



École Rockingham School

December 2020 Newsletter

Principal's Note

Was it just yesterday that I was welcoming you to another school year at École Rockingham School? It is incredible how quickly 3 months go by and how we find ourselves preparing for the Holiday break. This year looks like no other, but thanks to a dedicated staff, a supportive community and family group, and an enthusiastic student body we continue to learn, share and grow. Compared to newsletters from previous years, there are fewer events to report and to announce. We continue to adhere to Public Health procedures in school and you can be proud of your children who readily adjust to this new normal. When we return **January 4th**, it will be with the same dedication and energy with which we faced the beginning of the school year and with the same success. On behalf of our entire staff, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday break.

Brian Toner

Early/Emergency Closure

Last month, we sent home forms for you to verify your information, including what your plans are for your children should we close in the middle of the day due to inclement weather. If you forgot to complete that section, or if your plans have changed, please update us by sending us an email at rockingham@hrce.ca. Please send that information to us using the same email address that we currently have on record for you. Thank you.

No Access to School

We want to remind Parents/Guardians that we are not permitted to let you in the school. To drop off a package for your children or to pick them up early, please contact the school 902-457-8986 and buzz the front door upon your arrival. As soon as possible, someone will attend to you, but please be patient. You might find it helpful to plan extra time for your trips when school is involved.

Thank you

Parents/Guardians have been diligently calling our Safe Arrival line when they know their child will be absent or late. (902-457-8990). Your efforts have cut down significantly, the amount of time it takes our staff to account for all students, keeping everyone more safe. Thank you.

Winter Wear/Masks

The Atlantic weather is upon us. Please know that we still take your children outside as much as possible, so dress them appropriately, (layers works best). Sending an extra change of clothes with your child would save you the inconvenience of being interrupted during the day and allow your child to get out of muddy or wet clothes. An extra mask would also be helpful since we exhaust our supply more quickly than we can replenish it. Thank you.

Utensils

To reduce our waste, we are reminding families to please pack utensils in your child's lunch bag. It may seem like a small matter, but the number of students requesting a fork or spoon daily, has risen and does not support our school's eco-friendly practices. Thank you.

Head Lice

It's important for families to know that head lice does exist in our community. Please make regular checks to your children's head and discuss with them the importance of not sharing headgear.

Last Day

The last day of school before the break is **December 22nd**.