

# January 2024

# Smokey Drive Newsletter

## Smokey Drive Elementary School

School Phone: 902-864-6838

Principal Mrs. J. Miller

School Website: <https://sde.hrce.ca> Vice Principal Ms. E. Quigley

**Safe Arrival: 1-833-582-6940**

Admin Assistance Ms. L. MacNeil



## Principal's Message

We hope all of you had a relaxing and peaceful holiday break and great start to the new year!

Our Smokey Drive team is committed to ensuring the success and well being of all students and we are so proud of their accomplishments thus far in the year.

We have lots of fabulous learning opportunities in store, and we can't wait to see what awaits our students and amazing community for 2024!

## Important Dates:

Jan 2 - School Re opens

Jan 10- SAC/PTA meetings 6pm/7pm

Feb 1-29- Registration Month

Feb 8- PTA Family Dance

Feb 19 Heritage Day- No School

Feb 21- SAC/PTA meetings 6pm/7pm



## 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/)

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

## PTA News

Our January meeting will have us planning our next family event, a Valentines Family Dance. Please join us on Jan 10 @ 7:00pm. All are welcome.



**SAC- School Advisory Council-** The SAC is a group of parents, staff and community members who act in an advisory capacity to the school principal and Regional Centre of Education on a range of issues related to the school and school system. SACs play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. Our next SAC meeting will be **Jan 10 at 6:00 pm**. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

## Extra Clothing

Please ensure all students have extra clothing in their backpacks. With the wet weather now here, students often require their clothes to be changed throughout the day. An extra set of clothing will prevent us from needing to contact families when changing is needed. If you are interested in donating any outgrown snow pants or splash pants we would gladly take them.

## Head Lice

Please ensure that you are checking your child's head frequently for lice. If you find any live lice, or nits, students can return to school once they have been treated.



## Food Drive 2023

The food drive organized by 3/4 Doucet in December was a huge success. Over 1200 items were donated to Freedom Kitchen! Thank you once again for your generosity and support.



# Message from Sackville Library

**Sackville Public Library** offers a **free tutoring program** for children. Although the program is called Children's Reading Support, the tutors also offer early math and language help.

For more information you can have email Eric Drew [drewe@halifax](mailto:drewe@halifax), drop by 636 Sackville Dr., or call 902-865-8653.



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for big dreams**

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# Reminders

- There should be no dogs on the school grounds between 8am-6pm.
- Please use the entrance on Smokey Dr when arriving each day. We do not want people walking up the driveway.
- Please watch for signs indicating areas that parking is permitted around the school grounds.
- SDE is a peanut and nut free, and scent aware site. Please do not send nut or peanut products to school.
- Supervision of students does not begin until 8:15, so they should not arrive until that time.
- Please label clothing items, water bottles, etc.
- Please send water bottles and cutlery each day with your child.
- Keeping a change of clothes in backpacks is a great idea that prevents us from calling home when a change is necessary.
- If you child is absent from school please call the Safe Arrival Line at **1-833-582-6940**