

EAST ST. MARGARET'S ELEMENTARY



JANUARY 2025

Principal's Message

Dear ESM Families,

January is such an exciting time. It is the start of true winter weather and the time of year that a lot of academic work gets done.

We, as a staff, would like to remind families that student attendance is an important part of learning. Each day, even on our theme days and "fun days," our teachers have important learning scheduled.

As winter weather hits we would also like to let parents know that we have available here at school jackets, hats, mittens, some snow pants, and even some footwear. They are in two full wardrobes in our upper and lower hallways dedicated to student usage. Students are welcome to use them when they forget items, and also to take them home and make them their own.

Looking forward to another great month of learning and kindness,

-David O'Brien
Principal



Mark Your Calendar

January 9

Virtual Home & School Meeting:
6 pm - [JOIN HERE](#)

January 24

Skating at St. Margaret's Centre:
3 pm - Details to Come!

*When is the decision made
to cancel school
because of weather?*

It is our goal to make the decision
as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.
Learn more at hrce.ca/families/cancellations



Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is January 27! This year's theme is "Learn to Be Green, Together!" Make a pledge as a family to learn ways to be greener. Use less electricity, commute together, and reuse items. Being green together is a fun way to learn as a family while being kind to the environment.



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Holiday Grand in Hand Grand Prize Winner

Congratulations to Beth Covey, our winner of the \$1000 Holiday Grand in Hand Grand Prize. Beth's square #178 was drawn at our Holiday Concert on December 11. Beth's daughter, Suzanne Sparks, chose #178 for Beth because her son, Matt Covey, was born in 1978. Thanks to everyone who bought or sold squares for this fundraiser. It was a HUGE success, and we look forward to doing it again this spring!



Calling All Sponsors!

As we look forward to the upcoming spring semester, East St. Margaret's Elementary is looking for individuals, businesses, and families interested in sponsoring various initiatives at ESM. From field trips to assemblies; from skating to breakfast; from the Spring Fling to the and beyond, we have big plans, but we need partners to help bring those plans to fruition. If you're interested in joining us in providing unique opportunities to ESM students, please reach out to the office. Together we are AWESOME!

Skating Program

It's BAAACCCKKKK!!! The ever popular ESM Family Skating Program is back for another year. All students and families at ESM, including Pre-Primary, are invited to skate at the St. Margaret's Centre in Upper Tantallon for one hour on the following dates:

- January 24, 2025 - 3:00-4:00 PM
- February 7, 2025 - 3:00-4:00 PM
- February 21, 2025 - 3:00-4:00 PM

ESM will provide free bussing to the rink in addition to free ice time for all attendees. No transportation will be provided back to the school. Families will be responsible for picking up their students at the St. Margaret's Centre at 4:00 PM.

Permission slips and further details will be sent home later this month.

