

January 2021

École Élémentaire Astral Drive Elementary
School
902-462-8500
<https://ade.hrce.ca/> email: ade@hrce.ca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3 Week 1	4 Staff Return	5	6	7	8	9
10 Week 2	11 Classes Resume	12	13	14	15	16
17 Week 1	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Week 2	25	26	27	28	29	30/31

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent for any reason (illness, late arrival, away, etc.) you are asked to call Safe Arrival at 902-462-8500, press 1 and leave a message, or email at ADESafeArrival@hrce.ca, with your child's name, teacher's name and reason for their absence. We ask that you call before 8:30 a.m. if possible, to avoid us calling home and/or work. The purpose of the Safe Arrival Program is to keep our children safe. Please help by notifying us when your child is absent from school.

Student Drop off Reminder!

A quick reminder that in an effort to keep your child safe during the pandemic, only essential workers will be permitted in the building. If you are dropping off an item for your child, please ring the button and speak with the office on the intercom. Someone will meet you at the door to take the item to your child.

Thank you for remembering to send your child to school with:

- a mask (students gr 4-6);
- a full water bottle;
- a lunch; and
- a change of clothes (especially our younger learners)

Lunch Monitors Needed

Each day we have lunch monitors providing supervision for your children and we are always looking for more. This is a paid position, so if you have a couple of hours each day or any day or even an hour, it would be a great service to our school and an opportunity to make extra money at the same time. If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming a lunch monitor at Astral Drive, please call the school at your earliest convenience at 902-462-8500.

Inclement Weather

School/Bus Cancellations and Delayed Openings

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or buses, or delay the opening of school, in the event of severe or inclement weather. When these situations occur, the information is posted on the HRCE's website at www.hrce.ca, on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS), recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to local radio stations. Families can also subscribe to receive notice of cancellations and delayed openings by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website.

If weather conditions warrant, the HRCE could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school and Pre-Primary would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 10:30 a.m. Pre-Primary would start at 10:30 a.m. If school buses are operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time pending any weather-related delays. Our lunch and dismissal times will remain at their regularly scheduled times. The EXCEL program will be cancelled for the morning only.

The weather in Nova Scotia is unpredictable so it's always a good idea for families to have a back-up plan for child care when school is cancelled. To learn more about the process on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather>.

Grade 7 Late French Immersion

Thursday, February 11th will be the date for our grade 6 students and parents to hear about the Late French Immersion program at the Junior High. As details become available we will ensure that parents receive information.

PRE-PRIMARY REGISTRATION

February is Pre-Primary Registration Month!

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will be taking place beginning February 1st. If you have a child, or know someone in the neighbourhood who has a child, that will be four (4) years old on, or before, December 31st, 2021, they are eligible for school in September 2021. All information regarding Student Registration can be found at <https://www.hrce.ca/registration>.

PRIMARY REGISTRATION

February is Registration Month!

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will be taking place during the month of February. If you have a child, or know someone in the neighborhood who has a child, that will be five (5) years old on or before December 31st, 2021, they are eligible for school in September 2021. All information regarding Student Registration can be found at <https://www.hrce.ca/registration>.

Please contact the school via email (ade@hrce.ca) or telephone (902) 462-8500, during the month of February to register. Early registration is important as it will be a factor in our staffing for the next school year. We will require the following information from you when registering your child: a completed Registration Form, Child's Birth Certificate, Proof of Address, and Child's Health Card Number. Please note that we cannot accept any registrations without a birth certificate, proof of address, and health card. At this time, all registrations will be received to us by email unless arranged otherwise.

Please note that even if your child currently attends pre-primary, they will still need to be registered for grade primary.

OUT OF AREA REQUESTS

Parents/guardians may seek placement for their child in a school outside of the neighbourhood in which they reside under the guidelines of the Student Registration Policy. Parents/guardians may obtain an Out-of-Area Request form at their child's neighbourhood school. Once completed, parents/guardians must forward the Out-of-Area Request form to the requested school on the first school day in April starting at 8:00 a.m. Alternatively, parents/guardians may complete the online Out-of-Area Request form at www.hrce.ca beginning on the first school day in April at 8:00 a.m. The electronic submission is automatically sent to the receiving school. Instructions on completing the online option can be found [here](#).