



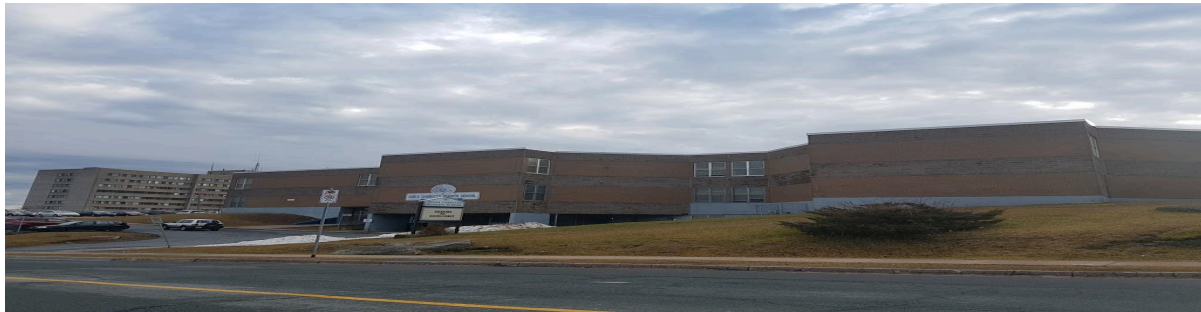
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## CHEBUCTO HEIGHTS NEWS

**JANUARY 2024**

### Administrators' Message

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome back! We hope our families were able to have a restful and healthy winter break. I would like to reintroduce myself to Chebucto Heights as the Acting Principal for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. I come to Chebucto Heights with over 25 years of experience in the education system. I am looking forward to collaborating with staff and families to continue contributing to the school's success.

We continue to have a growing lost and found. If your child is missing items, please reach out to homeroom teachers to have your child check our lost and found area.

The winter weather has arrived. Children will continue to go outside at recess and lunch every day during the winter months, weather permitting. This is a reminder to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather every day. We also recommend sending an extra set of socks, and mittens or gloves in case they get wet at recess and do not dry by lunch. Students will not be sent outside if it is colder than -20c.

We are asking parents to please use our safe arrival line - **1-833-582-6940**. We appreciate parents contacting our school number, however, we are not always able to take calls in a timely manner. You can also use the app to let us know your child will be away for the day. If your child is only out for a half day you can email [ches@hrce.ca](mailto:ches@hrce.ca) to let us know.

### Important Dates

**Friday January 19th** - School Spirit Day: Snowman Special - Wear white today

**Friday January 26th** - School Wide Assembly

**Saturday January 27th** - Family Literacy Day

**Wednesday January 31st** - Winter Walk (Weather Permitting)

**Wednesday January 31st** - PTA Meeting 6-7pm and SAC Meeting 7-8pm (in library)

## **Winter is Coming: Guidelines for Inclement Weather**

Making the decision to alter the regular operations of school and/or school buses due to inclement weather is never an easy task. To learn more about how the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) makes this call, visit [www.hrce.ca/weather](http://www.hrce.ca/weather).

### ***When is the decision made?***

HRCE's goal is to make the decision as close to 6 a.m. as possible.

### **A 6 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and all bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all buses 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 the weather deteriorates through the school day, the HRCE can decide to dismiss early. In the event of an early dismissal, the decision will be communicated as close to 11 a.m. as possible.

### **An 11 a.m. dismissal means:**

- Bused 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.

**Please Note:** students in Grades Primary to 5 will not be released from school until parents/guardians or designates have been notified by the school.

### ***How will families be notified?***

- Families will receive an email and text message (*opt-in is required: text Y to 978338*)\*
- Check our website at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)
- Follow us on Twitter at [@HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- Call the HRCE information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)
- All local radio stations are informed

[Click here](#) for a printable PDF of our guidelines.

## **HRCE New Website**

Last winter, staff, families, and SACs were asked for feedback on the HRCE website. They used that input to build a new family-focused site that prominently features the information our communities need most. Please visit <https://www.hrce.ca/>

You will notice:

- Few pages - outdated information was deleted
- A clean, modern look and feel - it's an easy-to-navigate, user-friendly experience.
- Significantly improved accessibility - this is better for our community members who use screen readers and translation services.

## **Nut-Free & Scent Sensitive School**

We have several students and staff who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please respect their health and well-being by sending your child with snacks and lunches that do not contain nuts. Additionally, some of our students and staff have medical conditions that can be worsened by scented products.