

# Fairview Heights Elementary School

**Principal:** Amy Hunt

**Vice Principal:** Michael Corbett

**Administrative Assistants:** Sherry Mitchell (Main Building) & Marwa Dewidar (Annex)

**YMCA School Settlement:** Zobeida Al-Zobeidy & Olena Deneault

## Upcoming Dates:

**Nov 3rd:** Photo Retake Day

**Nov 6th:** Time Change ("Fall" back one hour)

**Nov 11th:** Remembrance Day (No School)

**Nov 15th:** School Advisory Council (5:30-6:30) & Parent Teacher Association Meeting (6:30-7:30) - Main Library

**Nov 21st:** Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School)

**Nov 30th:** Report Cards sent home electronically

**Dec 1:** PD & Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School)

## Contacts:

**Phone:** 902-457-8953

**Website:** <https://fvh.hrce.ca/>

**Email:** [fhes@hrce.ca](mailto:fhes@hrce.ca)

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**@FhesHeights**

## Message to Fairview Heights Families:

Happy November! Thank you for your continued partnership in support of your child's well-being and academic success. We look forward to communicating about student progress with report cards and parent-teacher conferences at the end of the month! Teachers will be in touch about setting up appointment times for December 1st. We look forward to meeting with you about your child's learning and success in school.

**\*\*Please ensure your child arrives on time each morning and there are dismissal routines in place so that they are dismissed in a timely and safe manner each day at 2:15\*\***

## Promoting Healthy Habits at School & Preventing Infection:

Public Health Guidance on Covid-19 to support health & safety at school can be found here:

<https://backtoschool.ednet.ns.ca/public-health-guidance>

Any Fairview Heights family that would like Covid-19 rapid tests, please let us know by contacting your child's teacher. If your child goes home sick from school, you are more than welcome to take two tests.



## RECESS & LUNCH AT FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS:

- Students should bring a labeled, refillable water bottle each day. We have filling stations throughout the school.
- We do not use microwaves. Students need lunches that do not require heating. Using a thermos is a great way to send a hot lunch.
- Lunch monitors supervise students during lunch. The lunch break is shared between eating in classrooms and playing outside.
- If your child requires utensils to eat the lunch they are bringing, you need to send utensils. Recess should be a quick snack! Your child will eat in the classroom just after 15 minutes of outside play.
- Any child that would like a snack throughout the day will have access to healthy snacks such as apples, clementines, yogurt, cereal, granola bars and cheese.
- We are looking for lunch monitors! If you are interested in actively supervising students each day from 11:50-1:15, and you have a vulnerable sector and criminal record check, please get in touch with us!



## Did You Know?

- Each week, we have a "growth mindset quote" that is announced daily to the whole school and that teachers reinforce in classrooms. Some examples include quotes like "Everything is hard until it is easy" and "We believe in the power of yet". Ask your child what they are learning! :)
- If you need a passport notarized, the local MLA office or MP office can do this for free of charge! Please reach out if you need assistance.
- On November 6th at 2am, daylight savings time ends. Please set your clocks back one hour, gaining one hour of sleep!

# Guidelines for school and/or bus cancellations due to inclement weather

Nova Scotia winter weather can change quickly and can be challenging to predict. This document outlines the steps we take when deciding whether to cancel school and/or bussing.

## A 6:00 am announcement could be:

All schools are closed for the day

OR

Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day

OR

All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day

OR

All schools are delayed in opening by 2 hours

If weather deteriorates, or is forecast to worsen throughout the morning

## An 11:00 am announcement could be:

Bussed students will be picked up 2 hours earlier than their regular dismissal time

AND

Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour

### Remember:

*Parents/guardians always have the right to keep their child home from school if they believe that the travelling conditions are unsuitable.*

### How does Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) decide on school and/or bus cancellations?

By 4:30 am, HRCE staff begin to gather information from:

- A contracted weather service that provides radar and satellite imagery, real-time road conditions and weather warnings;
- A meteorologist who provides forecast details, level and type of precipitation and impact on road conditions;
- HRCE's three transportation service providers, who provide updates on road conditions in their area;
- Municipal and provincial transportation staff; and
- Other local weather services, including Environment Canada and the Weather Network.

By 5:30 am, HRCE staff make recommendations to the Regional Executive Director (or designate), who then makes the final decision.

This decision is communicated by 6:00 am.



**Halifax**  
Regional Centre for Education

Where can cancellation information be found?

Website: [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)

Twitter: @HRCE\_NS

Phone: 902-464-INFO (4636)

Local media outlets

Subscribe to email/text notifications at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)



# FEEL THE LOVE

## Local Veggie Bundles at \$1 / lb!

The Salvation Army Halifax West Community Church  
 50 Gesner Street, Fairview  
 9:30am - 11:00am  
 November 12th and 26th  
 Cash or e-transfer

Links to register can be found at:

[facebook.com/squarerootsfvcp](https://www.facebook.com/squarerootsfvcp)

Registration is requested to ensure we have enough produce for everyone



*Square Roots is a social enterprise which redirects surplus farm produce to community members at an affordable rate. Visit [squarerootsfood.ca](https://www.squarerootsfood.ca) for more information.*

## FAIRVIEW FOOD PANTRY

Pantry items are for everyone!

\*Take what you need but leave some for others



\*Please check expiry dates before donating



Fairview Resource Centre  
 6 Titus St.



Al-Barakah Mosque  
 12 Hillcrest St.

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Fairviewfoodpantryproject>

**Instagram:** @fairviewfoodpantryproject

**Email and e-transfers:** fairviewfoodpantry@gmail.com

If you need support accessing resources or information that could support your child and family, please reach out to our Fairview Heights SchoolsPlus Outreach Worker, Melissa Caines: [mcaines@hrce.ca](mailto:mcaines@hrce.ca) or 902-483-5960. We are here to help!





## **Holiday Support for Fairview Families (a message from our SchoolsPlus Outreach Worker, Melissa Caines):**

Hello FHES Families! With the Holidays fast approaching, I wanted to send out this information for support. These services exist to make the holidays a little less stressful so you can focus on what matters most...your family! If you need any help whatsoever with any of this, please do not hesitate to reach out to me @ [mcaines@hrce.ca](mailto:mcaines@hrce.ca) | (902) 483-5960.

### **Feed Nova Scotia Holiday Support**

- You can register by calling the Christmas Registry at 902-457-2849 starting October 7, 2021 Or online here: <https://www.feednovascotia.ca/find-food/find-christmas-support>
- If you were a recipient of Income Assistance in the month of September, you will also receive a Christmas registration form and information sheet in the mail.

**Deadlines: Nov 15th, IA recipients: Nov 10th**

### **Parker Street Holiday Hamper**

This program supplies a decorated Hamper (box) filled with all the ingredients to prepare a delicious healthy Christmas turkey dinner. In addition to the Hamper, each family is given toys to put under the tree. **Deadline: December 7th.**

<https://parkerstreet.org/christmas-application/>

### **The Salvation Army Christmas Assistance 2021 Halifax Regional Municipality**

The Salvation Army Maritime Division provides Christmas assistance, such as toys and food support, for children and families in need. If you are located in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and wish to apply for Christmas assistance, please download the online application form using this link. <https://form.jotform.com/222903550142042>

• \*Please only complete this application if you are located in the HRM.

Applications can be emailed to: [HRM.Christmas@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:HRM.Christmas@salvationarmy.ca)

**Registration Opens: October 24      Registration Deadline: December 5**

Call: 902-477-5393 from Monday to Friday between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

### **NS Home Heating Assistance Rebate**

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program helps low-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. Rebates range from \$100 to \$200. **You can apply until 31 March 2023.** You can receive up to \$200 if you qualify for the Heating Assistance Rebate

Program. <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-heating-assistance-rebate-heating-assistance-rebate-program>

For more information, contact: Heating Assistance Rebate Program @ 902-424-5200 or Toll-free @ 1-800-670-4357