

# Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Elementary

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## Upcoming Dates

### January 2

First day back

### January 8

SAC Meeting at 6 pm  
(Virtual)

### January 22-26

Literacy Week at AMTB  
(more information to come)

### January 27

Family Literacy Day

## February is Registration Month!

### February 19

Heritage Day (no classes)

### 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:

Happy New Year and Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had a great break and that you were able to enjoy the extra time with family and friends. Prior to the break we were able to have some fun here at AMTB. The students enjoyed Andy the Elf's daily visits, sing along during Monthly Assembly, and Winter Spirit days like PJ Day or Holiday Top/Hat Day. We hope that you enjoyed the Holiday Concerts where the students showed their amazing musical talents. We are happy to share that the Holiday Fair raised \$11304.50. We look forward to having a wonderful 2024 with all of our students and their families.

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Principal          Vice Principal

### January 27 is Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day takes place each year on January 27 to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. This year's theme, in honour of Family Literacy Day's 25th anniversary, is let's have a party! Make food, sing songs, and play games. The possibilities for learning are endless. Check out this link <https://www.hrce.ca/learning/elementary/reading-your-child>. We will also be celebrating literacy the week of January 22-26 at AMTB with the students.

### Lost and Found Items:

We have lots of items that have lost their way and need to find their homes again. If you want to come look at our Lost and Found space please drop by the main office and we can provide you access to search through them. We will be donating the items remaining by mid January to a charity.

### New HRCE Website:

Last winter, we asked staff, families, and SACs for feedback on our website. We used that input to build a new family-focused site that prominently features the information our communities need most.

You'll notice:

- Fewer pages - we deleted outdated information.
- A clean, modern look and feel - it's an easy-to-navigate, user-friendly experience.
- Significantly improved accessibility - this is better for our community members who use screen readers and translation services.

## Winter Clothing:

With winter, 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](mailto: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 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 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
- 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 our website [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)
- On X (formerly Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- On Instagram at [www.instagram.com/hrce\\_ns/](https://www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/)
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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](http://hrce.ca/weather).

