

December 2023 Newsletter



HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE: If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

- **Toll-Free Number**—Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.
- **PowerSchool Parent Portal** — Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- **SchoolMessenger App**—Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Stuff A Bus	2
3	4 PD—No Classes	5	6 Grade 5 & 6 Field Trip	7	8	9
10	11 Christmas Concert 10:30 & 12:45	12	13	14 Santa Shop	15 Santa Shop	16
17	18 Hat Day	19 Red & Green Day Games (pm)	20 Pajama Day	21	22	23
24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31	Hope you all have a happy and safe holiday! 					

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets for the Christmas Concert were sent home this week. Due to occupancy/fire regulations, we must limit the number of individuals in the gymnasium; therefore, families received 2 tickets for each performance. If you do not plan to use the tickets for both performances, we ask that you return the tickets to the school so that another family who may have requested extra tickets can be accommodated. The deadline for requesting extra tickets will be Wednesday, December 6th. Please email dlough@hrce.ca with your requests stating which performance and the number of extra tickets you are requesting as well as your child's name and classroom teacher. Please ensure you put Extra Tickets in the subject line. Any extra tickets will be sent home with students on Friday, December 8th.

LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED—PAID POSITION

We are in need of regular and casual lunch monitors. This is a paid position of \$15.00 per hour plus 4% vacation pay with a time requirement of 1 hour per day from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If this is something that interests you or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact the school and the appropriate paperwork can be sent home with your child.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

As we settle in to colder temperatures this November, parents/guardians are reminded to ensure students dress appropriately for the weather. Sending in a change of clothes on wet days would be recommended.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

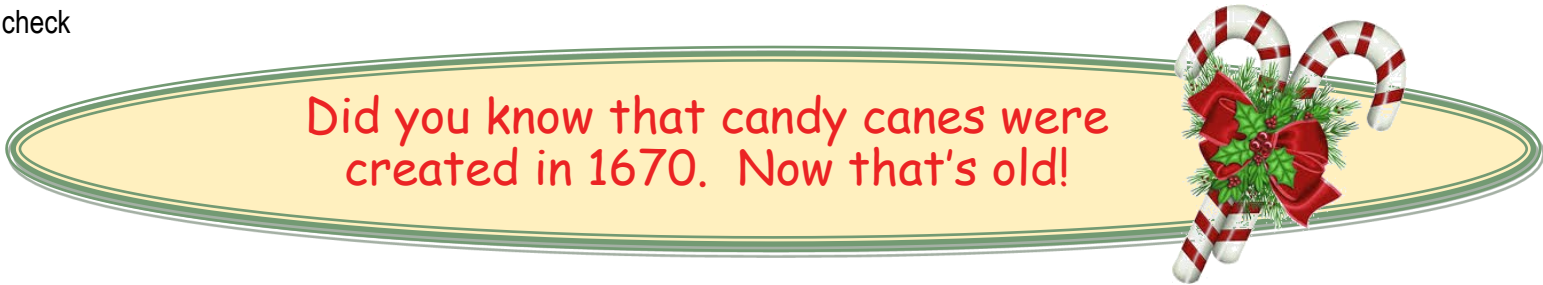
If you are interested in chaperoning or volunteering in the classroom or with the Home & School, etc., in accordance with HRCE’s Student Protection Policy, all volunteers will provide:

- 1. A completed Child Abuse Register - Request for Search Form, which can be found <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-child-abuse-register-search>
- 2. A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check available from your local Police or RCMP detachment or through online organizations endorsed by Nova Scotia law enforcement agencies <https://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/police/criminal-record-check>

Please note: the Child Abuse Register Search and the Criminal Records Check must be issued in the six months preceding volunteering and updated every three years. For more detailed information, please follow this link: <https://www.hrce.ca/volunteer>

NUT FREE

Please note that Colby Village School continues to be a Nut-Free environment. We do have students and staff with severe peanut/nut allergies and it is crucial that you do not send your child with any peanut or nut products such as hazelnuts, walnuts, Nutella, cashews, Brazil nuts, pine nuts, tree nuts, etc. Thank you for your cooperation with this very important matter.



NEWS FROM PTO

Ho ho ho and Happy Holidays!! The PTO is almost as busy as Santa this December as we work hard to raise funds for school programs and materials.

Our ornament fundraiser was a success and it's nice to think of so many trees with the CVES logo on them for years to come! These will be ready the first week of December and will either go home with your child or you can pick them up at the concert on the 11th, depending on which you selected on the form. Thank you for your support!

Raffle tickets were sent home for a chance to win front row seats at the holiday concert. Please note that winners will still need their tickets provided by the school - winning does not provide additional seats, just reserved seating in the front row. Tickets and money are due back on December 5th and the draw will take place on December 6th.

Santa's setting up shop in the CVES gym on Thursday, December 14th and Friday, December 15th, where students will be able to purchase gifts for their family for just \$1/item. This is such a fun event, but it requires a lot of elves!! If you'd like to help on one or both days and have your necessary paperwork for volunteering on file at the office (Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector results and Child Abuse Registry Search), please email kaela.goodman@gmail.com with your availability. Don't forget to set aside your new or very gently used items to send in with your child from Nov. 29th - Dec. 13th. We'll also be holding an after-school drop off on Dec. 5th from 4-6 pm. No stuffies, books, or heavily-scented items, please! Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted for the PTO to purchase items.

It's a Christmas miracle - we've added extra lunches to our roster! In addition to pizza on Fridays, you can now order Pita Pit every other Wednesday. Check out HealthyHunger.ca for more details!

Our next meeting will be taking place on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm. It's never too late to join us!

On behalf of the PTO, we hope you enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends.

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HEAD LICE POLICY

Head lice are tiny insects that live on the head. They lay eggs (called nits) close to the scalp. Head lice do not spread disease, and having head lice does not mean that you are not clean. Head lice are very common among children. Scratching the head can be a sign of head lice, but you can have head lice without any itching.

Once a child has been treated with the appropriate product to kill the lice, they are able to return to school. A second treatment is necessary after 9 to 10 days. Daily lice combing is required between the 1st and second treatment to ensure no new lice are able to hatch.

For more information, please refer to the Head Lice Pamphlet which can be found on our school’s website on the “Our School” page under the “For Parent” section.