

How is it December already?! Where has the year gone? Even though it feels like we just got rolling at school, we have already completed Term 1 and now we are diving right into learning in Term 2. Report cards are finally complete and parents now have the chance to see them. If there is something you aren't sure about on your child's report card, they should be able to explain it to you. If not, please talk to the teachers for clarification. The report card and attached sheets can stay at home with you. Please sign and return the envelope only.

Our computer system does not generate the number to show how often each student has been late, so we tally the numbers ourselves and write them in. Lates are marked down whether they are excused (because of colony jobs, babysitting, etc) or unexcused (went back to sleep, forgot to watch the clock). We feel it is important for parents to know how much school students miss, as it sometimes helps to explain why a student might be struggling with some courses. Our time with the students is short, so teachers need to use it as efficiently as possible!

The school bell rings at 9:00 each morning. We mark students late if they arrive after 9:05. Many students now seem to think that they should arrive at school at 9:05. This is not the case. All students are expected to show up and be ready to walk in the doors at 9:00 sharp, or earlier. By 9:05, we should be finishing up O Canada and the Lord's Prayer and getting down to business. After lunch, the bell rings at 12:15, and students are expected to be here at that time. They are marked late if they arrive after 12:20. Students who are late because they are washing dishes or babysitting are not penalized, but still marked late. Each class has determined consequences for unexcused lates.

The weather has definitely taken a turn – winter is here! Please make sure your children have warm jackets, mittens, scarves, and boots available so they can enjoy recess and outdoor Phys. Ed. Until a new gym is built, all Phys. Ed. classes will be held outside unless temperatures or the wind-chill are below -25°C.

We hope everyone will be able to join us for this year's Christmas Tea and Author Celebration on Thursday, December 20 at 2:00! In addition to hearing the children sing a few songs and singing some carols all together, parents will have the chance to see samples of student writing from Term 1. It should be a fun afternoon!