



## Basinview Drive Community School - December Newsletter 2023

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

How is it possible that we are in December already? We have all had a wonderful first term of learning and I was so pleased to read off the 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 Primary to Two are very excited to show off what they have been learning from their teachers this year. Please join us at **1pm** on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> to enjoy the show! Tickets are not necessary for the showcases. The show will run for approx. 45 minutes, so we ask all audience members to please stay for the entire presentation if possible.

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 at the door.

### Holiday Spirit Week

- December 14<sup>th</sup> – **Inside Out/Backwards Day** – For those of you familiar with the early 90s... dress like Kriss Kross and wear your clothes inside out or backwards.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – **PJ Day** – Roll out of bed and come to school!
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – **Twin Day** – Call your bestie the night before to decide what you're going to wear so you can look like twins... or triplets.
- December 19<sup>th</sup> – **Wacky Hair/Hat Day** – Make your hair or hat as festive as you want today.
- December 20<sup>th</sup> – **Holiday Outfit Day** – Wear an outfit that represents whatever holiday you wish to celebrate.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- Dec. 4 – PD Day, No school for students
- Dec. 5 – PTP Meeting
- Dec. 6-8 – Holiday Bazaar
- Dec. 7 – Hanukkah Begins
- Dec. 11-15 Food Drive
- Dec 12 - Winter Music Showcase – 1pm
- Dec. 13 - Winter Music Showcase - 1pm
- Dec. 20 - Last day of School
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
- Dec. 26 – Kwanzaa Begins
- Jan. 1 – Happy New Year!
- Jan. 2 – Welcome back Students!



## **Holiday Bazaar**

Get ready for some fun Holiday shopping! This year, the BDCS PTP will be holding a Holiday Bazaar. This event will take place from December 6th to 8th. Each class will have an opportunity to shop for inexpensive items for their family, with all items priced at \$1.

To make this event a success we are looking for donations from you. This is a great opportunity to rid your house of things taking up extra space. All items that are unsold will be donated after the event. Items can be sent to school until December 5th. We are looking for gently used:

- Household Décor, Kitchen Gadgets, Jewelry, Books, Videos, Toys, Holiday Décor

*We are especially low on the following items: Gift Bags, Tissue Paper, and Wrapping Supplies*

Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities to help out during the bazaar as well! Any questions can be directed to Julia, [juliadlewis@gmail.com](mailto:juliadlewis@gmail.com).

## **December Food Drive**

This year we will be hosting a food drive in support of the creation of a local food pantry being implemented by the Bedford Lions. From Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> we will be accepting non-perishable food donations in classrooms. To engage our students in the food drive, we will be having a friendly competition to see which class can collect the most food items. The top classes will receive a festive reward on the 18th.

## **Dressing for the Weather**

The cold weather is upon us. Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the changing Nova Scotia 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

## **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:** *No students will be dismissed 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.