

Millwood Elementary School News

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

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Happy Thanksgiving!

<u>Oct-Nov</u>	<u>IMPORTANT DATES</u>
Oct 8	Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes
Oct 10	School Photos, SAC meeting 6:00-7:00 pm
Oct 17	PD Day - no classes
Oct 26	Provincial Conference Day – no classes
Oct 29	Nourish Your Roots fundraiser begins
Nov 9	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov 12	Remembrance Day– no classes
Nov 21	Assessment & Evaluation Day – No classes
Nov 29	Nourish Your Roots Pick Up at MES between 2:00-6:00pm



Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that October has arrived. I want to thank all of our students, staff, and parents for making the transition back to school a great success. We are very proud of our students as they have been demonstrating positive and respectful choices with regard to themselves, others, learning and the environment. On September 13th staff and students wore pink and took the pledge to end bullying. It was a great start to a new school year.

Communication between home and school is extremely important. Calls and emails sent to staff members will be returned within two business days.

We had our Curriculum Night followed by a Popsicle Social on September 27th. We would like to thank all of the parents who made time to come out and share in this experience with our students and staff. It was a great opportunity to meet the teacher, learn about curriculum and classroom routines. A great time was had by all.

Be Like Terry! Once again this year students and staff participated in the Terry Fox Walk/Run on September 25th. We take part to help raise awareness and money for cancer research. Rather than collecting pledges donations are made online at www.terryfox.org/schoolrun.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Dorrington,
Principal



Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters

September 27th is Orange Shirt Day in Canada. Acknowledging this day provides an active invitation for our region to participate in reconciliation. Staff and students at Millwood Elementary were encouraged to wear orange shirts on this day and observed a moment of silence, following the Mi'kmaq land acknowledgement on the morning announcements. Students were actively engaged in conversations and activities to promote their understanding of the significance of this day and to further the message that every child matters. As wearing pink has become an anti-bullying statement, our hope is that wearing orange on September 27th will be recognized as a commitment to reconciliation in honour of the children of residential schools.

Head Lice

What Are Head Lice?

Head lice are tiny insects that live on the head. They lay eggs (called nits) close to the scalp. Head lice are very common among children. Scratching the head can be a sign of head lice, but you can have head lice without any itching.

How Is Head Lice Spread?

Head lice spread through direct contact among children (head to head), or indirectly on items such as hats, combs, hairbrushes, headbands, helmets, and toques. Head lice do not jump, fly, or hop, but they crawl very quickly and can live off the head for up to 3 days.

Tips to Prevent the Spread of Head Lice

- Check your child's head regularly:
 - once a week as part of your routine
 - after every sleepover
 - every day during lice outbreaks at school
- Keep long hair tied back or braided.
- Teach your child not to share personal items like brushes, combs, barrettes, headbands, elastics, towels, hats, helmets, toques, and scarves.
- Teach your child to put their hats and scarves in their coat sleeves or backpacks when they take them off at school.

If your child has been in contact with someone who has lice, you need to check your child's head carefully to see if they have caught lice. Head lice spread easily, so if one person in the household has lice, others may have it too. **Check everyone** in the household on the same day.

For more information go to <https://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/public-health-education/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf>



As you know Millwood Elementary is taking part in the "Nourish Your Roots" fundraiser to support our breakfast program. We will be selling Nourish Your Roots farm boxes which include a variety of vegetables and possibly fruit between October 29th – November 9th. All orders along with the money must be returned to the school no later than November 9th 2018. Cheques should be made out to Millwood Elementary.

The farm box pick-up will take place on **Thursday November 29th**, between **2:00pm and 6:00pm** at Millwood Elementary.

Thanks for your continued support as we work together to support our students.

Halloween Celebrations

Wednesday Oct 31st is Halloween. Staff at Millwood Elementary will be engaged in a fun filled afternoon with students. We will be rotating classrooms to the gymnasium for some Halloween fun. Students are invited to wear their costumes for the afternoon. No full masks or weapons permitted as part of the costume.

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 Halifax Regional Centre for Education 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. The front doors at Millwood remain locked. Please buzz and the secretary will unlock the door. These procedures have been implemented in an effort to maintain a safe environment for students and staff.

Kiss and Go Lane - The parking lot is a very busy spot in the morning. Please respect the parking lot signage. There is no parking in the Kiss and Go Lane. Remember it is safest to stop at the curb and have your child exit the vehicle from the passenger side. Do not allow children to exit into the path of oncoming traffic. The parking lot is closed for dismissal from 1:00-3:00pm.

Fall has arrived and the cooler weather is approaching. Remember to dress accordingly. We ask that all students bring indoor and outdoor shoes for those rainy days, so we can all do our part to keep the school clean. Thanks for your support and cooperation as we strive to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our students.

Millwood Elementary continues to be a **Nut Aware Site** and **Scent Aware Site**. We currently have a number of students who have life threatening allergies as well as asthma within the school. We are asking that all staff, students, and visitors be mindful and respect these alerts. Please refrain from sending nut products to school with your children and wearing scented products to school. Thanks for your cooperation.

BE AWARE



TAKE CARE

