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## The Hillside Park Press



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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing, peaceful holiday season. We are very excited to welcome our students to school and get right back into the swing of things.

Our Hillside Park team is committed to ensuring the success and wellbeing of all students, and we are so proud of each child's 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 in 2024!

Just a reminder that our soft start and breakfast begins at 7:45 AM. There is no supervision prior to this time. Our instructional day begins at 8:00 and it is important for students to be in their classrooms ready for learning when the bell rings. We appreciate your support with this.

Wishing you all good health and happiness in 2024!

Yours in Education,  
Mrs. Reid, Ms. Ripley-Davis and the Hillside Park Team

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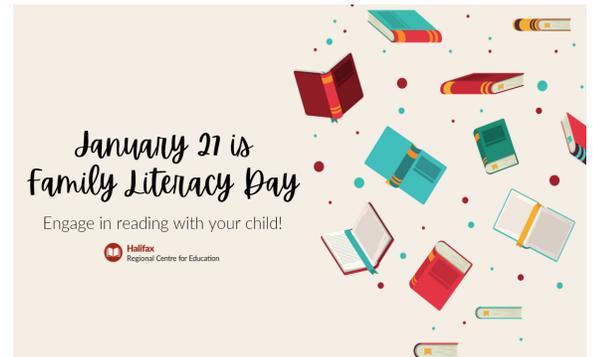
## Important Dates

January 2	First Day Back in 2024
January 9	Maritime Dance Performance- Trolls
January 16	SAC/PTG Meeting (6:00 PM in the Library)
January 25	Family Movie Night (Mark your calendar... details to come!)
January 27	Family Literacy Day

## January 27th is Family Literacy Day!

Family Literacy Day takes place each year on January 27th 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.



## Clothing and Winter Attire

Bundle up! With the cold weather upon us, we would like to remind families and students of the importance of dressing appropriately for the weather including hats, mittens, and snowpants.

As the weather changes we ask that all students pack a change of clothes in the event that their clothing gets wet or dirty/muddy while going outside during recess or lunch.



# School Drop-Off and Pick-Up

A reminder to follow street signage for both 'no stopping' and 'no parking' around the school. For safety reasons, we ask that you do not park too close to the foot of the driveway. This is to ensure the buses can make the turn when they leave the school.



Please do not turn around in the neighbours' driveways when dropping off. This is especially important as snow banks develop along the sidewalks, making it harder to see people walking and crossing streets. We ask that you do not park in the staff parking lot for drop-off and pick-up. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

## Plans for 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 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/)

# A Message From SchoolsPlus

SchoolsPlus staff are here to support Hillside Park Families.

Did you know SchoolsPlus can help you navigate support for heating costs? Heating costs continue to be higher than past winters for many homes.

If you are struggling with heating costs, reach out to SchoolsPlus and we can help you navigate the supports available.

REMEMBER: SchoolsPlus services are confidential. Just give us a call! Contact us at 902-399-8320 (call or text) or [michelle.boudreau@hrce.ca](mailto:michelle.boudreau@hrce.ca)

