

### **Concert Preparations**

Preparations are underway for an in-person concert on Wednesday, December 14, 2022! The performance will be based on the book, *Sneezy the Snowman* by Maureen Wright. All students in Grades P-3 will be performing, along with choir and students selected for some additional roles. There will be a concert in the Spring for Grades 4-6.

On December 14, there will be a 1:00 dress rehearsal and a 6:30 pm performance. For the evening performance, we ask that students arrive by 6:15. Doors open at 6:00. We are using an online seat booking system for the evening performance. Families who are attending are asked to book their seats online. Please note, there is a limit of 3 seats per family due to seating capacity. Booking is to ensure we do not exceed fire safety regulations. The online booking site is <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/wmxms>

We are auctioning off front row seats! Information about this fundraiser is attached and will be sent home in printed form. Money raised will be used to cover concert costs (i.e. audiovisual equipment and any other expenses). Any remaining money will be used for activities leading up to the holiday break.

### **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 6 a.m. as possible.

A 6 a.m. 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 11 a.m. as possible.

An 11 a.m. 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.

If there is a 2 hour delay start then students would arrive to their second period class for a 11:20am. Lunch will still be from 11:57 to 12:53pm with regular afternoon classes.

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)

### **BusPlanner Text Messaging**

Does your child ride the bus? We are excited to introduce text messaging through BusPlanner!

To ensure compliance with Canadian Anti-Spam laws, you must opt-in to receive information by text message. You can opt-in by logging into [BusPlanner Parent Portal](#).

By opting in, you will receive texts from BusPlanner, including late notifications, general notices, and bus cancellations due to inclement weather.

Click [here](#) for directions on how to opt-in.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or call 902-431-4723.

### **Did you know? HRCE is growing!**

More than 57,000 students are currently enrolled in the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE). In the last five years, enrolment has increased by 7,733 and that number continues to grow!

As our region's population expands (Nova Scotia's population reached one million last year), new families are registering all year round. This is an exciting time for our province, our city and for HRCE!

You can learn more here: [www.hrce.ca/growth](http://www.hrce.ca/growth)

Important Dates to Note:

December 5-8: Halifax Fine Arts African Drumming and Culture workshops Grades 3-6

December 14: Holiday Concerts Grades P-3 and choir

December 12-20: Schoolwide theme days (memo to follow)

December 21-January 2: Holiday Break

January 3: First day back from Holiday Break