



December 2023

Ross Road School

Important Dates

Dec. 4	Professional Development Day, no classes
Dec. 5	Santa Shop (hosted by Home and School)
Dec. 6	106th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
Dec. 14	Holiday Concert 6:00 PM
Dec. 15	School-wide Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 18	School Spirit Days Theme: Merry Grinchmas
Dec. 19	School Spirit Days Theme: Holiday Cheer
Dec. 20	Last Day before Holiday Break, School Spirit Days Theme: Long Winter's Nap
Jan. 2	School re-opens, Classes resume

HOME AND SCHOOL

Home & School will be selling raffle tickets to win front row seats to the Holiday Concert on December 14th! Tickets will be sent home with students and can purchased for \$2/each or 3/\$5. All tickets are due back on December 12th and winners will be contacted on the 13th.

Thank you to everyone who came to our first Ross Road Family Movie Night! We loved seeing so many families enjoying The Grinch in their pajamas, and it was a fun way to kick off the Holiday season together.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5th, we will be hosting the annual Santa Shop where students can shop for their immediate family. Items will be priced \$1-3 and will come home wrapped and labelled! Junior High students who wish to shop for their families will receive an opportunity to after the Elementary classes are completed.

Thank you all again for your Santa Shop donations! Happy Holidays from Home & School Association!

HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Holiday Concert is on December 14th. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and the concert begins at 6:30 pm. When elementary students arrive, they go to their classroom and band students go to the music room. All elementary students are part of the finale at the end of the play.

There are no specific dress requirements for elementary students. Junior High Band students can wear all black or red and green.

School Spirit Days 2023

Monday, Dec 18th	 <p>Merry "Grinchmas" Get grinchy by wearing anything grinch or green</p>
Tuesday, Dec. 19th	 <p>Holiday Cheer Dress in your best holiday gear; from antlers to Santa hats! Wear anything and everything Christmas/Holiday</p>
Wednesday, Dec 20th	 <p>Long Winter's Nap Get cozy in your Christmas Pjs for our last day</p>

LIBRARY UPDATE

We are thrilled to spotlight the remarkable talent of one of our elementary students, Parker Keddy, who has recently achieved a literary milestone by authoring not one, but two picture books! *Parker's Picks* was published in July, followed by his most recent release, *Night at the Cabin*. Displaying creativity beyond his years, Parker has woven imaginative tales that not only showcase his storytelling abilities but also reflect his love of books. We look forward to seeing more of Parker's literary journey unfold. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! Find Parker's e-books on Amazon or go to Dartmouth Book Exchange to get your own copy!

ONLINE MATH CHALLENGE

Mr. Carragher is pleased to announce that his 701 Math class placed 1st in all of Canada during an online Math challenge. During the weeks of October 30th to November 13th his class correctly answered 1921 questions on Prodigy Math. Three certificates were issued to the top three students in his 701 class, helping their class achieve 1st place!

1st Place - Mason Hinks answered 324 questions correctly,

2nd Place - Enrique Macias answered 256 questions correctly, helping their class achieve 1st place!

3rd Place - Nolan Foote answered 255 questions correctly, helping their class achieve 1st place!

Great job everyone!!

HEALTHY HUNGER

Check out all the options available on Healthy Hunger on our school website.

COACHING/VOLUNTEERING

Looking for Ways to support the school? Volunteers and Coaches are an important part of a positive and inclusive school climate. We welcome parent/community volunteers in our school. The Halifax Regional Centre for Education has a Student Protection Policy in place in order to ensure that all schools provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students. Prior to volunteering with the school, all volunteers must complete a Criminal Records Check and Child Abuse Registry Search. These documents are valid for a period of three years. (along with a declaration of no offenses since the last checks were done)

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Families are encouraged to ensure students come to school appropriately dressed for the weather. We are running into situations where students aren't prepared for the time period for outdoor conditions.



SCHOOL/BUS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please click on the following link to find the information on Guidelines for school and/or bus cancellations due to inclement weather. <https://www.hrce.ca/weather>

If you wish to share your thoughts about school cancellations, [click here](#).

For More Information:

- 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 (4636)
- Listen to your radio all local radio stations will be informed
- Sign up to receive e-mail or text message notification of cancellations ([link](#))
- [Click here](#) for a printable PDF of our guidelines.

**If you know someone who is NOT a parent/guardian who would like to receive an email and/or text message, let them know they can sign up here: www.hrce.ca/notifications*

WE'RE ALWAYS HIRING

Did you know that HRCE has nearly 12,000 employees serving more than 58,000 students? Our job postings are updated every Wednesday at noon and feature a wide variety of career opportunities! As HRCE grows, so does our staff. Add yourself to a world of learning! Check out new opportunities weekly at www.myhrce.ca/jobs.

SchoolsPlus IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help students with what they need to succeed in school – from home, to school, and back again! For more information, email schoolsplus@hrce.ca.

SCHOOL MESSENGER APP

Did you know you can report your child's absence through the SchoolMessenger app?

SchoolMessenger's SafeArrival is an absence-management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

- Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices
- Sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address) that the school has on record for you
- Click on Attendance
- Follow the prompts

HOLIDAY SUPPORT

If you or someone you know needs support in preparing for the upcoming holidays, please contact the school for more information.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

To all who celebrate, we wish you a joyful holiday season!
Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Blessed Kwanzaa!

