

Millwood Elementary School News

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

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December 2018

Happy Holidays!

<u>Dec-Jan</u>	<u>IMPORTANT DATES</u>
Dec 6	AM PD Day, Parent Teacher Interviews afternoon & evening –no classes
Dec 11	X-mas Concert grades 3-5
Dec 12	X-mas Concert grades P-2
Dec 21	X-mas Carol Sing Along Last Day of Classes
Jan 3	School Reopens



Principal's Message

It's hard to believe December has arrived and the holidays are just around the corner. We are pleased to inform you that our Holiday Concert will be presented over two evenings, Tuesday, December 11th for grades 3-5 and Wednesday, December 12th for grades P-2. The doors will open at 6:00pm and the concert will start promptly at 6:30pm. **Each family 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.

Parent / Teacher interviews are on December 6th afternoon and evening. Once again, we are using OPTIS the online program (Online Parent-Teacher Interview Scheduler). This is a quick and easy process for both parents and teachers. If you already created an account for your children last year you do not need to create a new account. Simply go in and book your appointment time. Website: parentinterviews.com/millwood. If you are new to the school you will need to make an account for your child(ren). Click on “New Parents,” then follow the prompts. Please remember to book only one 10 minute appointment per child, per teacher. If you have any questions or problems while trying to create an account or book an appointment time, give the main office a call at 902-864-7510. Report cards have just been sent home. As you can see there have been some changes in reporting grades P-6. I have included some info below to help clarify and answer some of your questions.

Sincerely,
[Stephanie Dorrington, Principal](#)

Report Card Changes

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Will classroom teachers in grade 4-6 use the developmental scale or a letter grade for Health Education, Information & Communication Tech, Science, Social Studies, and Visual Arts?

No. A grade will not be entered for these subjects.

2. Will classroom teachers in grade 4-6 comment for Health Education, Information & Communication Tech, Science, Social Studies, and Visual Arts?

Teachers will write a comment inclusive of integrated subjects, as applicable, in Language Arts/French Language Arts and Mathematics.

3. Do specialists report in T1?

No.

4. How will English Language Arts be reported for students?

For grade 1-6, teachers report grades on three strands: Writing and Other Ways of Representing, Reading and Viewing, Speaking and Listening

Grade 1-3 teachers will report using the Developmental Scale in all three terms. Grade 4-6 teachers will report using the Developmental Scale in Term 1, and Letter Grades in Term 2 and Term 3.



Christmas Candy-Grams

To spread Christmas cheer and raise funds for our School Breakfast Program, Millwood Elementary will be selling and delivering Candy-Grams to our students. Each student will be sent home with 4 Christmas Candy-Grams, the cost is \$0.50 each (more can be sent home if requested). Fill out the Candy-Gram with students' names and classes, as well as messages, and return them to school the week of December 10th-14th. The Christmas Candy-Gram with candy canes attached will be delivered to students on December 20th. Thanks for your continued support.

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.

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
- 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.



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**



The staff of Millwood Elementary would like to wish all of our families a safe and Happy Holidays.

Dear Parents,

We are starting a Mini Maker Space in the Library and we need your help! A Mini Maker Space is an area in our Library that is reserved for creative exploration, engineering, inventing, and STEM challenges.

We are in need of the following supplies. If you are able to donate any of the following, it would be greatly appreciated!

- Small Totes With Lids
- Markers/Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Play-doh (different colors)
- Construction paper/Cardstock/Paper
- Popsicle Sticks
- Toothpicks
- Pipe Cleaners
- Straws
- Q-Tips
- Cotton Balls
- Empty Paper/Paper Towel Rolls
- Tape
- Glue
- Beads
- Fabric/Ribbon Scraps
- Pompom Balls
- Blocks Of Any Kind

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