

Good afternoon Sunnyside Families;

We welcomed March this week at school with cold but sunny weather. The sun is doing its best to melt the ice on our playground and the students and staff are helping out where they can. With the arrival of March, we are coming up on the end of term 2 (March 6<sup>th</sup>) and March Break (March 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>). On Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> teachers and staff will be working on assessment and evaluation to prepare for second term report cards. There is no school for students on this day.

**Report Cards and Parent/Guardian-Teacher Meetings:** Report cards will be sent home between April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parent/Guardian-Teacher Meetings will be held on the evening of Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and the afternoon of Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teachers will be sending scheduling information to families after March Break.

**Writers in The Schools:** The WITS program matches authors with schools and classrooms and helps facilitate author visits with schools. In February, 4 of our classes at Eaglewood were fortunate enough to welcome author Camilla Thompson.

### **School Bus Safety Reminder**

More than 33,000 HRCE students take the school bus. Making sure they have a safe and happy trip to and from school is very important to us. Please talk with your child about school bus safety on a regular basis. Students should tell their bus driver and/or school principal if they have any problems.

Here are some important safety tips:

#### **Bus Stop Safety**

- Be on time for the bus. Don't run to or from the bus.
- Stand back when the bus arrives and give everyone space. Get on or off the bus one at a time.
- Always cross the road in front of the bus. Walk to a spot where you can see the driver. When they signal it's safe, walk to the middle of the road. STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN, then cross when it's safe.
- Never crawl under the bus or cross the road from behind it.

#### **School Bus Safety**

- Respect and listen to the driver. Their job is to focus on the road, so avoid distracting them.
- Respect others and your space.
- Keep noise levels down.
- Stay seated while the bus is moving.
- Keep your arms, legs, and head inside the bus.
- Do not throw anything inside or outside the bus.

- Keep the aisle clear.

***Did you know: It's illegal for drivers to pass a school bus when it has stopped with its red lights flashing. Bus drivers will activate their amber lights 150m before they stop as a warning to motorists.***

More information about HRCE student transportation and school bus safety can be found [here](#).

As we head into the spring break, we wish you all a safe and happy week. Students return on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- March 7<sup>th</sup>—Assessment and Evaluation Day—no school for students
- March 10-14—March Break—no school
- April 1<sup>st</sup>—Report Cards sent home
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>—Parent/guardian-teacher conferences (evening)
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>—Professional Development in the morning and Parent/guardian-teacher conferences in the afternoon—no school for students
- April 8<sup>th</sup>—SAC meeting