



# BELL PARK BULLETIN



## IMPORTANT DATES

January 15 – 18	Fluoride Varnish Program
January 18	Home and School Meeting – 5:30 library
January 23	SAC Meeting – 6:30
January 27	Family Literacy Day

### FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Family Literacy Day takes place each year on January 27 to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

This year's theme, in honour of Family Literacy Day's 25th anniversary, is let's have a party! Make food, sing songs, and play games. The possibilities for learning are endless.

**LINK FOR SLIDER:** For more information, visit <https://www.hrce.ca/learning/elementary/reading-your-child>



### CLOTHING REMINDER

Students should come to school each day dressed for the weather conditions. Students go outside multiples times each day and it important for them to be dressed appropriately when the weather gets colder. It's also a great idea to keep a change of clothes in your child's backpack in case they need them.

### LOCKDOWN DRILL

We will be having our next lockdown drill during the week of February 12-16. More information will be sent home just prior to.

### IMPORTANT WEATHER REMINDERS

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school busses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an **11:00 a.m. announcement** could be:

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

#### How will I find out?

- By email to the address you have provided in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- On our website [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)
- On X (formerly Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- On Instagram at [www.instagram.com/hrce\\_ns/](https://www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit [www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations](http://www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations).



### **CHECK OUT THE NEW HRCE.CA**

Last winter, we asked staff, families, and SACs for feedback on our website. We used that input to build a new family-focused site that prominently features the information our communities need most.

You'll notice:

- Fewer pages – we deleted outdated information.
- A clean, modern look and feel – it's an easy-to-navigate, user-friendly experience.
- Significantly improved accessibility – this is better for our community members who use screen readers and translation services. [visit https://www.hrce.ca](https://www.hrce.ca).

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION**

There are many illnesses in our school community currently. Please keep your child(ren) home if showing any signs of illness to help stop the spread and to help them recover well. Take preventative measures including adequate sleep and rest, eating nutritious and vitamin-rich foods, and dressing appropriately for cold weather (hats, mitts/gloves, zipped up coats, scarves, snowpants, warm socks and boots).

### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PRESTON**

Anyone wishing to contact the Boys & Girls Club may call Charnell Colley at 902-222-2719 with any inquiries.

