



DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER
2024

FIRS TERM IS A WRAP!

It is hard to believe we are into December and first term reports have been delivered! If parents/guardians have not received them, please contact your classroom teacher. The year is flying by, and every day is a pleasure to be working with your shiny, bright stars and this incredible staff! Looking forward to a fabulous new year with this crew!

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

As we enter the winter months, please remember to have your children dress appropriately for the colder temperatures. Children will go outside, to enjoy outdoor activities, so having them dressed properly for colder temperatures is especially important.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 3rd - Report Cards home to Parents via email

December 5th - Professional Practice
Day and Parent
Teacher afternoon and
evening - No School

December 7th - Vendor Fair Main Gym from II:00am - 2:00pm 20+ Vendors, Live Music, Canteen, etc...

December 16th to 20th - 5 Days of Fun!

See the Poster for the Activities

we have planned for this week below

December 20th - Last day of school before holiday break

January 3rd - Classes resume



As what is tradition here at Fairview Heights, there is no extracurricular concert in December. Have no fear my friends, our AMAZING music teacher will have a fantastic performance prepared with your little ones in the Spring. Warmer weather, brighter evenings – something to look forward to We will keep you posted with plenty of time to prepare:)



LET'S START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT!

I would like to be candid with you about the children "Play Fighting", and misusing the term "Bullying". Please talk to your child(ren) about these topics – that happen to land students in the office more than they should.

Play Fighting: For "rough-and-tumble play" to remain as "play" (instead of spiraling into a REAL FIGHT), there has to be cooperation (e.g., with participants agreeing to not actually exert forces in pretend punches). Sometimes, one participant may push or hit harder than expected, and then the other participants will have to decide whether it was an unintended mistake or a malicious transgression. Thus, rough-and-tumble play involves considerable social reasoning and judgment. Often elementary students are not developmentally ready for this judgement. They automatically jump to "fight", therefore causing "Hands-On" experiences we hope to prevent. The rules of the school are "Hands to Yourself". If you could support this with a conversation, it may result in less unnecessary visits to the office.

Bullying: Bullying is defined as unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Often children come home saying they are being bullied by others. While bullying DOES occur, it is less often than perceived. Students sometimes do annoy, bother, and tease others. If you could again have a conversation with you child(ren) to prevent these possible actions, you would be making school-life more welcoming for all involved. Treating others how they want to be treated is always a great place to start!

Thank you for supporting well-being at our school!!!

LUNCH PROGRAM - LINK

This is a reminder that you MUST reorder every two weeks! See the ordering schedule below.

FAIRVIEW FAMILY DROP-IN

Holiday Fun!
Thursday, December 12th from 6:00pm to 8:00 PM
Check out the Poster Below!

ARTSHINE WINTER 2 PROGRAM ~ POSTER BELOW!

- Registration Opening: Artshine Winter 2 Registration will begin on Monday, December 9th. Parents can register and pay for the program through <u>our website.</u> There is a cost to this program.
- Direct Registration Link: https://www.artshine.ca/products/fairview-heights-elementary-school-halifax-winter-2-2025
 Program Dates: Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar 5, 19
- Early Bird Sale: From December 9th to December 10th at 11:59 PM, a 15% discount will be automatically applied to all school program registrations, with no code required. This discount is only available during the initial 48 hours and no late exceptions will be made.
- Registration Closing: Registration ends on January 27th. Registrations after this date will incur a Late Registration Fee due to the need for over-the-phone processing.

5 DAYS OF FUN

LET'S FINISH OFF 2024 WITH SOME FUN ACTIVITIES!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 - WINTER SCENES DAY!

Let's listen to some wintery tunes like "Let It Snow" or "Winter Wonderland" and colour some picturesque winter scenes.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17H - HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD/WINTER WALK!

Wear your beautiful cultural clothing and learn about the holidays that are celebrated all over the world! In the afternoon (weather dependant), we will take a winter walk around our neighbourhood.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH – WINTER VIRTUAL BINGO!

We will be playing bingo with the entire school from 1:10 PM-1:55 PM!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19T+PANCAKES AND PAJAMAS!

Time for our first school-wide pancake breakfast of the year, hosted by the Ambassadors Club! We will also be voting on our favourite doors in the door decorating contest!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH - HIGH FIVES AND SURPRISE!

We will be celebrating our December High-Five winners together at 10:45 AM, along with sharing the winners of the door decorating contest and some other surprises.

2024 – 2025 Ordering Schedule

Ordering opens on Fridays at midnight and closes on Wednesdays at noon













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Ordering Window for Week 1 & 2 Menu Week 3 & 4 Menu
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Ordering Window for
Week 3 & 4 Menu

No School

Some schools may have additional closure dates. Please check your RCE/CSAP calendar for school-specific closure dates





WINTER 2 2025 Art Classes

Fairview Heights E.S. Feb 5 - Mar 19 Afterschool

> WEDNESDAY 2:30-3:30PM GRADE 1 - 5 \$84/SEASON

15% OFF until Dec 10th

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<u>OR</u>