



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan 01 New Year's Day
- Jan 06 Feast of the Epiphany
- Jan 07 Orthodox Christmas Day
- Jan 11 First Day for students.
- Jan. 13 SAC 6:00pm
P.T.A. 7:15 pm.
- Jan. 18 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 27 Family Literacy Day



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FAMILY LITERACY DAY 2021:

In celebration of the 21st annual celebration, ABC Life Literacy Canada and Barbara Reid invites families to use their imagination to explore and travel the world together! Barbara Reid is a picture book illustrator and author whose award-winning artwork is created using modelling clay.

1. Go online

Research a country that interests you on the internet with your family. Find out things like the language they speak, their currency, and popular food, music and sports.

2. . Flags of the world

Look up colourful flags from different countries and try drawing them together.

3. Ciao!

Teach your family how to say hello and goodbye in different languages.

4. Greetings from abroad

Imagine you're on a vacation and write a postcard to a friend or family member. Describe the weather, what it's like and what activities you're doing.

5. Map the world

Look at a blank world map and try to name each continent and ocean. For more of a challenge, try identifying countries or even cities.

6. Family vacation

Research your next family vacation online together, even if you don't have one planned. Look up how much it will cost to travel there, hotels and activities, and put together a budget for your trip.

7. Get cookin'!

Find a recipe for a popular international dish, such as butter chicken or paella. Follow the recipe together as a family and enjoy the meal you've cooked.

8. Family History

Research your family's history and culture. Learn about your family traditions (how about starting a new one!)

9. Sounds of the world

Go to YouTube as a family and play some popular songs from other countries. Dance and move to different tunes and hum along, trying to guess continent and ocean. For more of a challenge, try identifying countries or even cities.

10. A to Z

Test your family's geographic knowledge by trying to name a country for every letter of the alphabet.

Hint: there is one for every letter except X.

ARE YOU LATE!!!

The school bell rings at 8:25. We have a soft entry until 8:45. This is when students are expected to be here. If they come after 8:45 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, etc.). 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.

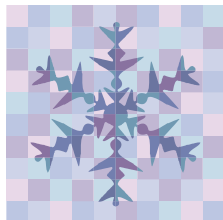
When your child is late our secretary has to manually change every student's attendance. In January, we will be contacting the parents of the students who are late on a regular basis to discuss how we can help get their children to school on time.

Thank you for your support with this matter.



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.



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 HRCE 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 4 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-INFO) (4636)
- Listen to your radio (All local radio stations are informed)
- Sign up to receive e-mail or text message notification of cancellations ([link](#))

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Chrome books:

A reminder to all the students who borrowed a chrome book before the holidays. Chrome books are used frequently in the class each day so it is important to remember to bring the chrome books back and forth in your back pack. I know that some little ones were holding them in their hands going home. It is important that they are put carefully in their back packs away from their water bottles to keep them safe. Thank you for your support with this new routine.

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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