



# Beaver Bank Kinsac News



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## December 2022



### Dates To Remember

Wed., Dec. 7 – Winter Arts Café  
Thurs., Dec. 8 – School Turkey Dinner  
Mon., Dec. 12 to Tues., Dec. 20 – Spirit Week  
Tues., Dec. 20 – Last day of classes before the break  
Tues., Jan. 3 – First day of classes after the break



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

- PTA and SAC members who created and donated a basket of items to be raffled off at our Winter Arts Café!
- All our families who joined us for parent/teacher. We love to celebrate the successes of your beautiful children!
- Knights of Columbus who volunteered to serve at our Winter Arts Café
- Barrett Lumber Company and Beaver Bank Community Members who generously donated to our Breakfast Program
- Councillor Lisa Blackburn, District 14, for her contribution to BBK
- And all of you for BEING YOU!!!! We appreciate it!

### **Head Lice**

Head lice can appear in schools and other public places from time to time. The link below is provided by the Halifax Regional Center for Education as a resource to support families with head lice. If you suspect that your son/daughter has head lice please contact the school.

[https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/head\\_lice\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/head_lice_guidelines.pdf)



### **BBK Winter Arts Café**

On Wed., Dec. 7, we will be hosting our Winter Arts Café. We are inviting parents/guardians to join us in the gym for some student music, art and treats. Here are the details:

8:45 – 9:45 – Group A (P D’Arcy, 1 Pike, 3 Gelineau, 5 Szeto)

10:15 – 11:15 – Group B (P Dean, 1 Devereaux/Bishop, 2/3 MacKeen, 5 Allan)

12:00 – 1:00 – Group C (1/2 White, 2 Doucet, ¾ Berrigan, 4 Price)

### **Your Chance to Win!!**

**With a monetary donation to the school music program or a non-perishable food item, you can fill out a ballot to win a Winter Comfort Basket, a Costco poinsettia or a Gingerbread Village.**





Monday, December 12 – Tuesday December 20

Monday, Dec. 12	Merry Morning Monday Wake up and come to school in your Pj's!
Tuesday, Dec. 13	Twinkle Tuesday Twinkle like a Christmas Tree. Wear lights, something shiny, bright and festive.
Wednesday, Dec. 14	Winter Wonderland Wednesday Hoping for snow- Wear white or a holiday shirt
Thursday, Dec. 15	Tacky Thursday Wear your favorite Christmas sweater (tacky or not)
Friday, Dec. 16	Festive Friday Let's get festive! Wear a holiday hat and socks!
Monday December 19	The Spirit of Sports Wear your favorite sports swag!
Tuesday December 20	Long Winter's Nap Day Wear your favorite pjs!



**Christmas Support**

We know that the holiday season brings with it many financial strains for families. If your family could benefit from some support, please contact our Schools Plus Lead, Isaac LeBlanc, at 902-225-0767 or [Isaac.LeBlanc@hrce.ca](mailto:Isaac.LeBlanc@hrce.ca)



### **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.

**Please Note:** students in Grades Primary to 6 will not be released 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
- [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)*

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### **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.



### Schools Plus

**Schools Plus staff are here to support Beaver Bank Kinsac Elementary families.**

#### **We can:**

- Help get answers to your questions.
- Connect you with services that can make a difference for your family.
  - Help you fill out forms.
- Help you apply for funding (to help pay for things like recreation programs or eyeglasses).
  - Support you during a stressful time.
- Help you get ready for a meeting with a school, agency, landlord, etc. We'll help you feel prepared and have a voice.
  - Work with you and school staff to help your child be successful!

**SchoolsPlus services are free and confidential.**

**Contact your Schools Plus Community Outreach, Rachel Murray, to see if she is the right fit for you and your family: [Rachel.Murray@hrce.ca](mailto:Rachel.Murray@hrce.ca)**



### Information

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