



Harrietsfield Elementary School

Info for Families: January 13-17

Important Dates:



We are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw people. This territory is covered by the treaties of peace and friendship. We acknowledge that people of African descent have been in Nova Scotia for over 400 years .

Classroom Furniture (P-5)

This year, our fundraising efforts are focused on replacing worn classroom furniture to better support our students' learning experience. Our goal is to provide each of our students with comfortable and functional furniture to enhance their classroom experience. So far we have been able to outfit one classroom with new furniture. Our hope is to do this each year! Any donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated!! Your generosity will make a lasting impact on our students' education and well-being. We truly appreciate any contribution you can make to help us achieve this goal. Together, we can create a positive, supportive learning environment for all our children. Thank you for your consideration and support! To access our fundraiser page through SchoolCash, click [here](#) or visit our school website.

January 27
Literacy Day

- **January 2:** Professional Practice Day - No School for Students
- **January 3:** First day of 2025 for students
- **January 4:** National Ribbon Skirt Day
- **January 27:** International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- **January 27:** Family Literacy Day
- **January 29:** Lunar New Year

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

JANUARY 2	NO CLASSES Teacher Professional Practice Day - PP-12
JANUARY 3	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OF 2025
JANUARY 31	NO CLASSES Assessment & Evaluation HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

Halifax Regional Centre for Education

Important weather reminders

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

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Non-bused 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](#)
- On [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- On [Instagram](#)

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.



International Holocaust Remembrance Day

International Holocaust Remembrance Day, observed on January 27, serves as a crucial reminder of the Holocaust.

Through survivor stories, students learn empathy, compassion, and the importance of standing against antisemitism and prejudice. By observing this day, we ensure future generations uphold human rights and dignity, fostering a culture of respect and inclusion.



January 27 is Family Literacy Day

Did you know? January 27 is Family Literacy Day! This special day is meant to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

This year's theme is "Learn to be Green, Together!" Make a pledge as a family to learn ways to be greener. Use less electricity, commute together, and reuse items. Being green together is a fun way to learn as a family while being kind to the environment.

Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, will be celebrated on January 29.

It marks the beginning of the Year of the Snake, an animal sign that symbolizes wisdom, intuition, and renewal. It's a time for families to come together, honour their ancestors, and welcome the new year with hopes of prosperity and happiness.

