

# WOLFVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Late Arrivals

We are experiencing unusually high rates of students arriving late in the morning without a valid reason. In the morning the school is a busy place and the office may be closed between 8:40 and 9:00 a.m. When a student arrives late it takes extra time from office staff and it disrupts the learning in the classroom. A child arriving late is also at a huge disadvantage as the first few minutes of the day are critical times especially at the elementary level). Please have elementary children to the playground between 8:25 and 8:40 a.m. so that they can enter the school with their class. Middle level students may enter the building any time after 8:00 a.m. to be in their home-rooms when attendance is taken at 8:40 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation – our students deserve every minute of learning that is available to them.

### Parent Portal – Access to a New Dimension!

Join the Parent Portal to Wolfville School! This account gives you access to real-time attendance information, student schedules, email links to teachers, and many other items. All of your children who attend school in the AVRSB can be linked through one account. You can set up your contact preferences for Alert notifications as well on this site. Students have their own link to the same system, with some small differences (they cannot, for example, change a family's contact preferences or information). Most students make their link active in Grade 8 in order to register for courses for Grade 9. But you can have access to your Portal account from Grade Primary and up! We urge you to sign up for your account by visiting the School Office and receiving your login credentials.

### Elementary Winter Concert

The Elementary Winter concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m. Students participating in the concert must wear black and white and be at the school for 6:15 p.m. Looking forward to seeing all of our elementary students and their families for this winter celebration! (Storm date December 13).



### Warm Hands

Many thanks to Marie Schofield and other community knitters who have once again provided us with mittens for little fingers which may need them throughout the winter months. They are very much appreciated!

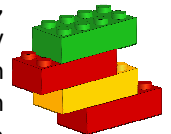
### Exploratories

HELP NEEDED!!! On Wednesday, March 8, 2017 the middle level students will be participating in their second round of exploratories. Exploratories are an opportunity for middle school students to explore/participate in learning experiences that are not always included in our regular curriculum. Exploratories at Wolfville School are multi-aged groupings. They offer students in grades 6-8 the opportunity to work with and learn about other middle students in other grades. During exploratories students are encouraged to try something new to them!

We are in need of parents or volunteers to help lead activities. Possibilities are: garden stones, science experiments, music, drama, sewing, cooking, technology, or an art form. If YOU have a special interest or talent that you could share with our students, please contact Heather Fulton or Andrea MacDonald at our school (902-542-6050).

### Lego League Robotics/Science Team—Revised Dates

The application form deadline had to be moved up: the forms have already been made available and are due **Tues, Nov 29**. If your youth (gr 6-8) can't meet this deadline, please contact Andy asap. The team will meet Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-5:00 pm, in December (exception: Mon, Dec 19) and Mondays and Thursdays in January and February. Volunteers are still needed. Main duty is supervising students while they program robots and work on a science project. Tech background an asset but not a necessity. Police record and child abuse registry checks required. For more info about volunteering, contact Andy Pitter ([andriel\\_p@yahoo.ca](mailto:andriel_p@yahoo.ca); 542-1545).



### Primary Registration for 2017-2018

If someone you know (or you!) has a child who turns five by December 31, 2016 please encourage them to contact the school at 902-542-6050 to begin the registration process.

### Unplanned Early Dismissals

In the event that Wolfville School closes early due to the weather or an unforeseen event, we will be contacting parents/guardians or emergency contacts that you have communicated to us on your child's registration form or Unplanned Early Dismissal form. Calls will only be made for students from Primary to grade 5. A text/email alert will be sent to parents of students at all grade levels. Please remember to inform the office of updated contact information throughout the year. For Board-wide unplanned early dismissal information, please see *School Closures* under AVRSB NEWS (see p. 2)

### The Loving Tree / Gravy Train

As we head into the holiday season, Wolfville School will again be collecting donations of food or money for our Loving Tree. Donations will go to families of Wolfville School who need support. Please send your donation with your child or drop it off at the school office.



The We Are Empowered committee will run the Gravy Train again this year. We will begin collecting turkey and/or chicken gravy in either cans or packets. These will go to the food bank, which prepares over 150 dinner hampers to support families in our community. (*Angie Rushton*, Teacher Advisor)

### Thank You!

Our sincere appreciation goes to the Acadia Nutrition students who gave Healthy Breakfast presentations to our 5, 6 and 7 students and also made a generous donation of apple juice to our breakfast program. Thank you!

### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

#### School Improvement Fundraising Committee

The Wolfville School Advisory Committee is looking for volunteers to help support the creation and running of a School Improvement Fundraising Committee. The committee's objective is to raise funds to support physical improvements to the school to support academics, arts, performing arts, inclusive education, athletic and recreational activities. We require people who have experience with large fundraising campaigns, but anyone who wants to put time into supporting ongoing physical improvements to the school would be welcome and appreciated. If you are interested, please contact the Principal (Mr. Steve Keddy) for further details.

#### Wolfville School Chicken Dinner

The Annual Wolfville School Chicken Dinner fundraising event is scheduled for December 2nd (the same night as Wolfville's Night of Lights tree lighting), 4:00-6:00 pm at the Wolfville Lion's Hall. The School Advisory Council is organizing this event, along with assistance and support from local businesses and organizations. Take-out will be available, and this year we have a vegetarian option available as well! Tickets are still available for sale at the Inquisitive Toy Company. This is a great fundraiser to enhance school renovations and a wonderful evening to get out, eat dinner with the town, and enjoy the festivities. Anyone willing to volunteer to help with the dinner on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, or on Nov 30<sup>th</sup> for the potato peeling day should contact Emily Parks at [emilyparks@gmail.com](mailto:emilyparks@gmail.com).

#### Teacher and Staff Appreciation

As a small token of thanks for the wonderful work the staff at our school does for our children, the School Advisory Council will have treats and coffee/tea for all the staff at Wolfville School on Monday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at morning break. Many thanks to all our great teachers and staff, particularly at this busy time of year!

#### Davidson's Christmas Tree Fundraiser

This year Davidson's Christmas Tree Farm is donating \$5/tree

to the school when you bring in a Wolfville school coupon (coupons to be sent home at the beginning of December with students). You can tag your tree now, and return closer to Christmas to cut it down, or buy a pre-cut tree (2996 Black River Rd, Wolfville).

#### December SAC Meeting

The next SAC meeting will be Thursday, December. 8th, 2016: 7 – 8:30 pm. Meeting minutes are posted on the school website.

#### Home & School / SAC Integrated

The former Wolfville Home & School and the School Advisory Council have now been integrated into one organization—the Wolfville School Advisory Council. Please go to the school website for SAC information. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 7:00 p.m.

#### The 22th Annual Wolfville School Holiday Bazaar

Monday December 12th, 2016  
(*Snow date – Tuesday December 13th, 2016*)

The Bazaar is a fun event where our students in the Elementary and Middle School will have an opportunity to buy gifts for their immediate family members.

Money raised is given to Wolfville School families in need at this time of the year.

Departments we would like to have this year are:

- Mom
- Dad (we are usually short on this one)
- Toys (Sister/Brother/Baby)
- Games
- Kitchen
- Decorative
- Arts/Craft supplies

**NO BOOKS PLEASE!!!** Please save books for the Ice cream Social next September.

**NO TOILETRIES** (perfumes, soaps, make-up, shampoos, etc.) **PLEASE!!!!**

Please have a look around your home for like-new/gently used items that you would like to donate. Wrapping paper, newspapers, flyers bags, boxes and tape are needed for wrapping gifts as well. Items may be dropped off at the school starting December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteers are needed for sorting and set-up on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am, and for wrapping and clean-up on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### AVRSB NEWS

##### School Closures

The decision to cancel or change bus transportation and/or school schedules is taken very seriously, and we appreciate that changes like these have an impact on your family. Safety is always our first priority. Decisions to cancel or change bus transportation and/or school schedules before the start of the

school day are announced as early as possible after 6 a.m. Any changes due to road or weather conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances, are announced in several ways:

- Twitter: Follow [@avrsb](#)
- Text or email notices from AVRSB's "Notify Me" Service. [Subscribe or change your contact preferences here.](#)
- Radio (AVR Network, Magic 94.9 FM, K-Rock 89.3 FM, and CBC Radio 1 in Halifax)
- Television (ATV Breakfast Television)
- The following Websites:  
[www.avrsb.ca](http://www.avrsb.ca)  
<http://avrnetwork.com>  
[www.magic949.ca](http://www.magic949.ca)  
[www.k-rock893.com](http://www.k-rock893.com)  
[www.cbc.ca/stormcentre/ns](http://www.cbc.ca/stormcentre/ns)

**DEECD NEWS (Department of Education and Early Childhood Development)**

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has prepared an information sheet for parents/guardians with answers to frequently asked questions about possible job action by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. Please visit <https://goo.gl/hu1WZE> to view this information sheet.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Caravan Theatre**

Caravan theatre, with special guest The East Coast Carolling Co. presents Dylan Thomas’ timeless classic, “A Child’s Christmas in Wales”. Wolfville performance will be Friday December 9, 7pm at Manning Memorial Chapel, Acadia University. \$10 tickets available at Box of Delights Bookstore, 466 Main St., Wolfville. For performance dates and times please visit [www.caravantheatre.ca](http://www.caravantheatre.ca).

**Exercise is Medicine Canada at Acadia**

Exercise is Medicine Canada at Acadia is partnering with Acadia Mental Health Society to bring you The Hot Chocolate Run. This is an event designed for people of all ages and athletic abilities to come out and be active. There is a 5k route for those who want to run and a 3k route for those who want to walk. Runners and walkers are welcome to join us for a great time and learn how exercise can benefit your health and your life! Besides, did we mention there will be hot chocolate at the finish line...? The run/walk will start at 3:00 p.m., snow, rain or shine. Although we hope everyone enjoys the event and are excited to be providing hot chocolate at the finish line, please note special dietary restrictions will not be accommodated. Start/finish is Waterfront Park, Wolfville. Cost: donation. Please go to [raceroster.ca](http://raceroster.ca) to register.

**Cadance Academy**

Cadance Academy will be presenting its eleventh annual production of “The Nutcracker” on Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Festival Theatre, Wolfville. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$15 for students, seniors, and children and can be purchased at the Acadia Arena Box

Office - 902-542-5500 or from Cadance Academy. For information: [www.cadanceacademy.ca](http://www.cadanceacademy.ca) or by phone: 902-679-3616 or email: [info@cadanceacademy.ca](mailto:info@cadanceacademy.ca)

**Caravan Theatre**

Caravan Theatre brings alive the magic of Christmas with its dramatic retelling of Dylan Thomas’ timeless classic, “A Child’s Christmas in Wales”.

Performing on a modest stage embellished only by Thomas’ poetic and evocative language, four actors transport the audience back to old-time Christmases of years gone by. Joining us will be special guests, The East Coast Carolling Co.

Performances: *Wolfville, Friday December 9, 7pm at Manning Memorial Chapel, Acadia University.* Tickets \$10, or \$30/family, available at Box of Delights Bookstore, 466 Main St., Wolfville. *Windsor, Monday, December 19, 7pm at Windsor United Church, 613 King St.* Entry by free-will offering. *For more information, visit [www.caravantheatre.ca](http://www.caravantheatre.ca)*

**Paint Night—Horton Safe Grad Fundraiser**

Horton Safe Grade is hosting a Paint Night fundraiser with artist Colleen Gerrits on Friday, January 20, 7:00-9:15 (storm date January 25). Horton High School, \$50 individual; \$45 each for group of 2 or more. Refreshments served. This is a beginner level event. Please call 902-542-3805 to book your ticket. Limited to 40 participants!

**Dates to Remember — December**



2	Chicken Dinner—4:00-6:00 pm, Lion’s Hall
6	Elementary Concert—6:30-8:00 pm
7	Band Concert—7:00 pm, Festival Theatre
8	SAC Meeting—7:00 pm
12	Holiday Bazaar (for students)
13	Storm Date for Elementary Concert, 6:30-8:00 pm
15	Middle Level Dance—6:45 pm. Cost: \$5
20	Pyjama Day
21	Newsletter Last Day before Holidays—Early Dismissal



Happy Holidays

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