

Michael Wallace Elementary

December Newsletter

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING???



REMEMBRANCE DAY

- We held our Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday November 10th, and the students did a remarkable job both presenting and being super respectful during the ceremony. Each class chose two students to lay the wreaths made by each class. Later that afternoon, we also had the privilege of listening to Lt. Matthew Lewis, speak about serving in the Navy, and the importance of Remembrance Day.



DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY CODEMAKERS

- Dalhousie University Code Makers workshop gave our students in 3/4 MacEachern, 4/5 Sticking, 5/6 Thompson/Purcell and 5/6 Trueman an opportunity to learn more about Coding. The students were able to program a robot!



December

- 2- Report Cards Home
- 4- Parent Teacher & Shopping Under the Stars 5:30-8:30 PM
- 5- Feed Nova Scotia Stuff-A-Bus
- 15-19- Holiday Spirit Week
- 18- Home & School Gift Mart
- 19- Pancake Breakfast
-Last Day for students



AUTHOR VISIT: NANCY ROSE

- We were honoured to have Children’s Author Nancy Rose come do presentations for our Primary-Grade 2/3. Nancy Rose has authored 4 picture books, including the Secret Life of Squirrels



Shopping Under the Stars



This will run concurrently with Parent Teacher. **Please note: the time is **5:30-8:30**.

Please join the “Michael Wallace Home & School” Facebook page for all of your Home & School Information.

There will be a donation box at the entrance, as well as a 50-50 draw. Tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. All proceeds from this event will go to support families in need this Christmas.

Home & School Gift Mart: December 18th

DONATIONS NEEDED!!

Each year, the Home & School runs a Gift Mart where students in Pre-Primary-Grade 6 can shop for Christmas presents. This is a much beloved event for both students and families. We are looking for donations of gently used items. This includes items for Women, Men, kids, grandparents etc. Donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, tags and tape are also greatly appreciated. You can drop off your donations at anytime during the school day.

Donations of gift bags would be greatly appreciated!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The Gift Mart doesn't work without Volunteers! We need your gift-wrapping skills!! We also need volunteers to set up in the morning and take-down at the end of the day. **Save the Date!!**

Meetings are held at the school, and all are welcome.



Feed Nova Scotia Stuff-A-Bus Campaign

Michael Wallace will once again be participating in the Stuff-A-Bus in support of Feed Nova Scotia. The generosity of Michael Wallace Families absolutely blew away the organizers who came to the school to pick up our donations.

We have theme days based on Feed Nova Scotia's most needed items. This year, our theme days are as follows:

| Date | Items |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| December 1 | Canned veggies and fruit |
| December 2 | Toiletries |
| December 3 | Baby Needs (Diapers, formula, food) |
| December 4 | Monetary Donation |
| December 5 | Any Items! (Bus arrives) |



Holiday SPIRIT WEEK!!

Michael Wallace Holiday Spirit Week

Monday December 15th

Holiday Headwear Day: Wear your favourite festive hat, reindeer antlers, Santa hat, elf ears, or a cozy winter toque!

Tuesday December 16th

Tacky/Ugly Sweater Day: Dig out the most outrageous, sparkly, or "tacky" holiday sweater or shirt you can find!

Wednesday December 18th

Holiday Colour Clash: Dress head-to-toe in your favourite holiday colours: Red & Green or Blue & White/Silver.

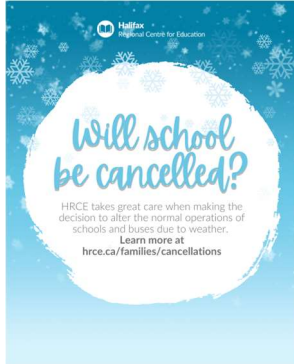
Thursday December 18th

Sparkle & Shine/White Out Day: Wear clothes with glitter, sequins, metallic colours, or dress entirely in white/silver to represent snow!

Friday December 19th

Long Winter's Nap Day: Wear your most comfortable pajamas, sweats, or comfy clothes!

Inclement Weather:



Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses 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:**

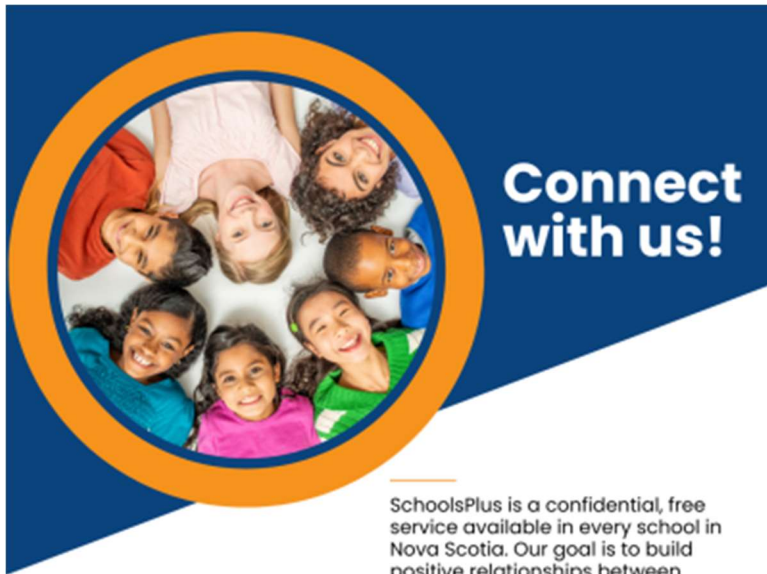
- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses 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 the HRCE website](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/families/cancellations.



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Parents, guardians and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus 12 months a year! Just contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator at your school.

Call 902-464-2000, ext. 2331 or email schoolsplus@hrce.ca.

Learn more about SchoolsPlus [here](#).

NEW....

We're excited to share a new online resource designed to help families understand how technology supports student learning in HRCE.

This page provides an overview of how tools like Chromebooks and Google for Education are used in classrooms, what provincially approved online platforms



students may access, and how student privacy is protected.

You'll also find information about Nova Scotia's guidance on the provincial cell phone expectations, tips for supporting online safety and digital citizenship at home, and an introduction to how students are learning about artificial intelligence in a thoughtful and responsible way. It also includes answers to common questions about screen time, passwords, communication during the school day, and more.

You can find the webpage [here](#).

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