

November 2023

Joseph Howe Elementary "Building on Brilliance!"

Bell and Lunch Schedule

8:20 am - Arrival

8:30 am - First Bell

8:40 am - Learning Begins

11:40 am -12:40 pm - Lunch 1

12:40 pm - 1:40 - Lunch 2

2:40 pm - Dismissal

Note: If your child is arriving after 8:40 they are missing out on teacher instructions.

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov. 13 (No School)

Nov. 17 Assessment and

Evaluation Day

(No School)

Nov. 23 Professional

Development am

Parent Teacher

meetings pm

(No School)

Nov. 24 Photo Retake Day

Reminders

Please send a water bottle with your child to school as our fountains in the school are water bottle filling stations only.



Principal's Message

The mornings are getting colder. Please remember to have your children dress in layers as the temperature changes throughout the day. With the daily changes in weather we have many students who have left their jackets or sweaters at school.

The lost and found is located at the Creighton St. exit. Please feel free to take a look at the items in the lost and found if you feel your child is missing any items.

Picture retake day - our photographer was unable to do siblings photos during the October 18th picture day because it took the entire day for single student photos. There will be an opportunity for sibling photos on retake day which will be on November 25, 2022.

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 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 weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- 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.

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 our website <u>www.hrce.ca</u>
- On X (formerly Twitter) at Twitter.com/HRCE_NS
- On Instagram at <u>www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/</u>

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit <u>hrce.ca/weather</u>.

Joseph Howe Elementary School Mr. Michael MacDonald, Principal Ms. Keisha Brown, Vice Principal

Safe Arrival Program

1-833-582-6940

If you have a new phone number or email address please contact the school so that we can ensure that you are getting the latest information from the school and your child's teacher.

It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school to identify if their child/ren will be absent.

You are now able to report future absences using an app, website, or toll-free phone number.. If your student is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from SchoolMessenger.

For more information please follow the link below

:https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival

Parent Teacher

Teachers will be sending out information for families later in November. Forms will come home to set up a time for in-person or phone meetings for November 23, 2023.

Reading Volunteers

Needed

We are looking to train volunteers to support our PALS reading program. If you would be interested in learning to be a reading volunteer once a week please email:

<u>jhowe@hrce.ca</u>

November 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Parent Support 9am - 10:30am 2:40-4pm	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day
12	13 No School	14	15	16	17 Assessment and Evaluation Day <mark>No School</mark>	18
19	20	21	22 Flu Shot Clinic 2:40	23 PD/Parent Teacher <mark>No School</mark>	24 Retake Day!	25
26	27	28 Report Cards go Home	29	30		

SchoolsPlus

SchoolsPlus is part of Nova Scotia's child and youth strategy, <u>Our Kids Are</u> <u>Worth It</u>.

The strategy responds to Commissioner Nunn's recommendation to improve coordination and collaboration in our delivery of programs and services for children, youth, and families.

The vision for SchoolsPlus is that schools become a convenient place for government and other services to be delivered to families. Here is a link to the Community Outreach Worker at Joseph Howe School - Laura Hutt.

https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/laurahutt/home