

**“Hear Us Roar”
École Tantallon
Senior Elementary
Newsletter**

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The year is flying by so quickly and we are at the end of the First Term. I truly treasure each day that I am able to come to such an incredible school community as Tantallon Senior Elementary School. I am so appreciative of the staff who work diligently to support each student, the children, and the joy that they give all of us, the dedicated volunteers who give up so much of their time to our school (safe arrival, library, School Advisory Council, Parent Teacher Association, and more); and to you, their parents and guardians, who trust them in our care every day. To everyone: your work, support and efforts are greatly appreciated!

This week, we held our Parent/ Guardian – Teacher Interviews on Wednesday and Thursday.. It was wonderful to have our school community members joining us throughout the afternoon and evening to talk about what brings us altogether – the exceptional children of TES!

Food Bank: Through your generous donations over the last two weeks, the school will be making a huge contribution to the local Food Bank. We would like to thank you all for your support of this initiative and to the Boileau family for their organization for the success of this event.

Choir Performance: On Saturday, December 3, members of the school choir will be singing during the “Deck the Hills” during the Westwood Hills Tree Lighting celebration from 6:00pm – 7:15pm at the Westwood Hills Hemlock Drive Greenspace. On Sunday, December 4th, members of the school choir will be participating in the SMB Chamber of Commerce Christmas in the Bay. They will meet by Bay Equipment Rentals at 3:45 with a performance time of 4:00 – 4:20pm.

Cafeteria: The new order period for the cafeteria starts on Monday, December 5th. Parents can access the link to order on our school website.

School Closure: From time to time, due to the severity of the weather, there is the possibility that school may be closed. Decisions are made by 6:00am and are announced on local radio stations. Our school would be classified in one of two groups:

- a) All schools in HRM
- b) The Sir John A Macdonald Family of Schools.

Should the children be in school and the weather worsens, the decision to cancel school is made around 11:15. It would also be well broadcast on all radio stations and on both HRSB and our school Website. The decision to cancel school is made by the Superintendent on the advice of the Assistant Superintendent. You can access a text message or e-mail to be sent to you if school is cancelled by visiting the HRSB website and signing up for this service.

It is extremely important that our records be kept up to date as all students’ families must be contacted directly. **If any information regarding a student changes, i.e. home or work telephone numbers, babysitters, please let us know. Thanks.**

Dressing for the Weather: As the weather gets colder, please remember to label your child’s outer clothing including sweat tops, coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. Please make sure your child has snow pants to wear when outside. The students enjoy playing in the snow when it is here and, therefore, they need to be dressed properly for those days (snow pants, boots, mittens, hats)so that they can still enjoy their day comfortably in the classroom, too.

Work to Rule: During this time, communication with staff members should be through the agendas as they will not be accessing their e – mails.

Last Day of School: The last day of school before the holiday break is Wednesday, December 21st. Our first day back is Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017.

The staff of Tantallon Senior Elementary School would like to wish you all a festive holiday season.