



# Sunnyside Elementary School

## Mid-November 2022 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Dates

Nov. 16--SAC meeting 6pm  
Nov. 21--Assessment & Evaluation Day --no school for students  
Nov. 25--Sports/Jersey Day  
Nov. 29--Report cards emailed home  
Dec. 1--PD am and Parent-teacher pm--no school for students  
Dec. 2--Professional Development for teachers--no school for students  
Dec. 3--Jingle Bell Breakfast  
Dec. 12 & 13 Holiday concerts (1:30 & 7)  
Dec. 14--Band/Strings/Choir concert (1:30)

### Principal's Message

Here we are half-way through November and 25% through our school year. Time is moving very quickly and so is all the learning our students are doing. We had 2 lovely Remembrance Day Ceremonies last week and were pleased to welcome some of our family members in the military and first responders. Thank you to our special guests for adding to our ceremonies.

As I write this the temperature has dropped significantly. Send students with warm outdoor clothes as we will continue to play outside through the winter months. This month, we will be holding a spirit day on Nov. 25th. We invite students and staff to dress in sports/team clothing.

### Report Cards and Parent-Teacher Conferences

Report cards and IPPs for applicable students will be sent home on Tuesday, November 29th. You will receive an email with a link to the report card. Only parents/guardians who are receiving our newsletters via email will receive this email. If you would like to add an email to our system, please email Ms. Tricia at [tweissent@hrce.ca](mailto:tweissent@hrce.ca). For added security, you must use a password to access the report through the link. The password is your child's birthday in the format of YYYY-MM-DD. **The dashes are part of the password.** For example, if your child's birthday is November 28, 2011, the password is 2011-11-28.

Some email servers have detected these messages as spam, so check your junk mail. If you do not get the email by the evening of the 29th, please email Ms. Thompson at [cthompson@hrce.ca](mailto:cthompson@hrce.ca) and she will help you out. If you are having trouble accessing the report due to password problems, please ensure that you have the dashes between the numbers and then email Ms. Thompson for support.

Paper copies can be printed for any families who want or need them. Please let your child's teacher know by November 25 so we can have them printed for you.

Teachers will send home information about Parent-Teacher interviews. They will be held on December 1st in the afternoon and evening and in-person and virtual options will be available.

## Reminders

- Do not send nut or peanut products to school
- Be cautious when dropping off your children at school to make sure that all students arrive safely.
- Respect “No Parking” and “No Stopping” signs when dropping off and picking up your students.
- Check your child’s head regularly for head lice. If your child has a case of lice, they can return to school once they have been treated and there are no live lice. Reach out to the school if you need support with this. Your information will be kept confidential.
- Our Lost & Found inside the front door of Eaglewood is getting full. Come have a look or ask your children to check and see if any of their belongings are there.

## Pizza Lunch

Our next HSA Pizza Lunch will be on Friday, November 18th. You can order your child a slice of pizza online via SchoolCash Online. You have until midnight tonight (Tuesday, November 15th) to place your order. We are unable to take cash or late orders.

## Jingle Bell Breakfast

*Our Family Jingle Bell Breakfast is making a comeback!!*

Please join us at Eaglewood gymnasium on the morning of Saturday, December 3rd.

Tickets will be sold in advance on schoolcash and available over two sessions: 9-10:30am and 10:30am-12pm, to comply with maximum occupancy requirements.

Cost of admission: \$5/person (with food), or \$20/family up to 5 people (with food)

Cost of admission: \$3/person (no food)

Food items will include: Izzy's bagel + cream cheese or butter, clementine, bananas, tea/coffee and juice.

Besides serving a yummy breakfast, we will be offering various activities for everyone: a kids' crafts station, a S'elf'ie-photo booth, a hot-chocolate bar and our biggest fundraiser at the event, an awesome silent auction!

All funds generated after covering expenses will be used for:

- Contributing to the School Breakfast Program
- Supporting teachers in purchasing extra supplies for classroom enrichment
- starting a school supplies program for 2023-2024 school year!

Tickets and bagel purchases must be completed by November 29th.

Thank you for supporting the Home and School Association at Sunnyside Elementary, and Please reach out [st.sunnysidehsa@gmail.com](mailto:st.sunnysidehsa@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## December Concerts

We are excited to be showcasing our students' musical learning so far this year with concerts on December 12 & 13 at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm. **Families will receive 2 tickets for the evening performance that their child (children) are in.** If you have multiple children in one concert, you will receive 2 tickets/family. Extended family members are invited to attend the afternoon concerts. All concerts will be at the Eaglewood location.

Monday Dec. 12: Pri Boudreau, Pri. Verrall, 1 Murray, 2 Tracy, 2 Laura, 2/3 Isenor/Gardner, 3/4 Bramwell, 4 Hanley, 4/5 Woodbury, 6 Boudreau

Tuesday Dec. 13: Pri Julie, Pri/1 Ewing/Fulton, 1 Fraser, 1/2 Dominica, 3 Richardson, 3/4 Oswald, 4 Caldwell, 5 Graham, 5/6 Rohland, 5/6 Sutherland

We will also be offering an afternoon Band, Choir, & Strings concert on Dec. 14th at 1:30 pm. There will not be an evening performance.

In addition to the December concerts, our music department is planning a spring musical. Stay tuned for details.

## Holiday Support

We are sharing the following resources with hopes that it finds those who would benefit from a little extra support this holiday season. If any family needs assistance navigating resources, please let us know. Our school based social worker, Sarah Cowans, is happy to help in any way possible.

**Salvation Army Christmas Program:** registration began Oct. 24th and you can register in person at 2038 Gottigen Street or online: <https://salvationarmy.ca/maritime/home/christmas/hrm/>

**Parker Street** offers Christmas hampers, wish lists, etc. Apply in person by visiting Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 8:30 am and 12 pm. You can also call 902-425-2125 for more information or register online at

<https://parkerstreet.org/programs/christmas-programs/>

The deadline to apply is Dec. 7.

For additional resources within the HRM, please go to the Feed Nova Scotia website to register online for Christmas support by filling out the form:

<https://www.feednovascotia.ca/find-food/find-christmas-support>



## Broad Street Schools Consultation

As you know, the HRCE has begun consultation about boundary reviews due to the new schools on Broad Street. The HRCE continues to solicit feedback from all potentially impacted school communities. There are a variety of ways that you can provide feedback during this process:

- Comment and rate comments on the virtual town hall <https://www.hrce.ca/consult>
- Email [consult@hrce.ca](mailto:consult@hrce.ca)
- Call 902-464-2000 ext 2019

We encourage all of you to look at the reports and FAQs that have been compiled so far, and to use the ways above to have your voice heard in the process.

## **Inclement Weather and School Cancellations**

In the event of school cancellation due to inclement weather and other exceptional circumstances, the decision to cancel school is made as close to 6 am as possible. Here are some ways you can find out:

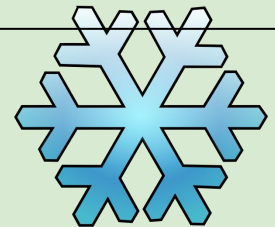
- HRCE Website at [www.Hrce.ca](http://www.Hrce.ca)
- Follow HRCE on Twitter at [Twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- Call the information line at 902-464-4636
- Listen to the radio (all local radio stations)
- Sign up to receive text messages from the HRCE

At times schools may be cancelled by “Family of Schools”. **We are in the CP Allen family of schools.**

In the event school is cancelled during the school day, the decision is usually made by 11 am. The school will contact all families to confirm procedures to release your children. Please ensure your child knows what to do in case of early closure and ensure that your phone numbers and email addresses are up-to-date so we can contact you. Students are not released until we have made contact with a parent/guardian or designate as you identified on the emergency dismissal form sent home in September.

If school is cancelled during the day, we will dismiss students as per their parent/guardian instruction at 12:10. Parents, guardians and caregivers are requested to wait outside their regular dismissal door at 12:10 for their children. Bus students will be dismissed upon arrival of the buses. All students who need to wait for a later pick-up will be supervised until they are picked up. On days where there is a possibility of early dismissal, please ensure you are answering your phone/monitoring your email so we can contact you or the people you designated on the early dismissal form filled out in September. If you have changes to contact information or designated people, please reach out to Ms. Tricia in the office.

On days when conditions exist that it is not safe to open schools at the regularly scheduled time but it is predicted that conditions will improve, a 2-hour delayed opening may be considered. In this situation, students cannot arrive before 10:50 am and classes will begin at 11:10 am. Lunch and dismissal times will not be affected.



## **Public Consultation**

As part of the recommendation from the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children Restorative Inquiry, the Government of Nova Scotia is creating an independent Child and Youth Commission.

The Child and Youth Commission will help promote and protect the rights and well-being of children and youth in Nova Scotia. The commission will review programs and services for children and youth, including service provided by the Department of Community Services, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Department of Justice and Department of Health and Wellness.

Public input is being gathered through Public Engagement Sessions and an on-line survey. As the voices of students, families, and educators is vital to this work we are sharing this information with our school community.

About the Engagement

- Video
- Survey
- List of Public Sessions

<https://vimeo.com/768660089/be26ca492e>