



JOSEPH GILES ELEMENTARY

Safety. Kindness. Patience. Making Connections

January 27-31 Week 2

Dear Families,

Our students are doing a great job coming to school dressed warmly for the cold weather, and we appreciate your support in ensuring they're prepared to enjoy outdoor activities. We'd like to remind families that students need to have splash pants or snow pants to safely slide on the hills, as even a few centimeters of snow can make for a fun time outdoors.

Additionally, we want to remind students that if they need to contact home during the school day, they should check with their teacher and then come to the office. Cell phones and smart devices, including watches, should not be used to text or communicate with others during school hours as this violates our NS Provincial Cell Phone Policy. Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us maintain a positive and respectful school environment.

Have a great week ahead!

Mr. Fry

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 2025: Registration for new Pre-Primary and Primary students (students not currently in Pre-Primary

Feb 17: Heritage Day: no classes

Feb 27: PTO Family BINGO

March 7: Assessment Day: no classes

March 10-14: Spring Break

April 2,3: Progress Conferences

April 3: No classes for students

SLOW DOWN
IN SCHOOL ZONES

Remember to pay attention to posted speed limits and keep your eyes on the road.



Cozy Coat Exchange

The coat rack is located outside the office, and families can stop by during **Excelp pick-up, drop-off, or our office hours (8:00 AM - 3:30 PM)**. If you're unable to come in person, our Child and Youth Practitioner, **Jill Flick**, can assist with fitting your student with available items. You can reach Jill at jillian.flick@hrce.ca or call **902-464-5192** and leave a message. We hope this helps make winter a little easier for everyone!

Reminder that the deadline to order lunches for February 2nd to 15th is noon on January 29th. If you'd like to place your order, please do so by visiting <https://nslunch.ca/>

Important weather reminders: It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses 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 weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Non-bused students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- On [our website https://www.hrce.ca/](https://www.hrce.ca/)
- On [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- On [Instagram](#)

Monday 27

Tuesday 28

Wednesday 29

Thursday 30

Friday 31

Deadline to order lunches for Feb 2-15 noon today