

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.

School News

Happy New Year!

Goal for 2024 - to reduce the number of lates each day at school.

School Opens at 8:20:

Regular school attendance and punctuality are essential for a student's academic success and overall development. Attending school consistently ensures that students receive continuous instruction, enabling them to build on and develop new skills.

Timely arrival to school sets the tone for the school day. When students arrive on time they have an opportunity to settle in and prepare for the learning opportunities offered each day.

Calendar of Events

Jan. 2 Return to school

Jan. 15 MLK day!

Jan. 25 Bedtime Story Event

Reminders

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



Important Weather Reminders

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;
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day;
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day;
- 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 our website www.hrce.ca
- On X (formerly Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- On Instagram at www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/

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 www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations.

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](https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival)

Breakfast Program

Each day breakfast food is delivered to every classroom. Our breakfast bins contain a variety of items, from fresh fruit to bagels and other items. These items are there for every student.

School Calendar

January 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School New Year's Day!	2 Students return to school.	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Day!	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Bedtime Story Event 7pm	26	27 Family Literacy Day!
28	29	30	31			

Community Corner

PALS Program

Are you interested in volunteering to help out with reading once a week at Joe

Howe school?

Please email:

jhowe@hrce.ca

Family Literacy Day takes place each year on January 27 to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

This year's theme, in honour of Family Literacy Day's 25th anniversary, is let's have a party! IT would be a great time at home to make food, sing songs, and play games. The possibilities for learning are endless.

To find out more about reading with your child please follow the link below:

<https://www.hrce.ca/learning/elementary/reading-your-child>