismissal, students in grades primary to 6 will not be released from school unless parents, guardians or designates have been notified by the school. Here are a few ways you can find out:

- Check our website at www.hrce.ca
- Follow us on Twitter at [Twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- Call our information line at [902-464-INFO](tel:902-464-4636) (4636)
- Listen to your radio (All local radio stations are informed)
- Sign up to receive e-mail or text message notification of cancellations ([link](#))

SAFE ARRIVAL:

Parents are reminded to please call the safe arrival line and leave a message if your child is going to be absent. It is a lengthy process for both our volunteers and the secretary to track absent students to be certain they are safe. We know that teachers certainly appreciate notes and e-mails regarding their student absences but unfortunately we still require a phone call to safe arrival.

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