

# Millwood Elementary School News

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

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*We Remember!*

<b>Nov-Dec</b>	<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>
<b>Nov 2</b>	<b>Photo Retakes</b>
	<b>SAC Meeting 6:00-7:00pm</b>
<b>Nov 10</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30</b>
	<b>Holiday Expo 6:30-9:00</b>
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Remembrance Day – no classes</b>
<b>Nov 14</b>	<b>Assessment &amp; Evaluation Day - no classes</b>
<b>Nov 19-25</b>	<b>Report Cards Go Home</b>
<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>Professional Development am – no classes</b>
	<b>Parent / Teacher Interviews afternoon &amp; evening</b>
<b>Dec 13</b>	<b>Christmas Concert - Grades P-2</b>
<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>Christmas Concert - Grades 3-5 &amp; choir</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 was a huge success. We sold a total of 451 boxes raising \$4009.00 for our school. The money will be used to support healthy eating programs and initiatives at Millwood Elementary. We also participated in the National Walk to School Campaign. As part of the International Walk to School Month, Millwood Elementary was proud to show our support by actively participating in this global event and celebrating the many benefits of walking. The month of October is dedicated to the promotion of active transportation to school and other places kids go. This event encourages students to walk to school with parents, friends and school staff. Walking to school was an easy way to add more physical activity to the daily lives of our students, and help reduce traffic congestion in our school parking lot. I hope you all had fun.

Our SOS Halloween Dance was a huge success on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We want to express our sincere thanks to our SOS volunteers for their dedication and hard work. This was a wonderful event for the families of Millwood. We would like to remind everyone of the importance of meeting deadlines to purchase tickets, or participate in special events. Deadlines are necessary to allow school personnel and volunteers to plan a safe and successful event.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Dorrington, Principal

## Inclement Weather

It's that time of year again, and the weather is getting colder. Please remind students to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. The Halifax Regional School Board takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools in the event of severe or inclement weather. The decision is made as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. We belong to the Millwood High Family of Schools. HRSB does its best to inform parents of school closures in a variety of ways:

- Check the website at [www.hrsb.ca](http://www.hrsb.ca)
- Follow us on Twitter at [Twitter.com/HRSB\\_Official](https://twitter.com/HRSB_Official)
- Call our information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)
- Listen to your radio—all local radio stations will be informed
- Sign up to receive e-mail or text message notification of cancellations ([link](#))

There are times when schools open, but busses are cancelled due to poor road conditions. As parents and guardians, you must use your own discretion with regard to sending your child to school. Before dropping students off, please remember you are responsible to get your child home as busses are cancelled for the day. In the event of an early dismissal, students in grades primary to 5 will not be released from school until parents, guardians or designates have been notified by the school.

## Remembrance Day

Millwood Elementary School is planning a Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, Nov. 10 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 any members of the Canadian Forces plan on attending in uniform, please contact Mrs. Baker-Skinner at [lbaker@hrsbc.ca](mailto:lbaker@hrsbc.ca) with your rank and information so that we can introduce you to our school during the assembly.

## Streamlined Curriculum Grades P-6

### What has changed in the grade Four to Six curriculum?

Mathematics and Language Arts are the core subjects for children in schools.

Mathematics and Language Arts are the main subjects and the content area subjects (Health, Integration Communication Technology, Science, Social Studies, and Visual Arts) are integrated with them.

Outcomes now have performance indicators that help describe what a student does to show that they have learned that outcome.

### What does integration mean?

Integration is a way to organize and apply student learning across subjects.

The streamlined curriculum allows students to make connections between subjects and acquire concepts and skills. An integrated or cross curricular model of instruction allows outcomes from one or more subject areas (Health, Information and Communication Technology, Science, Social Studies, and Visual Arts) to be addressed in conjunction with outcomes in Language Arts or Mathematics. The Integrated Learning block provides an opportunity for students to practice and apply skills and concepts from two or more subjects in a learning activity or unit of study.



## Christmas Concerts

The Christmas concert will be presented over two evenings, Tuesday December 13th for grades P-2 and Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> for grades 3-5 and choir. 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.

## 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 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. Please respect the parking lot signage. Remember it is safest to use our Kiss and Go Lane and pull up to the curb. Have your child exit the vehicle from the passenger side of the vehicle.**

**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**

## Library News [www.mrsdeyslibrary.weebly.com](http://www.mrsdeyslibrary.weebly.com)

Welcome to another school year in our Library Learning Commons. In addition to our modern book collection and welcoming space, students are enjoying many hands on activities, including lego, iPads and craft play. Donations of crafting items such as yarn, fabric, knit & crochet needles, thread and sewing needles are very welcome. Lego donations are also welcome.

The library is a great space for student clubs too, providing a calm alternative during the lunch hour. Lunchtime clubs can be offered with volunteer participation. If you are available to join us in offering iPad clubs (such as stop motion, green screen, gaming), lego clubs, fibre art clubs (knitting, crochet, sewing) or maybe you have another idea??, please let Mrs. Dey know at [mdey@hrsb.ca](mailto:mdey@hrsb.ca). We invite your ideas and participation.

And finally, the fall Book Fair returns for another year with the scheduled Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday, December 1st. Students will also have an opportunity to visit during class time as well. Watch for the Book Fair newsletter later this month.

Please visit the library website for information and schedules. Any questions or comments, please contact [mdey@hrsb.ca](mailto:mdey@hrsb.ca).

