



## Basinview Drive Community School - December Newsletter 2022

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

It is hard to believe that it is December already! Where has the time gone? We have had a wonderful first term of learning. Teachers have been working hard to keep everyone safe and to engage students in all aspects of the curriculum. They use a wide variety of teaching strategies and assessments to make sure that all students are finding success. We have also been focusing on our Wellness (both physical and emotional) along with our school's goals in Literacy and Math. I was so pleased to read all the wonderful accomplishments of our students in their first term reports.

In the coming weeks, as many people get ready to celebrate the holidays, the staff at Basinview want to thank you so much for your support and wish you joy, happiness and wonderful times filled with family and friends this holiday season.

### Holiday Music Showcase

All our students from Grades PP-2 are very excited to show off what they have been learning from their teachers this year. Please join us at 10am or 1pm on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to enjoy the show! Tickets are not necessary for the showcases.

For many people in our wider community, the holidays are a difficult and stressful time. Many organizations step in to support families, yet their resources are limited. If you are looking for a way to help others this holiday season, we will be accepting new and unwrapped toys and/or cash donations for the Salvation Army Toy Drive and other holiday organizations.

### Holiday Spirit Week

- December 15<sup>th</sup> – **Holiday Colours** – wear the colours of whatever Holiday you celebrate.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – **PJ Day** – Roll out of bed and come to school!
- December 19<sup>th</sup> – **School Colours Day** – Dress in your Basinview Colour clothing, or wear Navy and White.
- December 20<sup>th</sup> – **Holiday Hat/Hair Day**.

### Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 13 - Winter Music Showcase – 10am /1pm
- Dec. 14 - Winter Music Showcase - 10am /1pm
- Dec. 18 - Hanukkah Begins
- Dec. 20 - Last day of School
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
- Dec. 26 – Kwanzaa Begins
- Jan. 3 – Welcome back Students!
- Jan. 10 – SAC/PTP Meetings.



## **Dressing for the Weather**

The cold weather is upon us. Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the changing Nova Scotian weather. Once snow begins to fall (It is coming eventually) it is important that children have snow pants to play in the snow or slide on the hills. As always, it is a good idea to have additional dry clothing in your child's backpack. This will keep us from having to contact you in the middle of the day

## **Communication**

For up-to-date information, please check your email and the website regularly. We will be sending home information about school activities, events and updates as they come in. Please visit our webpage at: [bvc@hrce.ca](mailto:bvc@hrce.ca) or follow up on twitter: @basinviewdrive.

## **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 6am as possible.

### ***A 6am 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 11am as possible.*

### ***An 11am 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 6 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.

*\*If you know someone who is NOT a parent/guardian who would like to receive an email and/or text message, let them know they can sign up here: [www.hrce.ca/notifications](http://www.hrce.ca/notifications)*

## **What has been happening at Basinview**

We are very excited that we have been able to have some exciting events and activities for students this year and are looking forward to adding more. Some of the fun things happening are:

1. Intramurals – Our Phys Ed teachers have begun offering Intramural sports twice a week. Currently this is being offered to our grades four and five now, but other grade levels will have the opportunity to participate throughout the year.
2. Grade 5 Leadership – Grade five students are taking on leadership roles within our school, helping our school community in areas such as: assembly set up, announcements, schools signage, deliveries etc....
3. Rainbow Connections – Rainbow Connections does not specifically teach concepts. Rather, it is an open group that offers students a safe place to acknowledge and celebrate diversity. The group is a forum for students to exchange ideas, ask questions, and feel free to be who they are- regardless of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, looks, style, and preferences (including who they want to be friends with).

Our Child Youth Care Worker, Tarin Boucher, runs the group and plans activities including crafts and projects to encourage self-expression, inclusivity, and allyship- being a friend and supporting others even if they are different than us.

4. Quest Speakers/Presentations – We have been lucky to have several presenters/guest speakers welcomed to our school this year. Our students have had the privilege to learn from community members talking about a variety of topics including Remembrance Day and Service to our country. Many classes have also had presentations from a Mi'Kmaq Elder. We have had class visits from a Drama Coach and large group presentations from African Dance and Drumming (P-2) and Quincy Mack in to discuss the importance of Truth and Reconciliation (3-5)

We will continue to work together as a school community to offer students learning opportunities that extend beyond grade level curriculum but support our desire to provide a well-rounded and multi-faced learning experience that celebrates and honors our whole community.