

# **Ecole Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Senior Elementary School December News 2020**

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## **Alternative Plans for Schooling**

As it has been mentioned previously, due to the world pandemic, many of the components of the 20-21 school year are dictated by Nova Scotia Public Health. In the EECD Back To School Plan it is possible a school or schools may need to move to Plan B, which for our school means students attend school but are in classes of reduced sizes (about 15), or Plan C, which means students will be learning from home. Please know that plans are well underway in the event we get to any situation other than our current one. We will do our best to provide communication prior to moving to any plans other than our current one.

## **Contact Information/Storm Plans**

Please make sure the school always has your most current contact information and ensure that the school has your most current plan in the event we experience a mid-day emergency closure. Also be aware that we are required to contact every family and speak to a parent/guardian if we will be having a mid-day closure. We would then put into action the plan you have for your child/ren. Please monitor the weather and radio stations, throughout the winter, for current information, which may affect school. For the latest information about a school cancellation, please consult the local radio stations such as CBC Radio or C100. The HRCE web site and signing up for the HRCE text alerts are also great options. <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/subscribe-notifications>

## **Gifts For School Staff**

Each year some families may want to offer a Christmas present to any number of school staff. Please know that this is not an expectation, we want our students and families to be safe, happy and able to have a great holiday season.

## **Cold Weather/Snow**

Please ensure your child is dressed for the colder temperatures, which are now here. Also keep in mind that students will be outdoors in temperatures as cold as -20C. Throwing and kicking snow at others are not included as positive activities. We also remind the students regularly to dress in all outside clothing that they have with them.

## **Head Lice**

Each year, head lice can be a nuisance for many of our students and their families. The best prevention in the spread of head lice and nits is by teaching your child to not share personal items such as combs, brushes, hats and helmets, to store their belongings such as hats and scarves in their backpacks while at school, and by making a 'head check' part of your regular routine at home. If lice is present on your child please notify the school. NEW guidelines state that school are not allowed to exclude students who have the presence of nits or live lice but we are required to send notice to our families.

## **Seasonal Sweater Day**

On Friday December 11th & 18th our school will be hosting a "seasonal sweater day!" For those who are interested please wear your most stunning seasonal sweater and join in the fun.

### **Breakfast Program**

We are very excited to have been offering breakfast to the students everyday. Thanks to our school staff for going out of their way to make this happen. The students seem to be enjoying it.

### **BLT Sr. Bear Wear**

If you might be interested in purchasing BLT Sr. Bear Wear please go to <https://www.maritimepromotions.ca/collections/blt-senior-elementary> to have a look.

### **Safe Arrival**

Please remember to call and leave a message on our Safe Arrival line (902-876-3240), if your child will be late or absent. Please call before 8:30 each morning as the message line is only checked once and then calls are made after teachers submit their class' attendance.

### **Important Dates**

Dec. 2	Reports cards sent home
Dec. 3	PD Day & PT Conversations-no class for students
Dec. 11	Seasonal sweater day
Dec. 18	Seasonal sweater day
Dec. 22	Last day of school before the holiday break
Jan. 4	First day of classes after the holiday break
Feb. 17	Edward Francis Arab Day-no school
March 15-19	March Break-no school
March 24	Assessment & Evaluation Day-no classes for students