



Beaver Bank Kinsac News



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Dates To Remember

Wed., Jan. 11 – PTA meeting @ 6pm via Google Meet
Wed., Jan. 25 – SAC Meeting @ 6:45pm via Google Meet



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

- Everyone who made food donations and purchased raffle tickets at our Winter Arts Café. We raised \$410.76 for our music program. Congratulations to the winners: Kelly Malloy won the gingerbread village, Karen Levangie won the poinsettia and Darlene Hynes won the gift basket.



Parent/Teacher Association

The Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) is a group of family members and school staff who work together to plan fun school events and raise money to support learning. Our next meeting will be held virtually on Wed., Jan 11 @ 6:00. If you are planning to attend the meeting, please email Kelly Clarke at kclarke@hrce.ca.



School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a committee of parents, school staff and community members who meet a minimum of six times per year. Each school is mandated by the Education Act to have an SAC to advise the administration on educational matters. Our SAC chair is Patricia Sabourin. You can reach her via email at hrce-sac-bbk@gnspes.ca. For more information about our SAC you can check us out here: <https://bbk.hrce.ca/bbk/school-advisory-council/20212022-bbk-sac>

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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



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.

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
 - 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*



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 or call 902-431-4723.



Student Supervision

This is a reminder to families that student supervision begins at 8:05 in the morning.

Safe Arrival

Buses begin arriving in our parking lot at 8:05. Students enter the building and go directly to their classrooms. We recommend that students who are being dropped off arrive between 8:20 and 8:25.

The bell will ring at 8:25, we will play O'Canada, share the morning announcements, teachers will complete their attendance and classes will begin. **Students arriving after 8:25 will be late and will need to check in at the office before heading to class.**



Parking Lot Safety

Our school parking lot has become very busy and less safe for our students with both cars and buses trying to let students off in the mornings. We are very concerned that this traffic will result in someone getting hurt. In an effort to maximize student safety please:

- Do not park in the school parking lot
- Let students out of cars onto the sidewalk in the kiss-and-go lane
 - Follow the arrows and other markings on the road
- Do not pass buses in the loop – wait behind them until the students have been let off the bus and the bus has pulled away

We sincerely appreciate your help with creating a safe school yard for all of our students and staff.



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



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!