

Millwood Elementary School News

“Providing a high quality education for every student every day.”

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<u>May - June</u>	<u>IMPORTANT DATES</u>
May 15	Volunteer Tea PRIDE Assembly
May 16	SAC meeting 6:00 pm
May 18	School Based PD Day (no classes)
May 21	Victoria Day Holiday (no classes)
May 26	Spring Fling 10:00am - 12:00pm
June 26	PRIDE Assembly
June 28	Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)
June 29	Last Day of School

Principal's Message

April showers bring May flowers and hopefully sunshine and warmer temperatures will follow. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the moms in our community. The Millwood Elementary staff would like to wish you a Happy Mother's Day that's full of joy and pleasure. Enjoy your special day!



We are pleased to acknowledge and share the support we have been receiving for our **Grab and Go Breakfast Program**. Millwood Elementary received a donation of 1000.00 dollars for our Breakfast Program from the Halifax Particular Council of Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. We want to thank them for their generosity and support. We also want to thank Charles and Mary Castle, the grandparents of Carter Williams and Violet Hurtle for their generous donation. They were pleased to see our school spirit and support shown to the Humboldt Broncos. We would like to give a special thank you to Carter and Violet for taking time to personally make that delivery. These donations will allow us to continue the program daily to the end of the school year.

Just a reminder that the **Grade 6 Orientation** will be held Wednesday, May 9th at Sackville Heights Junior High at 6:30 pm. Parents will be meeting in the gymnasium for a small presentation and a chance to ask questions. Grade 5 students will be going on a guided tour in groups with some current SHJH students.

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** was very successful! Once again we would like to thank parents for their continued support. The money raised will be used toward the purchase of additional books and resources for our School Library Learning Commons. A special thank you to Ms. Dey and the parent volunteers for the many hours of work they put in to making the book fair a success. Their continued efforts and dedication on behalf of the students is appreciated.

Sincerely,
 Stephanie Dorrington, Principal

Next Year Class Configurations

This is a good time of year to share the reality of classroom caps and combined classes. I want to take this opportunity to inform families about the benefits of reduced class sizes and combined classes. Combined classes are a reality that is here to stay. They include more than one grade level and age in a classroom. It offers programming in response to shared and individual needs. The combined classroom is a flexible environment that responds to the individual needs of students as well as recognizes and supports independent learning. The combined class learner performs as well as students in single grade classrooms and often has improved study habits, social interactions and co-operation skills. Students work at their own level on different learning tasks related to the outcomes and class topics. Parents can support their children the same way they would if they were in a single grade classroom.

Primary Orientation

Primary Orientation will take place on Thursday, May 3 from 1:00 pm to 2:00pm. At that time students will participate in a primary classroom experience. The children will go to class with the teachers and the parents will meet in the gymnasium with administration. Parents will receive helpful information regarding school routines, bell times, etc. as well as a Welcome to School Package.

There are also scheduled appointments for vision screening and interviews with the classroom teachers in the morning. Please show up a few minutes early for your scheduled time.



Millwood Elementary Spring Fling will take place on **Saturday, May 26, 2018 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**. We would like to thank JoAnne Hodder for the many years she has taken the lead on this project. This year Cathy Williams and Jennifer Fortune have agreed to take over the organization of this event. If there are any parents who would like to help out please reach out to the school.

Spring Fling is a wonderful opportunity to get out and enjoy the bouncy castles, games, prizes, BBQ raffle, 50/50 draw and more. We hope to see you there. The money raised from this event will be used to support and extend student learning through the purchase and infusion of school technology.

EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019



Families who are interested in registering their children in EXCEL's recreation program for the 2018/2019 school year are encouraged to mark the following important dates on your calendars:

- **Monday, April 23rd** - Beginning at 8:00 am current participants of the 2017/2018 EXCEL program may submit an application for the coming school year via the online application system or in-person at the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. On April 16th Account Holders of current participants will receive an email containing their user name and password providing them exclusive access to the online application system. Current participant families that have additional siblings that will be registering for the first time with EXCEL are eligible to register all children in their family during this early registration period.
- **Monday, April 30th** - General Registration begins for all EXCEL Before and/or After School Programs at 8:00 am on April 30th. Applications may be submitted via the online system or in-person at the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. Individuals paying by Pre-Authorized Payment, MasterCard or Visa ONLY may register on-line. Go to <https://secure.hrsb.ns.ca/excel> to access.

We encourage parents to submit their applications in a timely manner to ensure the greatest opportunity for entry into the program as demand often exceeds capacity. Applications will be accepted on a first-received, first-accepted basis. (Priority is not given to Before & After participants over After only.) Full-time participation (5 days/week) is required. Please see the EXCEL pages on the HRSB website for more information regarding registration procedures, program fees and the program structure.

Safe Arrival

In order to ensure the safety of our students, we run a **Safe Arrival** program. The phone number is **(902) 864-6774**.

It is very important that parents notify us in the event their child/children will be absent or late.

Students arriving "LATE" (after 8:25 am) will need to check in at the main office to get a "late slip" prior to going to class.

This is an important part of the safe arrival program, as it ensures that all students are accounted for. Thanks for your cooperation!

Please do not leave messages on the school voicemail regarding a change in plans for your child's dismissal as there is no guarantee the message will be retrieved prior to the end of the school day. If a change is necessary, please send a note to your child's teacher. Thanks for your cooperation as we work together to keep our student's safe.



Safety Corner!!!!

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education has a Student Protection Policy which requires all parents, visitors, and volunteers to sign in at the main office and get an identification/access badge upon entering the school. This badge is to be returned to the office before leaving. The front doors at Millwood remain locked. Please buzz and the secretary will unlock the door.

Spring has sprung and the temperatures continue to rise. Please ensure students come dressed appropriately for the warm weather. Don't forget your hats, and sunscreen.

Millwood Elementary is a Nut Aware and Scent Aware Site. We currently have a number of students and staff who have serious allergies within the school. We ask that all staff, students, and visitors respect these alerts. Please refrain from sending nut products to school with your children and wearing scented products to school.



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