



# Beaver Bank Kinsac News



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## January 2020



### Dates To Remember

Tues., Jan. 14 – SAC meeting @ 5:45 in the library  
PTA meeting @ 6:30 in the library  
Thurs., Jan. 16 – Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast  
Mon., Jan. 27 – BBK New-to-You Book Swap  
Wed., Jan. 29 - BBK New-to-You Book Swap  
Fri., Feb. 1 – Primary Registration Begins



### We would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to...

- Our BBK Families for being amazing audiences during our Christmas concerts and to those of you helped set up and tear down the chairs and decorations!
- The BBK PTA for raising money to support families in our community for Christmas.

### Afternoon Dismissal

We are extending a huge thank you to all of you for remaining outside while you wait to pick up your child. It makes our dismissal routine much smoother, safer and more efficient! As many of you know, our main entrance is extremely busy at the end of the day as teachers are bringing their students out to meet buses, day care providers and families. Thank you.



### **Student Cell Phones and Electronics**

We strongly encourage families to keep all student cell phones and electronics at home. Things are misplaced and damaged at school everyday and we do not want anyone upset about a lost or damaged cell phone or electronic device. It is also very difficult for school staff to monitor appropriate internet access and photos/videos on personal devices which could compromise the safety and security of the students in our school. For these reasons, it is our hope that families will choose to keep all student electronic devices at home.

We do recognize however, that some families want their children to carry their electronics back and forth to school for a variety of valid reasons. In these very special circumstances, students are expected to leave their electronics off and in their backpacks during their entire day at school. They are not permitted to be out at any time when students are on school property. The only exception to this is if a classroom teacher is permitting their students to use their personal devices for a special learning activity or reward. It is important for all families to know that the school will not take responsibility for any lost or damaged electronics. We thank you in advance for your support.



### **From Mrs. Gaudet in the Library**

To continue the celebration of literacy, Beaver Bank Kinsac Elementary will be holding its 7<sup>th</sup> New-to-You Book Swap on Monday January 27 & Wednesday January 29. Families are asked to begin sending in any gently used, current books to school with your child that we can put into our book swap. Students will have an opportunity to swap out their books for other books brought in by students.

Dig under your bed, in the basement, and in your closet for gently used and no longer read books to swap out for some fresh ones. Happy Reading!

Thank you in advance for your continued support in this exciting literacy event for our students.

\*\*\*chapter books are greatly needed

### **Primary Registration**

Primary Registration for the 2020/2021 school year will take place Feb 1- Feb 28. Children being registered for grade Primary must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2020.

Parents/guardians are required to show child's Birth Certificate, proof of residency, and provincial health card number.

### **Morning and Afternoon Routines**

The routines that are established by classroom teachers are important to the academic and social growth of our students. The morning routines begin when students enter the building at 8:15 and continue until dismissal at 2:15. We aim to keep disruptions during these times to a minimum for the benefit of all of our students.

### **School/Bus Cancellation and Delayed Openings**

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or buses, or delay the opening of school, in the event of severe or inclement weather. When these situations occur, the information is posted on the HRCE's website at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca) , on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](http://www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS) , recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. Families can also subscribe to receive notice of cancellations and delayed openings by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website.

If weather conditions warrant, the HRCE could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a severe weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 10:25. If Stock Transportation is operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time pending any weather-related delays. Our lunch and dismissal times will remain at their regularly scheduled times

The weather in Nova Scotia is unpredictable so it's always a good idea for families to have a back-up plan for child care when school is cancelled. To learn more about the process on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather> .



### **Parking Lot Safety**

In an effort to maximize student safety, we are asking families not to drive into the driveway or parking lot during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. These areas need to be clear for buses and walkers. For those of you who are entering the parking lot during these times, please remain parked until the buses leave the driveway. Please do not try to cut in front of them as they are moving.

### **Safe Arrival**

The bell for students to enter the building is 8:15. From 8:15 to 8:25, we will play O'Canada, share the morning announcements and teachers will complete their attendance. At 8:25, classes begin. Students arriving after 8:25 will be late and will need to check in at the office before heading to class.



**Information**

Please follow us on Twitter @bbkinsac and on our website at <https://bbk.hrce.ca> for information and updates. You will find contact information for our school staff on our website. Please feel free to contact us anytime!