

Good afternoon Sunnyside Families,

It's December 2nd and we have a busy three weeks before school lets out for the holiday break. We have report cards, parent/guardian-teacher interviews and a PD session for teachers this week. Saturday morning is our annual Jingle Bell Breakfast, leading into our concerts on Monday and Tuesday. We also have some spirit days planned for the Fridays leading up the break. We are including a list of important dates at the end of this email to help keep all of us informed about the many events coming up.

We had some exciting learning happening throughout the month of November. We welcomed some pre-service teachers in a number of classes, including Mme Tracy, Mme Kelly, and Mrs. Isenor. We also have a math coach working with some of our classes to support student achievement in developing automaticity and fluency in their facts as well as looking at innovative ways to teach and learn.

Report Cards

Report cards and adaptations will be emailed home via EduPost on Wednesday of this week (Dec. 4th). Your child's birthday will be the password to these documents. Please remember that the dashes are a required part of the password. If you do not receive a link to the report card by 3 pm on Wednesday, please check your spam mailbox and then email Ms. Thompson (cthompson@hrce.ca) for help.

Progress Interviews

Thursday is dedicated to both teacher professional development in the morning and progress interviews in the afternoon/evening. Your teacher has already been in contact with you to schedule an appointment time. If you have not yet requested your time, please do so. There is no school for students on Thursday.

Jingle Bell Breakfast

Our annual Jingle Bell Breakfast is on Saturday December 7th from 9am-12pm. Tuesday December 3rd is the last day to buy tickets. Please purchase your tickets via SchoolCash Online.

We need volunteers to make this event a success. Signup is now open for the Jingle Bell Breakfast Volunteer spots! Sign up your spouse, or grandparents, or the fun aunt who doesn't have any kids! This event is always a blast, so join us in pulling it off in a spectacular way.

Click this link to sign up to volunteer: <https://signup.com/go/CESXHWG>

Nova Scotia Lunch Program

The ordering window for the next cycle of Nova Scotia Lunch Program closes at noon on Wednesday. No late orders are possible.

Concerts and Concert Tickets

Students are very excited as they prepare for their concert presentations. We will be sending tickets home on Friday December 6th. Each family will receive 2 tickets for the concert(s) in which their student is performing. You can use these two tickets for either performance. If you are in need of

more than two tickets, please email Ms. Michelle (michelle.harley@hrce.ca) by Thursday morning, indicating the day and preferred time. Extra tickets will be provided as long as we are able to stay within the gym capacity.

Classes and their concert dates are in the list of important dates at the end of this update.

Front Row Seat Raffle

We are selling raffle tickets to win 2 front row seats to the concert of your choice. Raffle tickets are going home on Tuesday and must be returned by Friday morning (Dec. 6th) so we can do the draw at noon. Winners will be contacted Friday afternoon. These front seat tickets will replace your general admission tickets. Each raffle ticket is \$1.00. You can fill in as many tickets as you wish to buy and return them to the school with payment.

Sunnyside Gives Back

Tomorrow, being “Giving Tuesday”, we begin a donation campaign at Sunnyside Elementary School to support Feed Nova Scotia and the Bedford Lion’s Food Pantry. Each class is being asked to contribute different items, but you are welcome to send in any items you wish. Some dry goods items that can withstand the cold will be donated to the Lion’s Food Pantry and all others will be donated to Feed Nova Scotia. There is also a link to make a monetary donation. You can send any items to school with your child or drop them off at our Jingle Bell Breakfast or at the concerts. Please see the linked document for more information.

Sunnyside Spirit Days in December

December means it’s almost the holiday break! We’re going to celebrate with Spirit Days on Fridays this month.

Fri. Dec. 6th—Holiday Head to Toe: Wear your most fun headwear, hats, tops, and fun socks!

Fri. Dec. 13th—Sparkle Light & Bright: Wear anything that is bright & cheerful—the more sequins, silver, glitter, gold, lights, and bright colours the better!

Fri. Dec. 20th—Jammies & Joy: Celebrate the last day of school of 2024 wearing your comfiest pajamas!

Important Dates

Wed. Dec. 4	Report Cards & Adaptations emailed home
Thur. Dec. 5	PD in am and Progress Interviews pm. No school for students
Fri. Dec. 6	Spirit Day—Holiday Head to Toe
Sat. Dec. 7	Jingle Bell Breakfast 8-11 am
Mon. Dec. 9	Concert (Primary MacDonald, 1 Chisholm, 2 Tracy, 2 Kelly Levasseur, 3/4 Bramwell/Graham, 2/3 MacFarlane/Shields, 3/4 Kelly and 4/5 Boudreau)
Tues. Dec. 10	Concert (Primary Heather, 1 Fraser, P/1 Isenor/Graham, 2 Bembridge, 3 Richardson, 4/5 Ebbett, 4/5 Caldwell)

Fri. Dec. 13	Spirit Day—Sparkle Light & Bright
Fri. Dec. 20	Spirit Day—Jammies & Joy Last Day before holiday break
Wed. Dec. 25	First day of Hanukkah and Christmas Day
Thur. Dec. 26	First day of Kwanzaa
Thur. Jan. 2	Professional Development Day—no school for students
Fri. Jan. 3	First day back for students