

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support in helping us follow public health protocols. Our students have been super stars in response to the new procedures at school. As part of our ongoing efforts to plan for all scenarios, we need to think about adjustments to our early dismissal procedures. With tomorrow's impending weather event, it is entirely possible that we could lose power and have to close early. Closing early during a pandemic requires us to problem solve challenges. Please review the information below to ensure you know what to expect in the event of an early dismissal.

1. **The decision to close schools rests with the HRCE.** Individual schools do not have authority to make these decisions.
2. Parents/guardians must use their discretion in choosing to send students to school on days where the weather is unpredictable.
3. If schools are closing early, you WILL be contacted by a staff member to confirm a dismissal plan for your child/ren. NO child will be dismissed without contact made to a parent/guardian. Please listen to the radio or sign up for cancellation alerts sent via text through HRCE: (<https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/subscribe-notifications>). Decisions on early dismissal are usually made before 11:00 a.m. Also, please note that the office phone will likely be tied up as we only have two lines. **Please do not leave messages as we can't guarantee they will be received in time before dismissal.** It may be easier to wait for a staff member to make contact before attempting to call the school.
4. **Non-essential visitors are unable to access the building** at this time to limit the potential spread of COVID-19. If you are coming to school to pick up your child/ren, a staff member will be stationed at four different doors to check off names for pick up and retrieve your child for you. Please use the designated door assigned to you for pick up (see below).

Doors closest to dirt road : Gr 2 Smith, 2 Watson, 2 McGrath/Mosher, P MacInnis/MacLean, P Craft	Front door: Grade 1 Gillis Grade 1 Mason/Wilhelm Grade 1 Sarkis	Doors closest to swings: 3 Ardley, 3 Anderson, 3 Curry, ½ MacLeod, P Cheverie	Doors closest to sidewalk: All Pre-primary classes
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**\*\*Parents coming onto school property must wear masks and follow physical distancing protocols.**

5. **Busses will be running but expect possible delays.** We thank you for taking the time to review these protocols prior to tomorrow. It is best to be prepared for any scenario as much as possible should we be required to implement the above procedures. Thanking you in advance!