

Millwood Elementary School News

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

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Happy Easter!

<u>March-April</u>	<u>IMPORTANT DATES</u>
April 5	Parent Teacher Interviews (evening)
April 6	Professional Development in the am , Parent Teacher Interviews in the afternoon (no classes)
April 14	Good Friday – no school
April 17	Easter Monday – no school
April 21	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
May 19	Professional Development Day (no classes)
May 22	Victoria Day (no classes)
May 31	Primary Orientation



Principal's Message

Parent teacher interviews will be conducted on April 5th during the evening and April 6th during the afternoon. Please be sure to book an appointment time with your child's teachers. These interviews are a valuable part of the communication between home and school. A reminder to all parents and students that there is no school for students on April 6th as this will be a professional development day and parent teacher interviews. Once again this term we will be asking parents to book their appointments online. We are using the online program called OPTIS (Online Parent-Teacher Interview Scheduler). This is a quick and easy process for both parents and teachers. Please visit Website: parentinterviews.com/Millwood. Remember, only one 10 minute appointment per child, per teacher. If you have questions or problems while trying to create an account or book an appointment, please call the main office at 902-864-7510.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Dorrington, Principal

EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2017-2018:

Families who are interested in registering their children in EXCEL's recreation program for the 2017/2018 school year are encouraged to mark the following dates on your calendars:

April 24th - Beginning at 8:00 am - current participants of the 2016/2017 EXCEL program may submit an application for the coming school year via the online application system; by email; or by fax. On April 18th Account Holders of current participants will receive an email containing their user name and password providing them exclusive access to the online application system. Current participant families that have additional siblings that will be registering for the first time with EXCEL are eligible to register all children in their family during this early registration period.

May 1st - General Registration begins at 8:00 am for all EXCEL Before and/or After school programs. Applications may be submitted via the online system or the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. Individuals paying by Pre-Authorized Payment, MasterCard or Visa ONLY may register on-line. Go to <https://secure.hrsb.ns.ca/excel> to access.

We encourage parents to submit their applications in a timely manner to ensure the greatest opportunity for entry into the program as demand often exceeds capacity. Applications will be accepted on a first-received, first-accepted basis. (Priority is not given to Before & After participants over After only.) Full-time participation (5 days/week) is required. Please see the EXCEL pages on the HRSB website for more information on registration and the program.

Primary Orientation

Primary Orientation will take place on Wednesday May 31st from 10:00am to 11:00am. At that time students will participate in a primary classroom experience. The children will go to class with the teachers and the parents will meet in the gymnasium with administration. Parents will receive helpful information regarding school routines, bell times etc. as well as a Welcome To School Package.

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.

Winter is in full swing and the temperatures continue to fluctuate. Please ensure students come dressed appropriately for the cold weather. Don't forget to wear your snow pants, hats, mittens, and boots.

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.