



Harmony Heights Elementary January Newsletter



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Happy New Year!

I would like to begin this month with a couple of reminders for parents and guardians.



The first, is the need to be very careful when you are dropping off students at the beginning of the day or picking up students after school. Parking is very limited and students are excited so adults need to watch carefully for students. I realize many parents are on the way to work so it is also important not to block the loop and allow traffic to move efficiently.



The second reminder is about the three types of possible school closures that could affect the school day for students because of winter weather. There is the full day school closure. It is reported on the CCRSB website (also through twitter and other social

media), and local radio stations usually before 6:30 AM. This was the type of closure we experienced in early January for two days.

The second type is the announced midday closure. This is also announced on the website, and on radio stations usually before 6:30 AM. An alert is often sent to parents as well. It usually means that schools will dismiss 2 hours early. Individual families are not contacted through the school.

The third type of closure is an unexpected closure due to weather or long term power outage. In this case all student's parents/ guardians are contacted so that we know someone will be waiting for the students before we send them home. **It is very important that we have accurate contact information for this type of closure as well as any alerts that may be sent.**



As many of you know we had a wonderful concert prior to Christmas. Both shows were very well attended. We certainly appreciate the



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work Mrs. MacPhee put into the planning and preparation of this concert.



We also want to thank all the volunteers who made the Christmas Boutique a success once again. We had a lot of excited shoppers and we hope you enjoyed the "special" gifts you received.

Our students in grades 3, 4, and 5 were entertained and educated about the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame and some of the athletes who have been enshrined.

At our November recognition assembly the following students were selected as Harmony Heart Award recipients:

PB- Julia Butt
PP- Farrah Webber
PS- Austin Santiago
1A- William MacLeod
1B- Liam Watson
1O- Carmen Lefrancois
1/2S- Charlie Fitzgerald
2M- Charleen Jennings
2L/K- Gavin Fowler
3D- Samantha MacCallum
3H/M- Kaydence Burke

4M- Haylee Dean
4P- Lewis Lively
4/5C- August Ward
5C- Becca Cook
5V/B- Emily Thompson
Learning center- Haiden Harris
Music- Bentley Matheson
P.E.- Paige Matthews
French- Alicia Tibbitts

In our final assembly for 2017 the following students were selected as Harmony Heart Award recipients:

PB- Claire Leamont
PP- Sawyer Higgins
PS- Jonah Kearney
1A- Bryson Ellis
1B- Haven Huston
1O- Jai Ward
1/2S- Luka Wedge
2M- Austin Hayden
2L/K- Ruby Lively
3D- Ethan Hunter
3H/M- Brayden Fowler
4M- Ryley Purdy
4P- Alicia Tibbitts
4/5C- Hayden White
5C- Ainsley MacPhee
5V/B- Brody MacDonald
Learning center- Kurt Smith
Music- Brody Adema
P.E.- Jackson Bond
French- Morgan Chisholm



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Our School Advisory Council will be attending a professional development session at the new Bible Hill Consolidated school on January 23rd at 6:00 PM.

On Wednesday, January 24th we will have our Primary Registration. If you have a child who will be attending school next year and have not yet let the school know please call and we will set up an appointment.

We had a good response to the Parent Teacher Organization survey with both Wednesday and Thursday being equally popular for a meeting day. **Therefore we will have our next meeting on Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 PM in the seminar room at the school. We would like as many interested parents as possible. If you are able to attend please call the school at 902-896-5798 by Monday, January 22nd.** Please indicate if you will need the babysitting service when you call.

We have had to send out a number of notices informing parents about lice in classrooms. Please continue to check your child's hair on a regular basis and encourage your child to store their

hats in the sleeve of their coat and not to share hats.



This week each class will be treated to a puppet workshop led by the performers of Maritime Marionettes. Students will hear about how the puppets work and have a chance to use various types of puppets.



The school has received facility access funding from the Colchester-Truro Sport and Recreation Facility Access Program (Thrive! and the County of Colchester Arena Project). As a result each grade will enjoy 1 hour of skating on 6 consecutive Fridays starting January 19th with our grade 4/5 and 5 classes. We have some skates and helmets available to loan to students who may not have their own. We will be looking for volunteers to meet us at Deuville's rink to help with skates. Skating will take place from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM.



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Please look for permission slips over
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Dates to Remember

Jan. 19- skating grade 4/5 and 5
Jan. 23- SAC at BHC
Jan. 24- Primary Registration
Jan. 25- PTG at 6:30 (please R.s.v.p.)
Jan. 26- skating grade 4
Feb. 2- skating grade 3
Feb. 9- skating grade 1/2 and 2
Feb. 16- skating grade 1
Feb. 19- Heritage Day- no school
Feb. 23- skating primary
March 12-16- March Break
March 23- Assessment and Evaluation
Day- no school for students
March 30- Good Friday
April 2- Easter Monday
April 5- Term 2 reports home
April 19-20- Parent teacher