



# Basinview Dr. Community School

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Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a chance to enjoy the extended holiday time with family and friends, get some rest and create some unforgettable memories.

The New Year is a wonderful time to reflect on how the school year is going. As we continue learning through this 2024 year, we will be focusing on student well-being and making sure all of our students are meeting the benchmarks in literacy and math. We are ready to continue the important work of educating and caring for your children. Already this month we have had performances by Maritime Marionettes and by Maritime Dance Academy. We will be looking for other exciting and educational presentations for our students to experience in the coming weeks/months.

We will continue to be going outside **a lot** and winter is here so please make sure your children are well equipped for whatever weather the day might bring. Please also put some extra clothes including socks and mittens in your child's backpack or send them into the teacher.

Tom and Chris

## Student Safety

We continue to have concerns raised by staff and people living in the community about drop off/pick up location of students and their safety as they exit and enter vehicles. Please make sure to pay close attention to the traffic signs around the school at the beginning and end of the day.

Remember, you can drop P-5 students off at the Kiss and Go at the back of the school. Please **do not** stop and drop off your children in no parking/stopping zones or in the front bus loop (unless after 8:45am and before 2:10pm).

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## Important Dates

### January 22

SAC Meeting – 6:30pm

### January 27

Literacy Day

### February 1

African Heritage Month Begins

World Hijab Day

Registration Month Begins.

### February 10

Happy Lunar New Year

### February 19

NS Heritage Day

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## Outdoor Clothing

*Weather continues to be unpredictable. Please make sure all students are appropriately dressed for the temperatures outside.*



## Inclement Weather

The HRCE takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or busses in the event of severe or inclement weather. Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are posted on the board's website at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS), recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations.

## Literacy Day/Week:

Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities. We will be celebrating this throughout the week of Jan 22-26<sup>th</sup>. Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in the initiative. Here at school, we make a whole week of it by having some extra fun school-wide activities. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

The theme for this year is "Let's have a family Party!" Use your imagination to find ways to celebrate reading together as a family. Explore your interests with those you love through books, websites and activities. For ideas for your own Family Literacy Day please visit <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day>.

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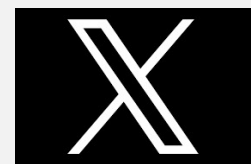
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