



Millwood Elementary School Newsletter September/October 2019

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Up Coming Dates:

- **September 26th: Curriculum Night: 6:30-7:30**
- **September 26th: Nourish Your Roots Orders due**
- **September 27th: PD day: no students present**
- **September 30th: Orange Shirt Day**
- **October 2nd: SAC meeting**
- **October 10th: Nourish Your Roots Pick up boxes**
- **October 14th: Thanksgiving Monday: no school**
- **October 23rd: Picture Retake Day**
- **October 25th Provincial Conference Day: no students present**

School Communication

Newsletters will be sent out at the first of each month. The first newsletter will be sent out in paper copy, via email and uploaded to the school website. November's newsletter will be sent out via email only and posted on our website. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the upcoming newsletters, the office will keep a list of families who have requested this and will send out a copy at the first of the month. Please contact the office if you would like a paper copy. **If you did not receive the newsletter electronically last night could you please contact the office so we can update your email address.** Please check our website regularly for general information and upcoming events details. <https://mle.hrce.ca> .Our Communication of Learning Plan is also posted on the website. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions on how teachers communicate and share your child's learning.

Addressing Concerns and Questions

The school year you may have questions or concerns regarding your child and their progress. The first of line communication is to the classroom teacher. The teacher will respond to you within 48hours. If you feel that the situation requires further consultation, contact the principal to ensure that programming is appropriate for your child and problematic situations are resolved.

Curriculum Night and Community Social

Please join us on Thursday, September 26th from 6:30-7:30 to meet your child's teacher and hear about the year ahead. Teachers will provide two identical information sessions at 6:30 and 6:45 and at 7:00, all families are invited to join staff outside for a frozen treat. Looking forward to seeing you Thursday night.

Terry Fox Run

We will be having a Terry Fox run on September 26st at 11am with the whole school on the track together for a 20-minute (roughly 1-1.5km) walk. If you would like to send in a family donation or loose change, we are collecting donations and send them into the Terry Fox foundation on behalf of the school. Thank you for your support!

Nourish Your Roots Campaign

Thank you for all those that have supported the campaign by ordering your own boxes or collecting orders from family and friends. We would also like to thank Dooley's of Lower Sackville. They are a community partner who were excited support Millwood's Nourish Your Roots campaign!

Security for Students: Visitors, Parents/Guardians Visiting the School

In accordance with HRCE directives and expectations, **any person visiting the school for any purpose must enter through the building's main door and report to the main office.**

Those who will be remaining in the building for any period must sign in and receive an HRCE visitor or volunteer badge. This must be worn at all times. Upon leaving, all visitors must sign out and return the badge. Thank you for your cooperation.

All VOLUNTEERS: IMPORTANT PROCEDURES

Volunteers play an important role in the development of a positive school climate. We welcome parent/community volunteers in our school! Just a reminder that all parent/community volunteers need to have both criminal records check and child abuse registry searches completed prior to volunteering in the school and including field trips. If you are planning to volunteer, **please contact the office as soon as possible to determine if your checks are up to date.** If you have any question, please contact the office and we will be happy to assist you.

Student Drop off times

Supervision of students begins at 8:10 and the school entry bell is at 8:25. Class instruction begins at 8:30. Ensuring students arrive on time provides them with the best opportunity to be prepared for a positive day of learning and exploration. Our school day ends at 2:30 for all students.

Parking Lot

The parking lot is closed from 8:10-2:30 and is intended for staff parking only. The number of staff members have increased this year and all spots are necessary for personnel. If you are able to "kiss and go" when dropping off your child please feel free to use the driveway during times when it is not closed. If you require more time transitioning your child to school, please park on the side streets.

Grab and Go Breakfast

Thank you to the grade 5 students for helping to get our breakfast basket program up and running. Breakfast Baskets are delivered to classrooms each morning. Students have access to a selection of items including, cheese strings, yoghurt, fresh fruit and cereal bars.

Millwood Elementary School Advisory Council

The Millwood Elementary School Advisory Council focuses on issues related to student achievement and wellbeing. Our first meeting for the 2019-2020 school year will be held Wednesday, October 2nd 2019 at 6:00 pm in the school library.

Members of the council are:

Cathy Williams: Chair	Natalie Henderson
Joann Hodder	Becky Payzant
Lynn Parsons	Lauri Ann Riley
Michelle Andrews: Principal	Kara MacGillivray
Traci George	Karen Martin
Tanya Pottie	Todd Van Ritchie

The School Advisory Council now has an email address: hrce-sac-mle@gnspe.ca. If you have any questions, issues or concerns related to SAC, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Looking forward to a fantastic school year!

Cathy Williams
SAC Chair

Provincial Professional Conference Day: October 25th

Our staff will be attending a variety of conferences throughout the province to expand and build on their teaching practices. There is no school for students that day.

Reading Recovery and Early Literacy Support

Parents, please be aware; as part of the Reading Recovery or Early Literacy programs, children in grades one and two may be pulled from their classrooms periodically for some assessment purposes. Thank you!

Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters

September 30th is Orange Shirt Day in Canada. A day in which we recognize the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being. On September 30th, students are invited to wear orange to school.

I am very excited about working with the families and students at Millwood Elementary. Looking forward to a great year! Please reach out and contact me if you have any questions now or throughout the year.

Michelle Andrews
Principal