

WOLFVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families:

It was great to see so many of you at our recent elementary concert and middle school band concert; we were overdue for opportunities to get together and celebrate our students' success! Each class, choir and band performing left the audience very impressed. The positive feedback is appreciated!

This year we have a number of staff changes to report already. No matter the reason it is always difficult to say goodbye. Secretarial time has been reduced so our part time secretary Carol Inskip will be leaving us; this loss of support in the office will be felt by all. Music teacher Rebecca Crisp has accepted a Grade 5 classroom position at GVES so we will be searching for someone to replace this big set of shoes. David Greene, our Behavior Intervention Teacher extraordinaire, will complete his term at the end of June and we wish him all the best as he looks for employment for the next school year. His talents working with students will be missed. Taunya Sheffield will be retiring after many successful years teaching at Wolfville School and in the AVRSB. Her passion for helping students succeed will be a loss for the school. Whatever the situation, best wishes to all as you move on to the next chapter!

Very pleased to report the renovation is on schedule and the date for substantial completion is June 1, 2017. Final touches are being done inside and concrete and asphalt work is underway outside. Landscaping is also in progress; all of this work is scheduled to be done in the next 10 days. Classrooms will be set up over the summer as equipment and furniture arrives and the spaces will be ready for students come September. Exciting times!

As always, June will be a busy month with concerts, class trips, special events, celebrations and closings. Enjoy the last few weeks of the school year!

Steve Keddy, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Report Cards

Students will not be given their report cards until the final day of school, June 30. If your child is not in attendance, you may pick up the report card at the school office up to and including July 10, 2017. If you will be away and wish to have your child's report card mailed you must give their teacher a large stamped, self-addressed envelope.

See what our students are doing!

As another school year draws to a close, students in Ms. MacIsaac's grade 5 class are already looking ahead:

Summer

Summer splashes in,
dresses the ground
with a soft blanket of flowers.
Children jump around
yelling and playing,
happy that summer has arrived.
The warm breeze blowing your hair
away from your face.
The beach has turned
into a vacation place,
The green field, now a place to play.
Bee hives forming in your garden,
You can see that summer has arrived.



Alexa Knein, Grade 5



When I go to Middle School

When I go to middle school I will wear Under Armour.
I will go to the gym.
I will do sports.
I will notice swearing.
I will hide.
I will be nervous.
I fear forgetting stuff.
I will want to go back to elementary school.
I will find new people.
When I go to middle school I will survive.

Lauchlan Levy, Grade 5

Primary Orientation

Orientation Day for the 2017-2018 primary students will take place Friday, June 2, 9:00-11:15 a.m. There will be no school for the current Primary students on that day.

Face aux questions

Congratulations to our Grade 7 and 8 Face aux questions participants. Wolfville School won this year's French "Reach for the Top" trivia competition at both the Grade 7 and Grade 8 level! Bravo participating students and Mme. Andrea!

Sexuality Resource

Grade 7 students have recently been given a booklet from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development called, "Sex? A Healthy Sexuality Resource." This resource has been distributed to grade 7 students in the past. It is intended for use at home as well as by guidance counsellors and teachers of Healthy Living classes. It can also be found online at <http://novascotia.ca/dhw/healthy-development/sexual-health.asp>. For an online resource for families to support parent-child communication around sexuality, please go to <http://novascotia.ca/dhw/healthy-development/documents/How-to-Talk-to-Your-Kids-about-Sexuality-and-Healthy-Sexual-Choices.pdf>.

Lost Textbooks/Chromebooks

Chromebooks are to be turned in on June 26. Students are reminded that they are responsible for lost Chromebooks and textbooks; if lost, replacement cost may be paid at the office.

Library Book Returns

All students should have their library books returned by June 8. Please help your child find and return their books. Any students who have not returned their library books by the end of the school year are to arrange for payment or replacement with the librarian.

2016-2017 Grade 8 Yearbooks

This year's Yearbook will comprise photos and theme pages from Grade 8 students. The cost is \$15. All yearbooks must be pre-ordered by June 7th. Please see the order form sent home to Grade 8's separately.

Art with Glass

The Middle School students in the Student Support Worker and Native Student Advisor programs got to work with glass artisan Tim from School Street Glass in Hantsport. Six students from EMS in Mr. Parker's program also joined in. Tim showed the students how he safely cuts the glass he uses in his work. He explained what they could do with their glass "canvas" and let their imaginations run wild! Their artwork was fired at Tim's studio and they soon had their own creations to hang in a window to capture the light through their sun catchers. Thanks to Tim for coming in and sharing his knowledge and experience with us as we learned a new art form. We look forward to working with you again!



Some of the student artwork created during the Art with Glass workshop.

Sports/Athletic News

Congratulations to Avi Adam who recently returned from a trip to France and Italy with the East Coast Selects girls' hockey team. The team was made up of players from all over Eastern North America; Avi was one of only two Canadians selected to play on the team.

The Wolfville Boys Table Tennis team (Ethan Ennis, Jack Johnston, Jake Lewis and Jonas Dornieden) recently won the Provincials. Ethan competed with Team Nova Scotia at the Atlantic Table Tennis Championships in Charlottetown earlier this month. Congratulations!

Jonas Dornieden recently represented Nova Scotia for his age group at the National Chess Championships in Toronto.

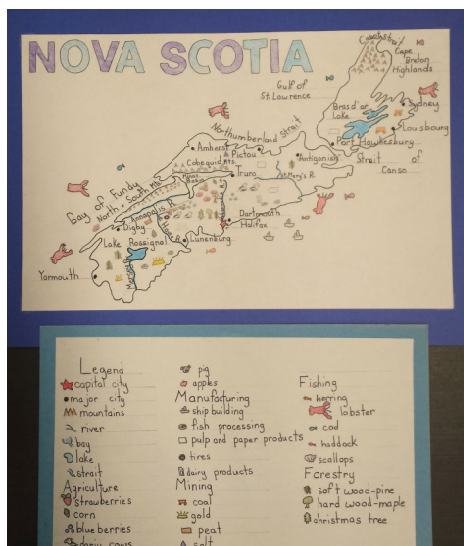
Seeking Coaches—Do you enjoy working with youth? Do you have passion and enthusiasm for team-building? Do you recognize the important role team sports can play in a young person's life? Then coaching might be for you! Wolfville School is looking for coaches in the following areas for the fall (September): Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Volleyball and Boys and Girls Basketball. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Jeff Moore asap at jmoore1@gnspec.ca. CRC and CAR must be completed and on file before the season starts (forms available at the school office). We rely on volunteers to make our teams happen. Please consider getting involved!

Lego League



BEE FRIENDLY THIS SUMMER—Consider making your yard bee-friendly so these industrious creatures can keep pollinating one-third of the food we eat! Leave part of your yard unmown or garden unweeded so there are flowers for the bees or plant a variety of flowers that bloom at different times so the bees have food all summer long. Make a bee home by drilling holes in a board or hanging a bundle of hollow sticks in a tree. Make a bee watering station by putting some rocks in a bird bath or a shallow dish. Place these things together in spots away from children, pets and regular human activity. Go to <https://www.fix.com/blog/creating-a-bee-friendly-garden/> for more instructions and ideas. A message brought to you from your school's Lego League team, Robo Lobo Wired. Art by Sidney Jolley.

Students in Ms. Brown's Grade 3 class created maps of NS depicting natural resources, agriculture and other points of interest. Great job!



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL



Family Fun Night

Reminder—Family Fun Night is taking place **TONIGHT**, May 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Join us for games, storytelling, crafts and treats! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Barbecue / Games Night

Grab a picnic blanket and join us at Rotary Park on June 23. There will be a barbecue at 5 p.m. followed by field games at 6 p.m. and a bonfire, 7-9 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Playground / Activity Park

A big thank you to all the students, parents, teachers, and staff who helped coordinate and sell tickets for the Mother's Day Gift Basket Raffle to raise money for the new Wolfville School Activity Park. Thanks to your efforts, we raised \$3,900 for the new school playground, which will be matched by Mud Creek Rotary Club! The winner of the raffle, Tristin Bateman, a former student at Wolfville School, surprised his mother with the gift basket, filled with lovely products and gift certificates from local businesses. Congratulations to the Grade 5 class, who sold the most raffle tickets (282) and won the class pizza party!



Ms. MacIsaac's Grade 5 class enjoying their pizza party.

Plans are now underway to begin the first phase of construction on the playground this summer. But there is still a lot more we want to do, and we can't do it without your help! Please consider making an individual or business donation to the new Activity Park. Visit WolfvilleSchoolActivityPark.ca or email WolfvilleSchoolActivityPark@gmail.com for more info.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Teen Yoga

There will be three more FREE teen yoga sessions: May 30, June 6 and June 13 at Wolfville School. Open to surrounding schools, grades 5-9. For more information contact Kelly Sheehan at carerrands@hotmail.com or 902-691-2436.

Town of Wolfville/Acadia—Summer Camps

The Town of Wolfville is once again partnering with Acadia University to deliver eight amazing weeks of Adventure Camps. Register at the Acadia Box Office in the Acadia Athletic Complex Monday-Friday 12:00 pm—6:00 pm and Saturday-Sunday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm; by phone 902-542-5500; or online at www.acadiaathletics.ca/camps. There will be an Open House at the Athletic Complex on June 10, 11:00 am—1:00 pm. Email sportcamps@acadiu.ca or call 902-585-1423 for more info.

Summer Art Camp

Art Camp, Greenwich, Tuesday, Aug. 22 to Thursday, Aug. 24 (ages 5 and up). Choose one of the following time slots: 9am-12pm or 1-4pm. Fee is \$95 and will include art supplies and a

snack each day. To reserve a spot for your child please email cmgerrits@hotmail.com. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email or call 902-542-9883. —Colleen Gerrits

Mathletics Calendar Contest

Mathletics wants to find out how math inspires students across Canada. Draw and colour a picture depicting what inspires you in mathematics and it could be showcased in their next calendar! All grade levels accepted. Deadline for submissions is June 12, 2017. For contest rules and regulations, go to <http://ca.mathletics.com/love-math-calendar-contest-2017/>.

Wolfville Tennis Club

The WTC will offer Spring tennis after school 3:30-5pm in June and Summer lessons (one hour per day) in July and August. Ages 10 to 16. To register, attend one of the dates below or you can contact David Lang at dkeslang@gmail.com for further information. Spring Registration will take place at the courts on Thursday May 25 and Friday May 26, 4-5:30pm. Summer Registration takes place on Thursday June 29, 9 am to 12 am and 4-6 pm at the tennis courts.

Pisiquid Canoe Club

Pisiquid Canoe Club runs full summer and two-week paddling programs for ages 5 and up! Come try paddling for free on the following dates: Saturday, June 10 – 11 am to 1 pm and Saturday, June 17 – 11 am to 1 pm. For more information contact admin@pisiquidcanooclub.ca or visit www.pisiquidcanooclub.ca.

Summer Camps at CottonTale Cafe & Play

July 3-7 Superhero Camp
July 10-14 French Camp
July 17-21 Lego Camp
July 24-28 Textile Art Camp

Camps are designed for ages 5-9 and run from 9 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday. The cost of each camp is \$195.00 per week. This includes art/craft supplies, a healthy snack and lunch. Each week of camp also features yoga and outdoor water play. Please go to www.cottontale.ca for more information.

Kid Ink Comics and Illustration

Learn how to make your own comic books. This is an opportunity for students (ages 6-10) to learn the process of creating their own illustrative work, including how to use materials such as pen, ink, nib, brush, acrylic, and pencils, with local artist Patrick Bezanson. Four Week Course – Thursdays, June 1–22, 2:45 – 4:00pm. Cost \$60. Call 902-680-1691 or visit: **Cotton Tale Café + Play**, New Minas.

Annie Jr

New Minas Elementary School is thrilled to present Annie Jr! Join our cast of NMES students in grades 3 through 5 as we bring this classic musical to life. Annie Jr. is revised from the original Broadway musical and the perfect length for young children. Bring the whole family and enjoy our talented cast as they perform "Tomorrow", "Hard Knock Life", "NYC" and all your favorite songs from Annie the Musical! There will be 12:30 and 7:00 performances on Tuesday, June 6th. Tickets will be \$5 each. Tickets available at the door or at Cotton Tale Café, New Minas.

END OF YEAR EVENTS

Please see below for a snapshot of June events. For details about the Grade 8 activities, please refer to the information package, including consent forms, which was sent home separately. Information and permission forms for year-end activities and trips for all other grades will be sent home individually. Be sure to watch for email/text alerts and check the calendar at www.wolfville.ednet.ns.ca for updates.



- **Grade 8 Grad Polls & Picnic**, June 5, 11:00 a.m., Willow Park.
- **Pop Bottle Rocket Launch** for Gr. 7 & 8 Tech Ed students, June 16, 8:50-10:55 a.m., Rotary field.
- **Ms. Cary and Ms. MacNeil’s class trip**, Kingsport Beach, June 13, 9:00 am—2:00 pm (Rain date June 14)
- **Grade 3-4 trip**, June 15, 11:15 am-2:15 pm, Grand Pre
- **EL Hawaiian Day** (Gr. P-5), June 16. Activities in the afternoon for elementary level.
- **Grade 5 trip**, June 19, 8:30 am-3:00 pm, Camp Brigadoon
- **Water Walk**, Acadia track, June 21, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Grades P-8. Students will walk the 6 km that girls in Africa walk each day to get water for their families.
- **Grade 8 End of Year Photos**, June 22, 5:00-5:45 p.m., at the Irving Centre.
- **Grade 8 Student Reception**, June 22, 6:00-6:45 p.m., School Library. For Grade 8 students and their families only.
- **ML End of Year Dance** (Gr. 6-8), June 22, 6:45-9:30 p.m. Theme is “Summer”. Cost is \$10—advance tickets only, on sale starting June 19th at lunch. Dress code will be in effect regarding length of dress/shorts and sleeveless tops. At the beginning of the dance, snacks will be available for free. There will also be a full cash canteen beginning at 7:30 p.m. A special photo booth will be on site (fee for these photos is included in the entrance fee). Doors will be open until 7:15 p.m. Students arriving late must inform Mme. Andrea prior to the dance to make arrangements to be let in. If a student needs to be picked up early they will have to meet their ride at the front door. Mme. Andrea will have a guest invitation list if you wish to invite another grade 6, 7 or 8 student from another local school; if students would like to sign up a guest, they must be approved by the administration of both Wolfville School and the guest’s school. The guest must arrive at the dance at the same time as the host student and the host student is responsible for the behaviour of the guest throughout the dance. Guests must also pay the \$10 entrance fee.
- **Grade 8 Upper Clements Park Trip**, June 23, 8:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (Cost \$15).
- **Barbecue/Games**, 5-9 pm —Rotary Park
- **EL Western Day** (Gr. P-5), June 23, Rotary Park. Activities in the afternoon for elementary level.
- **Barbecue/Games Night**, June 23, 5-9 p.m. (see SAC News)

- **ML Chromebooks, chargers and cases to be turned in**, June 26.
- **Lockers cleaned out**, June 26 (students, please take items home before this date!)
- **ML Field and Activity Day**, June 26, 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Rotary Park.
- **Dr. Seuss Day**—dress up as your favourite Dr. Seuss character or in bright colours!
- **Year-End Assemblies**, June 30, 9:00-10:00 a.m. for Grades P-5; 10:15-11:15 a.m. for Grades 6-8).
- **Ms. Boutilier class trip**, Ross Farm, date TBA

For other important dates, please see **Dates to Remember, below.**



Mr. Greene with students releasing minnows into the Gaspereau River. The minnows hatched in an aquarium at the school. Many thanks to the Kings County Wildlife Fish Friends program for facilitating this project.

Dates to Remember — June

1	Playground Committee meeting, 7 pm
2	Primary Orientation— No school for Grade Primary
15	SAC Meeting, 7 pm
27	Marking day— No School for Students
28	Marking day— No School for Students
29	Dr. Seuss Day
30	EL Closing (P-5), 9:00 a.m. ML Closing (6-8), 10:15 a.m. Last Day of School— Early Dismissal

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