

# WOLFVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

The past two months have been challenging for all due to the ongoing negotiations between the Government of Nova Scotia and the Teachers Union. This process has had an impact on students and families as well as all of the employees at the school. Your support during this time has been very much appreciated by the staff. We have received emails, have had conversations, families have dropped off treats and students have sent positive messages which has all been amazing. Students have not had the same experiences they have enjoyed for many years but I am confident and want you to know that their education has not suffered. In fact there has been no lost instructional time as occurs regularly the way schools operated prior to work to rule, the focus has been squarely on teaching and learning!

At this time Work to Rule (WTR) has been lifted and discussions are happening at the School and Board level in regards to what activities will be phased in and the timeline around that. We are hesitant to rush this process and are keeping in mind NSTU members will vote on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tentative Agreement on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The results of this vote will also have an impact on operations going forward. I thank you for your patience during these uncertain times and encourage you to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Steve Keddy, Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

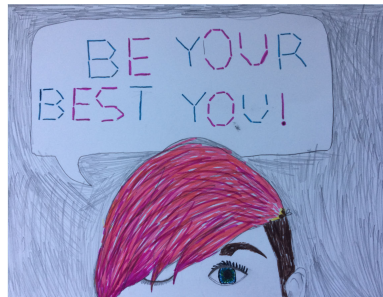
### Primary Registration

Parents/guardians of children starting primary at Wolfville School in September are asked to contact the school to register. An information session will be held on Monday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. If you know of anyone living in the Wolfville School catchment area with children turning five on or before December 31, 2017, please encourage them to call the school office.

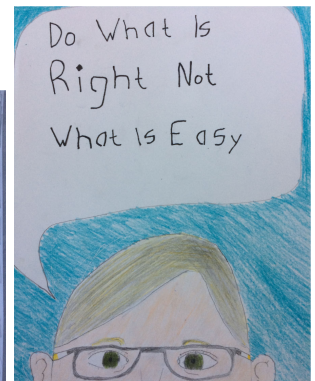


## Look at what our students are doing!

Grade 7 & 8 Art Empowered  
Self-portraits



Georgia Levy, Grade 7



Alexander Glenn, Grade 7

### Playground Pick-up

If you are picking up a child from the school playground during recess or lunch (e.g. for an appointment during the day) please first stop in at the school office to sign the student out and get a sign-out slip for the playground supervisors.

### National Flag of Canada Day—February 15



Our flag is turning 52! The flag, designed by George Stanley, was proclaimed by Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, on January 28, 1965, and took effect "upon, from and after" February 15. (Wikipedia) Info: <http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1449158599459>

### Adopt-a-school-library Project

Thanks to all who contributed to our library through this great fundraiser. Special mention to the students who helped with decorating the cakes for the cakewalk in June, and the students who helped with the Farmer's Market booth in September and October. Thanks to the SEED grant people and the SAC for their contribution. Thanks to the Grapevine for their article and to the Farmer's Market for the free booth for six days. Also thanks to all the teachers and staff for their support in making time for presentations and the artwork on the bookmarks.

We raised enough funds to be able to purchase almost \$5000 worth of books. We have sent a special card to Cole's bookstore thanking the staff and customers for the support they gave to the project in-store; they probably raised close to 75 % of the funds through customer donations.

The next phase of the project has started in that I have purchased \$1500 worth of books; and am starting the preparation of them for circulation. This includes cataloguing, stamping and labeling as well as special displays and presentations. Be patient; this takes a while!

Thanks  
Jose Gladwin,  
Wolfville School Library



**CHANGE Program**

The second session of the Acadia-run Children’s Health and Nutritional Growth Experience (CHANGE) program for Grades 4-7 was cancelled due to lack of participant interest. This program may be offered again after March break, so please watch for updates.

**School Insurance Program (SIP)**

The Nova Scotia School Board Association-governed School Insurance Program (SIP) is giving all public schools in Nova Scotia an opportunity to make some money for their classrooms. Until the end of the school year, NSSBA is offering every school \$2 from every SIP Gold Plan sold. The Gold Plan sells for \$14/year, and enhances the basic student insurance coverage to 24/7/365. Info: [www.sip.ca](http://www.sip.ca)

**Heritage Day—February 20**

Celebrated the third Monday in February, Nova Scotia Heritage Day is an annual reminder of our storied past and an opportunity to honour the remarkable people, places and events that have contributed to this province’s unique heritage. <https://heritageday.novascotia.ca/>

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)**

**Playground Improvement Committee**

The Playground Improvement Committee will hold an information evening on February 7th, 7 pm, to review the proposal for major changes to the school playground. Your feedback is needed so please come and learn what is planned. The session will be held in Mr. Belliveau’s classroom #148 (by the library).

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Teen Yoga**

There will be FREE Teen Yoga classes again thanks to Wolfville Recreation, starting Tues. January 10th from 3:30-4:30. Classes will be held at the Wolfville Curling Rink behind the Atlantic Theater Festival down by the Wolfville Farmer's Market instead of Wolfville School. These classes are open to surrounding schools Grades 5-9. Looking forward to sharing time on my mat with the Teens! For further information contact: Kelly Sheehan, [carerrands@hotmail.com](mailto:carerrands@hotmail.com), 902-691-2436.

**Victory Taekwondo**

Taekwondo is a great way to get exercise and have fun doing it. Victory Taekwondo has classes for ages 4 and up. Instructors are 3rd and 4th degree black belts and have earned multiple National medals. Two instructors each have over 20 years experience in WTF Taekwondo. Classes help improve flexibility, conditioning, focus and discipline. New students joining in January 2017 will receive February for free. For more information call 902-670-7897 or email [tkdvictory@hotmail.com](mailto:tkdvictory@hotmail.com).

**ADHD Support in the Annapolis Valley**

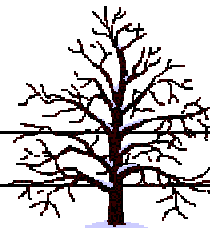
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 @ 7pm, Louis Millet Centre, New Minas (snow day February 17<sup>th</sup>). Bringing ADHD support to the Valley, Facilitator: John Lohr, Guest Speaker: Maya Warnock, Excalibur ADHD Association of Nova Scotia. For more information, contact: Seana Collins ([seanacollins@eastlink.ca](mailto:seanacollins@eastlink.ca)).

**Centre Stage Theatre**

A new year, a new show! *The Three Billy Goats Griff*—a Family Show for February and March at Centre Stage! With a tweak and a twist, *The Three Bully Goats Griff* takes on the issue of bullying. The two toll trolls who are bickering on a bridge have a "falling out" after Billy, the medium size goat, decides to become a "bully goat." Show runs February 18, 19, 25, 26, March 4, 5, at 2:00 pm in the Upper Performance Centre. (Centre Stage, Kentville). Tickets are \$7. Call 902-678-8040 for tickets.

**DATES TO REMEMBER — February**

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| 17 | EARLY DISMISSAL        |
| 20 | Heritage Day—NO SCHOOL |



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