



## Balaclava December Update

### ⚡ Parking Lot Safety

A friendly reminder to all parents and guardians: please take extra care when dropping off or picking up students. Our bus lanes must stay clear at all times; this includes the small lane at the front of the school used by our mini-bus. Your help keeps everyone safe and helps our mornings/end of day run smoothly and safely!

### ❄ Winter Wear Season

The colder weather has arrived! Students are outdoors every day during nutrition breaks, and fresh air, movement, and unstructured play are essential parts of their school day.

To keep everyone warm and happy, please make sure your child comes to school dressed for the weather: **boots, mittens/gloves, hats**, and warm layers. Packing an extra set of mittens or socks is always a great idea.

For safety, we follow the City of Hamilton guideline to stay indoors when temperatures reach - **15°C or colder**, or **-20°C with the wind chill**.

### 🏠 December 17: Snowed-In Day at Balaclava!

Mark your calendars! On **Wednesday, December 17**, we're cozying up for a special **Snowed-In Day**. Students can wear their comfiest pyjamas, enjoy a class movie, and share popcorn, hot chocolate, and candy canes. A fun winter pick-me-up for everyone!

### 🕒 End-of-Day Pickups

If you need to pick up your child early, please keep in mind that the office can get quite busy, and it may take a few minutes to bring students down. Frequent early pickups can interrupt learning happening right up until dismissal, so we appreciate your support in keeping these to a minimum whenever possible.

As always, please use our **Safe Arrival** system to report absences, late arrivals, or early pickups.