

Millwood Elementary School News

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

Principal : Ms. S. Dorrington

Vice principal : Ms. K. MacGillivray

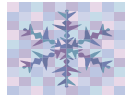
Admin Assistant : Ms. C. Ritchie

March 2017

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

<u>March-April</u>	<u>IMPORTANT DATES</u>
March 22	Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)
March 27	Term 3 Begins
March 30	Report Cards Go Home
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

Principal's Message



I can hardly believe how fast the school year is moving along. The year is quickly passing as we work and learn together at Millwood Elementary. As you know WTR has ended however, moving forward comes with many questions and challenges. Together, we will work through them. We thank you for your patience and support as we move through this next stage and shape our “New Normal” for the future. Information will be communicated as updates are needed. Teachers are currently focussed on School Planning Team, IPP meetings and report card writing.

Registration continues for students who will begin primary in the Fall. 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, 2017. Parents/guardians must present the child's birth certificate or passport, proof of residence, and health card at the time of registration. In the past we have collected a primary supply fee and purchased all school supplies required for the year. Due to the significant changes in the policy we will no longer have that as an option. Primary parents will receive a school supply list at Primary Orientation in May, to help guide their purchases. Out-of-Area Requests can be made on or after April 3rd.

On Thursday February 23rd 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. A great time of celebration was had by all.

We wish to remind parents that supervision begins at 8:10 am. Students should NOT arrive before then in the morning. Dismissal time for grades P-2 is 2:15, and grades 3-5 at 2:45. Students must be picked up at dismissal. We can accommodate in an emergency but students cannot be left waiting for pick up on a daily basis. Parents must have a pick up plan for dismissal time.

Sincerely,
[Stephanie Dorrington, Principal](#)

Nourish Your Roots

Nourish Your Roots was a healthy fundraiser to support healthy eating food programs and initiatives in schools that we did last Fall. 100% of the money raised will be used to support our healthy eating food initiatives. We are expanding our support to students by launching our Grab and Go Breakfast Program for all students who wish to take part at Millwood Elementary. With the help of staff and our student leaders we will fill and deliver baskets to each classroom from which students can select breakfast items. Baskets will include a variety of items such as fresh fruit, cereal, granola bars, cereal bars, apple sauce etc.



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.