



## ***Inclement Weather and Outdoor Recess Practice Update***

### **GOAL:**

- We want our students to have the opportunity to play safely outside and come inside better prepared to learn on as many days as possible, always keeping safety in mind.
- A reasonable outdoor recess practice would have the objective of maximizing outdoor play time for students while avoiding the potential for frostbite. Increasing the exposure to outdoor play time should also maximize learning potential while minimizing behavioral issues. The objective would not be to avoid the students from feeling cold.
- In conjunction with Environment Canada Wind Chill Chart, **we will determine if an indoor noon hour recess is needed. This will occur when the temperature with the wind chill is lower than -20 degrees celsius.**
- Please ensure that your child is always dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.
- Recess is supervised by staff. They always wear special orange vests, making it easy to identify them.. If at any time the staff who are outdoors feel that it is necessary to bring the students inside (weather has gotten colder, wind conditions etc) they will call in to the office and a decision will be made.

[Environment Canada Weather](#)

[Environment Canada Wind Chill Chart](#)