

Millwood Elementary School News

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

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March 2018

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

<u>March-April</u>	<u>IMPORTANT DATES</u>
March 9	Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)
March 12-16	March Break
March 26	PRIDE Assembly 10:30am
March 30	Good Friday (no classes)
April 2	Easter Monday (no classes)
April 5	Report Cards Go Home
April 18	Evening Parent Teacher Interviews
April 19	AM Professional Development Day PM Parent Teacher Interviews (afternoon)



Principal's Message

I can hardly believe it is March. We continue to enjoy some wonderful celebrations and learning at Millwood Elementary. We celebrated African Heritage Month which was the focus of our Assembly. The students displayed some beautiful artwork and explored some wonderful literature. We featured daily facts as well as a daily trivia question on the announcements. Students did a great job finding the answers and enjoyed the many prizes awarded during the month.

Registration continues for students who will begin primary in September 2018. Please register early as the number of students registered influences our staffing allotment for September. Primary students must turn five on or before Dec.31, 2018. Parents/guardians must present the child's birth certificate or passport, proof of residence, and health card at the time of registration. Out-of-Area Requests can be made on or after April 2nd.

On Tuesday February 15th teachers and administrators were celebrated with an appreciation dinner compliments of the students and families at Rock Church. On behalf of the teachers, Mrs. MacGillivray and myself, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Pastor Julia Benwell, the students and their families, as well as the volunteers, for organizing a most wonderful evening. Once again this evening was most appreciated and truly a joy to all in attendance.

We are pleased to share that our entire school of students and staff visited the Emera Oval for a skating trip on February 27th. We want to thank all of the parents, friends and family who volunteered to accompany us and helped to make our trip a great success. It was a huge undertaking but well worth it. Through our combined efforts we had a wonderful time. For some it was the first visit to the Oval and a wonderful learning experience. Thank you.

Sincerely,
[Stephanie Dorrington, Principal](#)



2018-2019 Bell Change

Dear parents and Guardians,

Effective September 2018 there will be a slight change in the Bell Schedule for Millwood Elementary School. See below

Morning Entrance Bell	8:25
Classes Begin	8:30
P - 2 Recess	9:45 - 10:00
3 - 5 Recess	10:00 - 10:15
Lunch	11:30 - 12:30
Classes Begin	12:30
P - 5 Dismissal	2:30

The changes are as follows: lunch hour will be from 11:30 – 12:30 and the end of day dismissal will be at 2:30 pm. This change aligns our time allotted for lunch with other schools, in the Sackville area.

Lice

There have been a few reported cases of head lice in our school. As head lice can spread from person to person, we recommend that you carefully check your child's head to see if they have head lice. If your child has live lice or nits he/she needs to receive treatment. The school board policy on head lice can be found on the HRSB Website at www.hrsb.ca under the Documents and Links button. It is recommended that you check your child on a regular basis and notify the school if your child has lice.

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 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 School Board 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.

The parking lot continues to be a very busy spot in the morning and at dismissal time. With the cold weather upon us and the icy conditions it is important that parents and visitors respect the parking lot signage. Please refrain from double parking. Remember

it is safest to use the Kiss and Go Lane and have your child exit the vehicle from the passenger side.

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.



Help Your Child Succeed in School

Late Students:

When students come to class late, it can disrupt the flow of instruction or discussion, distract other students, impede learning, and generally erode the quality and start to the day. Some students are late almost every day and need to make an extra effort to be on time for school. If there is anything that we can do to help ensure your children are here in time to line up with their peers by 8:25am, please let us know.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in primary, too many absences or lates can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Teachers report that morning routines are regularly impeded by students that are chronically late for school.
- Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves.
- Start building this habit in primary so they can learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important.
- Good attendance will help children do well throughout their whole educational career.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Set a regular bedtime and morning routine for younger children. Make sure they get 9 to 11 hours of sleep. You can lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before. For older children, you can help set homework and bedtime routines that allow for 8½ to 9 ½ hours of sleep. Make sure that when the lights go out, so do the cell phones, video games and computers.

Good Attendance Matters

