



BELL PARK BULLETIN



IMPORTANT DATES

November 20	National Child Day
November 20	Trans Day of Remembrance
November 21	Assessment and Evaluation Day (No school)
November 24	Picture Retake Day
November 28 – 30	Report Cards go home
December 1	Parent /Teacher Interviews (No school for students)
December 2	Professional Development Day (No school)
December 7	Santa Shop
December 13	Holiday Concert (starts at 1:00 pm sharp)
December 14	Storm Date for Holiday Concert

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that November is already here! With the colder weather upon us, I wanted to take this time to remind all parents to dress your children appropriately for the weather. Students are outside multiple times a day during the school day, and it is important that they have hats, mittens or gloves, and a coat to wear to keep them warm. Once the snow comes, they will need to wear snow pants to be permitted to play in the snow.

We are also nearing the end of term one! Teachers are busy collecting evidence and data for report cards and preparing their report card comments. On that note, reports cards are just one way to communicate student achievement. If you ever have any questions about how your child is progressing, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher.

LATE STUDENTS

Daily attendance and prompt arrival at school ensure your child(ren) and all other students in the class a successful start to their day. Missing even 10 minutes of a morning routine can disrupt everyone!

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture retakes are scheduled for November 24th in the morning. Do not dress your child in green as their clothes will blend into the background.

BELL PARK HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Bell Park Academic Centre Holiday Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 13th with a storm date of December 14th. The performance will start at 1:00 pm sharp. Each family will receive two tickets, look for more information to follow.

SANTA SHOP

What is our Santa Shop? It is an opportunity for your child to purchase items for the people in their homes to wrap up and put under your tree. Please send any gently used items (unwrapped) that you would love to donate, (clothing and stuffed animals excluded) to the school. Items will be priced from \$0.25 to a \$2.00. This gives the students the excitement of having people in their homes open a gift from them! More information will follow as the date gets closer, but we just wanted to get a jump on having items brought in.

DO YOU NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT.....

- Understanding supports within your child's school and the ways to access these supports?
- Supports available for your child in your community?
- Concerns regarding your child's academic, emotional, and/or social well-being?
- Processes such as school registration, bussing, or the Parent/Guardian Concern protocol?
- An upcoming parent teacher or school meeting?

If so...contact an HRCE Parent Navigator!

Parent Navigators will help guide and connect you with the most appropriate resources to help address your questions. They are willing to connect through email and phone. No appointment or referral process is necessary. Simply reach out!

Our Parent Navigator is Amelia Downey – Amelia.Downey@hrce.ca 902-464-2000 Ext 4362

NATIONAL CHILD DAY

November 20 is National Child Day in Canada. It is a day to celebrate the rights of children by:

- Providing children opportunity to have a voice (speak out and be heard)
- Protecting children from harm
- Ensuring children's basic needs are met

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/national-child-day/children-s-rights-activity-guide.html>

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.ns.ca on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE Official](https://www.twitter.com/HRCE_Official), recorded on 464-INFO(4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. You 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. If you are interested in learning more on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather>

SHARED HEALTH

It is important that we all watch for cold/flu symptoms and stay home when unwell. We are seeing a triple threat with covid infections, influenzas, and a respiratory virus in our community. Child size masks and covid test are available at the school office, if you are in need.

MEDICATION

In order to have medication administered at school, Parents/ Guardians needs to fill out the required forms that can be obtained by contacting the office. Medication needs to be in the original bottle with a prescription label. **No medication will be administered without the proper paperwork.**

