

# Millwood Elementary School News

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

Principal : Ms. S. Dorrington

Vice principal : Ms. K. MacGillivray

Admin Assistant : Ms. S. Moore

November 2018

*We Remember!*

<u>Nov-Dec</u>	<u>IMPORTANT DATES</u>
<b>Nov 9</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30</b>
<b>Nov 14</b>	<b>Online Lunch Program Begins (for students who have ordered)</b>
<b>Nov 12</b>	<b>Remembrance Day – no classes</b>
<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Assessment &amp; Evaluation Day - no classes</b>
<b>Nov 30</b>	<b>Report Cards Go Home</b>
<b>Dec 6</b>	<b>Professional Development am – no classes Parent / Teacher Interviews afternoon &amp; evening</b>
<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>Christmas Concert - Grades 3-5 6:30pm</b>
<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>Christmas Concert - Grades P-2 6:30pm</b>
<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>Last Day of Classes – Christmas Break</b>



## Principal's Message

October has been a very busy month here at Millwood Elementary. Our Nourish Your Roots Fundraiser selling period has begun and will conclude on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The money raised will support our Grab and Go Breakfast Program. Pick up will be on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:00pm.

Millwood Elementary School is having a Remembrance Day Assembly on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. We would like to invite parents to attend, as well as anyone in the community who has or is serving in the Canadian Forces. We feel this will bring a truer sense of what Remembrance Day means. If you have a serving Canadian Forces member in your family who would like to attend in uniform please email Mrs. Baker-Skinner at [lbaker@hrce.ce](mailto:lbaker@hrce.ce) before November 8<sup>th</sup>. When doing so please include their current rank. In addition, we know that there are numerous families who have members currently deployed or on operations at this time. We would like to acknowledge them during the assembly. Thank you.

Once again, we would like to remind parents that upon dismissal students must go home. They are not permitted to stay and play on the playground as **there is no supervision after school**. It is expected that each and every student is accompanied by their parent or sitter/caregiver.

Sincerely,

[Stephanie Dorrington, Principal](#)



the  
Lunch  
Lady



Beginning Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**The Lunch Lady will be delivering every Mon & Wed to Millwood Elementary**

The Lunch Lady began in 1993 with one MOM and one lunch order for one school. Today the Lunch Lady Family delivers thousands of lunches every day to children in schools across Canada. To place an order online please see the **Welcome Letter** that was sent home for instructions. The first order must be placed online by Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> to be included in the delivery for lunch on Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Every lunch:

- respects current provincial nutritional standards
- is prepared daily with care in an inspected, school safe commercial kitchen

**CALL Laurie The Lunch Lady directly** at 902-865-0033 with any questions regarding setting up your account, meals for children with allergies or your child's lunch order. Things do go wrong on occasion but they are committed to making things right and they want to hear from you. You can also email [laurie@thelunchlady.ca](mailto:laurie@thelunchlady.ca)



## Christmas Concerts

The Christmas concert will be presented over two evenings, Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> for grades 3-5 and Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup> for grades P-2. The doors will open at 6:00pm and the concert will start promptly at 6:30pm. Each student will be given two invitations and admittance will be by invitation only as we must adhere to fire regulations. There will be an open afternoon performance at 1:00pm on both days. This is a great time to see the concert if you are unable to get an invitation.

# Overview Reporting P-6 2018-2019

The following is a brief description of the changes in the P-6 report cards for the 2018-2019 school year.

## Grade Primary Term 1-3: November, April, June

Learner Profile will be reported with the developmental scale and comment. Integrated English/French Language Arts will be reported with a comment inclusive of integrated subjects, as applicable. Integrated Mathematics will be reported with a comment inclusive of integrated subjects, as applicable. Music and Physical Education will report in Term 2 and 3 using the developmental scale and a comment. The Learner profile comment space has been removed for specialists.

## Grades 1-3 Term 1-3: November, April, June

Learner Profile will be reported with the developmental scale and comment from the classroom teacher. Integrated English/French Language Arts will be reported with the developmental scale and comment inclusive of integrated subjects, as applicable. Integrated Mathematics will be reported with the developmental scale and with a comment inclusive of integrated subjects, as applicable. Music and Physical Education will report in Term 2 and 3 using the developmental scale and a comment. The Learner profile comment space has been removed for specialists.

## Grades 4-6 Term 1: November

Learner Profile will be reported with the developmental scale and comment from the classroom teacher. English/French Language Arts will be reported with the developmental scale and with a comment inclusive of integrated subjects, as applicable. Mathematics will be reported with the developmental scale and a comment inclusive of integrated subjects, as applicable.

## Terms 2 and 3: April, June

Learner Profile will be reported with the developmental scale and comment from the classroom teacher. English/French Language Arts will be reported with the letter grade scale and with a comment inclusive of integrated subjects, as applicable. Mathematics will be reported with the letter grade scale and a comment inclusive of integrated subjects, as applicable. Music, Physical Education, and Core French will report in Term 2 and 3 using the developmental scale and a comment. The Learner profile comment space has been removed for specialists.

## Inclement Weather

Student safety is the first priority of the Halifax Regional Centre for Education when making decisions to cancel school. Our schools will be kept open except under extreme circumstances. However, the decision to attend school during inclement weather conditions is the responsibility of each family. HRCE staff gather information from a variety of sources beginning at 4:30 am.

By 5:30 am, staff make recommendations to the Regional Executive Director (or a designate), based on the information gathered and assessments of each area. The Director makes the final decision based on this information. If it is safe to have students and staff on the roads and sidewalks, then schools will be open. If not, classes will be cancelled. If not, all or some schools may be closed depending on the weather and road conditions in different areas of the region.

Schools may also have a delayed start by two hours. For example Millwood Elementary would delay opening until 10:30am. Make sure you listen for either the Family of Schools name or the individual name of your child's school in cancellation announcements. **Our Family of Schools is Millwood High.**

For full day closures of all or some schools, the decision will be announced as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible via the following:

- Posted on website at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)
- Posted on HRCE's Twitter account (HRCE\_Official)
- Recorded on the HRCE's School Cancellation Line at 902-464-INFO (4636)
- Listen to your local radio stations
- Sign up to receive e-mail or text message notification of cancellations

How can I be prepared for cancellations or delays?

The weather is unpredictable and can change without notice. To minimize confusion, please make sure you have a back-up plan for child care in place, so your child knows where to go if school is cancelled midday.

## Safe Arrival

In order to ensure the safety of our students, we run a **Safe Arrival** program. Therefore when students are absent, their homes are called. It is very important that parents notify us in the event their child/children will be absent or late. The phone number is **902-864-6774**. 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 ensure you send a note to the teacher if there is a change in plans for your child's dismissal. We are happy to assist in an emergency, however, on a daily basis we cannot guarantee that messages will be retrieved prior to the end of the school day. Thanks for your cooperation as we work together to keep our student's safe.**



## Safety Corner!!!!

The HRCE Student Protection Policy 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.

**In the interest of safety, the parking lot is closed to traffic during dismissal between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00. Please respect the parking lot signage and pylons.**

**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.**

BE AWARE



TAKE CARE

