

# WOLFVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families:

Here we are on the last day of March with spring to look forward to! An exciting time of year in school and out with spring sports and other activities, class trips, etc. all happening in the next few months.

During work to rule supervision was one of the greatest challenges as teachers volunteered for lunch hour supervision and that did not happen during the labor dispute. Thanks again to volunteers for helping with this task during a difficult time. Since WTR, supervision has remained at 20 minutes before the start of the school day (8:30) other than bus students who arrive at 8:15 and are supervised in the lobby.

The labor dispute between the NSTU and the Province was strenuous for all. In particular, work to rule was a challenging time in many ways but also a good time to reflect on our education system. Teachers recognized that there were too many disruptions to the school day, that their work/life balance was strained and that our students need the proper supports in a range of ways. May activities were cancelled, some are starting up again and some may not until next year or never again. We all need to take a good look at where we want to focus our energies and I welcome suggestions from families. Teachers will be mindful as to what and how many volunteer activities they take on. As a result of the one day strike, the monies saved during this day were allocated to student support grants and we will receive a sum of money for this purpose.

A big thank you to the playground committee which is making excellent progress and feel they will have the funds necessary to tackle the soccer field this year. More information will come in the next few months as the project moves forward. Best wishes for a happy spring!  
Steve Keddy

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings are being scheduled for April 6 (evening) and April 7 (afternoon). Please call the school office at 902-542-6050 to make an appointment.

### Lego League

At the March 4<sup>th</sup> provincial Lego League competition, Axe Robotics coaches Juan Carlos Lopez and Eduardo Vaz won the Rookie Coach Award. Robo Lobo Wired won the Robot Design Strategy and Innovation Award and coach Andy Pitter won the Outstanding Coach Award. Congratulations to both teams!

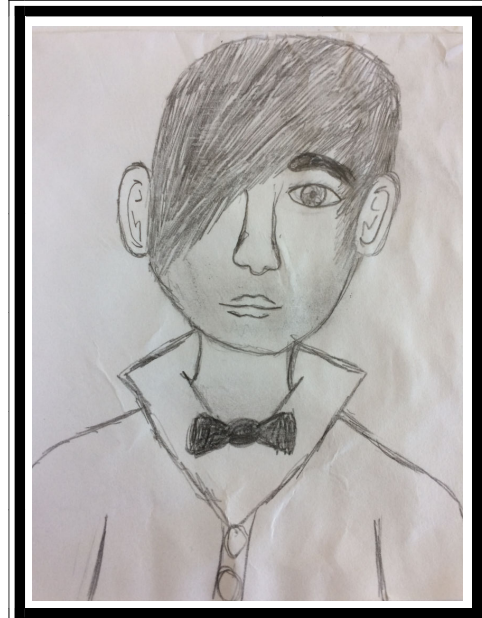


(L to R) Coach Andy Pitter; Students Lex Zacharias and Ethan Bullerwell; Principal Steve Keddy.

### Summer Soccer Registration

Wolfville Soccer club will be holding registration on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at Wolfville School from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for the upcoming season. You can register in person at this time or online at [www.wolfvillesoccer.com](http://www.wolfvillesoccer.com).

## Look at what our students are doing!



Grade 8 art students have been learning about Canadian artists. After completing some research on their artist's period, style and contributions to the art world, students either drew a portrait of their artist, a copy of one of their famous works or a piece in their style. Shown above (top) is a piece by student Ash Baltzer (artist Tom Thompson) and (bottom) by Olly Hughes (artist Norval Morriseau).

## Planning End-of-Year Dance

Dear Grade 8 Parents:

We would like to put together a team of parents who would like to organize and host the end of the year dance on Thursday, June 22, 7:00-9:30 p.m. in the school gym. While this dance is for the entire Middle School, it is special to the grade 8's as they feel it is their graduation dance. Our philosophy is to try and keep it low key so that all students can afford and feel comfortable to attend. We are looking for a few parents who would be interested in helping out. Margaret Miller has agreed to assist in leading the team with Heather Fulton. If you are interested in volunteering your time on this fun event please contact heather at [hfulton@gnsps.ca](mailto:hfulton@gnsps.ca). We will hold an initial meeting at the school on Thursday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. in the school meeting room.

**Babysitting Basics / Home Alone Programs Offered**

Wolfville School will be hosting the Safe Choice Babysitter Basics program and the Home Alone program training session at the school on Monday, May 8, 2017 (inservice day).

Home Alone (Grades 4-6)

May 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. — Cost: \$40

This course is for students in grade 4-6 and includes activities such as emergency preparedness, fire safety and first aid basics. Students are asked to bring a writing utensil and a lunch and snacks for the day.

Babysitter Basics (Grades 5-9)

Date: May 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. — Cost \$40

The Babysitter Basics course is designed for students in grades 5-9 and includes all of the topics in the Home Alone Program with additional activities on becoming a babysitter, managing behaviours and child care. Students are asked to bring a writing utensil and a lunch and snacks for the day as well as an infant-sized doll if available.

To register for either program, please bring cash or cheque (payable to Wolfville School) to the school office by Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Please email Ms. Watt at [cwatt@gnspecs.ca](mailto:cwatt@gnspecs.ca) or phone 902-542-6919 if you require financial assistance to register your child for the program or for any questions or concerns regarding the programs.

**Magazines Needed!**

The Middle School Art Room is looking for donations of magazines and/or calendars that can be cut up for collage work. Please leave any in the office for Ms. Hatton.

**Track & Field Coaching Opportunity**

The Wolfville School is in search of 3-4 very responsible adults who are willing to commit to coaching T&F for the season. (Mid April – mid June). Responsibilities and duties include coaching all areas of T&F: running (short and long), jumping and throwing events; setting up a week-to-week training schedule for all athletes; running weekly practices 3-4 times/week; collecting fees and submitting them to Wolfville School office; handing out and collecting permission slips (the school has a generic form that you modify); distributing, keeping track and collecting track jerseys; supervising all athletes at District, Regional and Provincial meets which includes giving up three weekends in late May / early June. Must have Criminal Records Check and Child Abuse Registry completed before working with students. If you are interested and up for a challenge please contact Jeff Moore at Wolfville School at [jmoore1@gnspecs.ca](mailto:jmoore1@gnspecs.ca) or call 902-670-2503.

**IWK Fundraiser**

The next IWK fundraiser is April 21: Beach Day! Students: bring your favourite beach towel, accessories and a donation to help encourage the arrival of summery weather! (Please note our usual dress code still applies).

**Early Dismissals Cancelled**

Due to the high number of storm days, the early dismissals have been cancelled to the end of the school year. As a result, May 16 will be a full day for students.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)**

The next meeting of the SAC is scheduled for April 25, 7 p.m.

**AVRSB**

Recreation NS, Camping Association of NS and Brigadoon Village have partnered to offer an affordable PD opportunity for anyone working with students in physical education, recreation/volunteer capacities, May 11-13, at Camp Brigadoon. Certifications include: mental health first-aid, flatwater canoeing certification, risk management, Outdoor Council of Canada hiking certification, autism practical supports & strategies, behavior strategies, Leave No Trace instructor certification, practical ways to reconnect students with nature, Stewards of Children training, YMCA engaging newcomers to Canada and more. For more information or to register:

<http://www.recreationns.ca/recreation-practitioners-training-institute/>

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Edalene Theatre—Summer Camp**

This year we are doing the amazing Broadway hit- *The Addams Family!* Camp will be offered for students 10-18 and run from August 7th– August 25th. All who audition will be accepted. However, if you would like to come to camp and be part of the chorus, no audition is required, just fill out a registration form. If you are interested in auditioning, please go to [www.edalenetheatre.ca](http://www.edalenetheatre.ca) or email [kerri@edalenetheatre.ca](mailto:kerri@edalenetheatre.ca) for more details.

**SPCA Contest**

The Nova Scotia SPCA would like see how you and your family care for your beloved pets! Show us how you and your family love your four legged friends. The Nova Scotia SPCA Annual Art Contest is back! STEP ONE: Draw you or your family caring for pets! STEP TWO: Submit your drawing to the Nova Scotia SPCA Office by April 21st 2017. For more Information visit: [www.spcans.ca](http://www.spcans.ca) or (902) 835-4798 ext 223.

**Horton Safe Grad Fundraiser**

Paint Night with Colleen Gerrits—Come out for a social night and discover the artist in you! Step by step instruction, materials and refreshments supplied! April 12, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Gaspe-reau Community Centre. Cost is \$40 individual or \$35 each for group of two or more. Call 902-542-3805 to reserve.

**Kid Ink Comics and Illustration—Cotton Tale Cafe**

Do your children like comic books? Want to learn how to make their own? This is an opportunity for students in grades 1-5 to learn the process of creating their own illustrative work. Using different techniques, students will work towards completed projects involving full pages, cover work, story boarding, trading cards and more! Teacher: local artist Patrick Bezanson. Four Week Course – Every Wednesday from May 3-24, 2:45–4:30pm. Cost: \$60. Please call 902-680-1691 or stop in.

**HOPPY EASTER SPAGHETTI DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION**

April 8, 5-7 p.m., Louis Millett Centre

In 2018, a group of students from the Annapolis Valley (KCA, Horton and NKEC) will be travelling to Ecuador as part of a **Me to We** volunteer service learning trip called, "Supporting Women in Ecuador's Andean Communities" where they will work with community members on a development project of the community's choice. Join them for a "Hoppy Easter" spaghetti dinner and silent auction at the Louis Millett Center in New Minas. There will be great food, a silent auction, a draw for a \$100 Easter basket, Easter activities for all ages and a very special visit from the Easter Bunny. Advance tickets \$10 each, \$5 for children under 10, or \$30 per family and are available at Wild Lily, Stirlings Farm Market, The Swimwear Hut and Occasions Gifts and Décor or reserve at [hoppyeaster8@gmail.com](mailto:hoppyeaster8@gmail.com).

**Dates to Remember — April**

6	Parent-Teacher (evening, by appointment) Soccer Registration
7	Inservice (morning) and Parent/Teacher (afternoon, by appointment)— <b>No School for Students</b>
14	Good Friday— <b>No School for Students</b>
17	Easter Monday— <b>No School for Students</b>
20	Primary Registration— <b>No School for Gr. Primary</b>
21	IWK Fundraiser—Beach Day!
25	SAC Meeting, 7 p.m.
28	Newsletter



**April is...**  
National Poetry Month  
National Volunteer Month

Please see our Community and Athletics calendars at [wolfville.ednet.ns.ca](http://wolfville.ednet.ns.ca) to stay up-to-date