

The Ocean Viewer

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Upcoming Dates in January:

Jan 6th	Welcome Back! School Re-opens
Jan 7th	SAC – 6-6:30pm PTO 6:30-7:30pm



Welcome to the new decade!

Welcome back. We hope everyone had a great holiday. Our holiday concerts in December were a great success. Thank you to all of the staff who worked so hard to make this happen – especially Ms. Landry (our music teacher).

Although there are not a lot of dates in January, there will still be many things going on. As part of our own learning, throughout the month our teachers will be attending the second part to the culturally responsive professional development. We hope to have a high 5 assembly at the end of the month as well. Now that we are in the middle of winter - **please make sure your children have a change of clothes, extra socks, hats, and mitts in their backpacks.** This helps when students become wet after playing outside. Finally, please remind your children about playing safely in the snow safety and on the playground.

Visiting Our School:

Please note: for the safety and security of our students: all visitors MUST sign in. If you are bringing your child in and want to take them to their class, **you must sign in and get a badge**. If you try and walk down the hall without one, a staff member will ask you to come back and sign in. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Parking Woes

Please refrain from parking in the following areas:

- No stopping zones
- On the grass on Oceanview School road – your vehicle may be off the road but it is still a no parking area
- In front of the gates on the fire access road

Hot Lunch Pizza

We will send out the order forms for our next 5 week Tuesday Pizza block shortly. Please make sure to let your child know if you are paying for them to get pizzas.

Service Dogs

Just a reminder to please make sure pet dogs are kept off of school property. We have families in our area that have service dogs who are trained to specifically support their handler. When other dogs are around, this can affect the service dogs from doing their job. Keeping pet dogs off of school property minimizes this chance and also helps with those that have allergies or fears around dogs. If you see a service dog, please be mindful of what they are trained for and keep your distance. We appreciate your support with this. You can find out more information at <https://novascotia.ca/servicedogs/>.

Lost and Found:

We do have a lost and found at the school. We generally put it out for classes to come look at around certain times of year (parent teacher, before the holidays, etc). We encourage parents to label their children's clothing and remind their children to be mindful of their things. We do donate unclaimed clothing to local charities. If your child is missing something, you are welcome to come and look. Please make sure to sign in at the office.

School Cancellation/Delayed start: (click on picture)



We are in the Island View Family of Schools. If there is a delayed start, our day will begin 2 hours after instructional time – this means that our day would begin at 10:45am. Information can be found on Twitter, our website, and hrce.ca

Wind chill protocol:

Below is from our Windchill protocol that helps us determine whether or not the students will go outside. Since we are on a hill near the ocean, it can get very cold. Please send your child with warm hats, mitts, and outdoor gear.

Definition of Wind Chill

Wind chill is the cooling sensation caused by the combined effects of temperature and wind. It is a feeling, not a real temperature.

Guiding Principles

Student safety is the number one priority. We consider all of the following factors before deciding whether it is safe for children to be outdoors in the cold.

- Are the students dressed in warm clothing, with good protection for their heads, hands and feet?
- How long will the students be outside?
- Will they be standing still or active and generating heat?
- Is the area exposed to the wind? Is it sunny or shaded? (The sun may lessen the effects of the wind chill a little.)

The following chart is based on guidelines from Environment Canada. Keep in mind that the guidelines were developed for healthy adults; young children may be more sensitive to the cold.

<i>If the wind chill is...</i>	<i>then...</i>
0°C to -20°C	take care in deciding whether it is appropriate to send students outside (see the factors listed above)
-21°C to -27°C	seriously consider whether it is appropriate to send students outside
below -27°C	do not send students outside

Have a great January!