

# Millwood Elementary School



# Where to find Information

- School website : <http://mle.hrce.ca>
- MainOffice: 902-864-7510
- School Messenger: will be used to contact parents at the email provided with school information.

# Safe Arrival: To report your student absent:

**PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal** : log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the SchoolMessenger website to report future absences.

**SchoolMessenger App**: download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and use their username and password for the PowerSchool Portal.

**Toll-Free Number**: call 1-833-582-6940 to report future absences using an automated system.

All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Absences can be reported at any time before the start of school on the day the student will be absent. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once.

# Bell Times

8:05-8:20: Entry

8:25: Instructions begins

2:25: Dismissal

# Bussing Information

- For more information on bussing and to register your child go to <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/student-transportation>
- You can go to the HRCE site to determine if your child is eligible for bussing.

# Morning Arrival

- The primary cohort doors are the middle doors across from the red portable
- These are the doors the primaries will use for the start of the day and dismissal.
- Students will line up at the middle doors when they arrive each morning.
- Bus students will be met at the bus and directed to their line ups.

# Breakfast and Lunch

-Breakfast bins are provided each morning and available throughout the day with Grab and Go items.



-Please click on the link below to sign up for the Nova Scotia Lunch Program.



<https://nslunch.ca/>

## Primary Student Dismissal

- The Primaries classes will be dismissed through the middle doors.
- The primary teachers will go to a designated dismissal area on the playground for the month of September. Teachers will email early in September with detail of this location.
- Bus students will be walked to the bus by a duty teacher
- Excel will pick up students from their classrooms



# Dismissal

- If you are picking up your child please do so at middle doors and stand back from the doors so we can provide space for students, staff and guardians to transition in and out of the building.
- Bus students will be walked to the bus by a duty teacher
- Excel will pick up students from their classrooms

# Driveway is now a Bus Loop

The driveway is now a bus loop and is closed to non- authorized vehicles between 8:00-8:35 AM and 2:20-3:00 PM.

The parking lot is for authorized personal and vehicles with priority access designation only.

Parents must park on the side streets to drop their child off or they may walk them to the playground. Please respect social distancing guidelines while on school property.

Student will go directly to their classroom through their cohort door.



- **Nut Aware and Scent Aware Building**
- We are a “Nut Aware” school. Please do not send snacks containing peanuts.
- **We are a “Scent Aware” school. Please refrain from wearing scented products when visiting the school. We have a staff member with a life threatening allergy to scented products.**

## Our Primary Team

Ms. Whatley

Ms. George

Ms. Moakes



# Physical Education



- The focus of primary is on Fundamental Movement Skills and the development of Physical Literacy.
- Students in grade primary to three will receive three periods of Physical Education per week.

# Music

- Students in grades P-5 attend music twice per week. Students are introduced to different types of music and learn basic skills.
- Music class will take place in the music room. It is a large space with two doors to manage exit and entry of student.



# Library

- Students will receive library once a week and will be able to borrow books. Borrowing times will be shared in the Fall.



## Preparations for the First Day

- Label all outdoor clothing, backpack and gym shoes with the child's name.
- Students should be prepared to go outside. Think of layering clothing.
- **Include a change of clothes in backpack.**



## Students can practice:

- How to wash your hands thoroughly
- Putting on their coat/jackets
- Using Velcro or slip-on shoes
- Practicing opening containers

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your child to “Big School” at MES!

- Students with their families are invited to visit their classroom and meet their teacher on the evening before the first day of classes.
- Once we receive the date of the start of the 2025-2026 school year we will be sharing the date of the primary orientation evening with families.