

Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Elementary

December
2024

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Vice Principal: Lisa MacDonald

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Main: 902-852-2166

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Upcoming Dates

December 4

Report Cards sent home

December 5

Professional Practice Day (morning) and Progress Conferences 1pm-3pm and 5:30pm-7:30pm (no classes)

December 10

Holiday Concert 1:20pm (Bring your ticket)

December 11

Holiday Concert 9:30am and 1:20pm (Bring your ticket)

December 16-20

Holiday Spirit Days

December 21-January 2

Holiday Break (no classes)

January 2

Professional Practice day (no classes)

January 3

First day back for students

January 6

SAC Meeting at 7pm (Virtual)

Happy New Year!

School Hours P-5

8:40 Playground Supervision Begins
8:55 Students enter
9:00 Classes Begin
10:35-10:50 Recess
12:00-12:55 Lunch
3:00 Dismissal

Message to Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Families:

We had a wonderful first term and are happy to celebrate the achievement of all our students. Great job students on all your hard work first term! It has been a fun few months watching all the hard work they put in every day to succeed in all areas of school. We have enjoyed some special guests as well Q-Mack "Be an All-Star" and African Drumming Workshops.

Thank you to Ms. MacDonald for taking the lead and organizing such a thoughtful Remembrance Day ceremony. We were fortunate to have the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 153 and parents/guardians able to take time out of their day to join us. The respect and contributions of our staff, community and students reassure us that we will never forget.

Carrie McBay Lisa MacDonald
Principal Vice Principal

Holiday Concerts:

We will be having three Holiday Concerts this year. The dates are: Tuesday, December 10th at 1:20pm and Wednesday, December 11th at 9:30am and 1:20pm. Doors will open at 9:15am after our morning entry and 1:10pm after our lunch period. Please bring your ticket and if you would like to bring a donation for the Food Bank. Thank you!



AMTB Holiday Market and Fair:

We could not have done it without our fabulous staff volunteering their time and energy. Thank you to parents/guardians and community members who volunteered, bought tickets, attended our event, donated time, prizes, items for baskets and our auction. Your generosity was so appreciated. We are excited to share in the near future the total amount raised, it was another successful event!



Holiday Spirit Days:

We will be having themed days to get into the holiday spirit from December 16-20. Here are our themes for each day.

Monday -Holiday Colors Day: Red, green, gold, and silver/sparkle attire to celebrate the season.

Tuesday- Festive Sock Day: Wear bright, patterned, or holiday-themed socks.

Wednesday-Holiday Party Clothes Day: Wear your funniest holiday top or sweater attire.

Thursday- Holiday Hat Day: Wear Santa hats, elf hats, or any festive headwear.

Friday- Pajama/Comfy Clothes Party Day: Let's wear our pajamas to school for a cozy day of learning.



Winter Clothing:

With December, comes colder weather, and the need to bundle up. We remind all students to dress for winter. Some students may need an extra set of mitts or other clothing just in case. We have some winter coats that have been donated to the school. If we can be of any assistance in this regard, we would be happy to do so. Please email amtb@hrce.ca or call 902-852-2166.



Reporting a Student Absence:

To report your student absent there are three ways. All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Absences can be reported at any time before the start of school on the day the student will be absent. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once.

Toll-Free Number

- Parents/guardians can call 1-833-582-6940 to report future absences using an automated system.

PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal

- Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the SchoolMessenger website to report future absences.

SchoolMessenger App

- Parents/guardians can download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and use their username and password for the PowerSchool Portal.

Inclement Weather:

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

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:

- Bussed 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.

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 the HRCE website
- On X (formerly Twitter)
- On Instagram

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.

Please make sure we have the correct contact information on PowerSchool because if we have an early dismissal we must speak to someone first to confirm dismissal plans for that day. If you need your information updated please email amtb@hrce.ca with your updated information. Thank you