

WOLFVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are a handful of days away from March Break and I am certain your students is excited to have some time away to spend with family and friends! It has been an eventful past few months and hard to believe spring is close by.

We have begun our grade 8 to 9 orientation process and will soon begin our grade 5 to 6 transition as well. These are two key stages as our grade 8's are heading off to Horton and our grade 5 students join incoming students from LE Shaw and Gaspereau to form our grade 6 class.

The labor dispute is over and work to rule has ended. Since this has happened there are changes that have taken place. Some activities were cancelled for one year, some will look different going forward and some may not start up again at all. There are also organizational changes that have taken place and will continue into the future; one such area is in regards to student supervision. Student supervision begins at 8:30 for all students who walk or are dropped off — thank you for your assistance with this new routine.

It is important to communicate that during work to rule students have continued to receive a quality education at Wolfville School. Teachers are reporting they feel ahead in terms of their teaching compared to other years. Report cards will be sent home March 30; please note comments may be shorter than they have been in the past. Despite a number of storm days, student lock out and strike, student learning has continued as teachers have been very focused on learning. Time was not spent on completing forms, entering data and other tasks and students were not involved in other activities that took away from class time. On a positive note valuable lessons were learned over the past few months!

As always, thank you for your continued support!

A special thank you to the parents who have volunteered to supervise students at lunch, I don't know what we would have done without you!

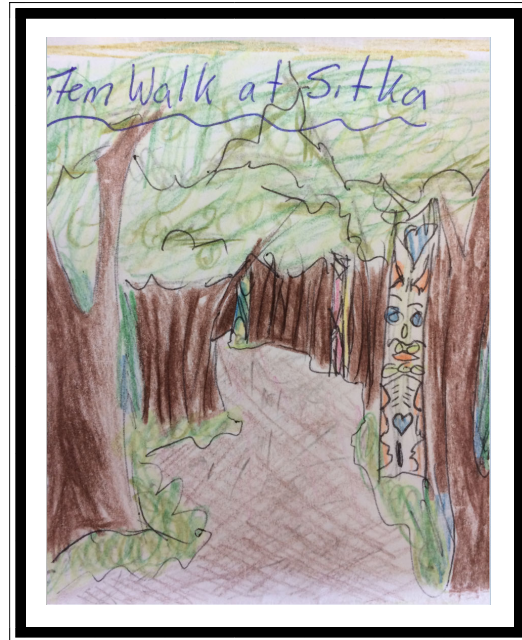
Steve Keddy, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

~ PRIMARY REGISTRATION ~

Do you or someone you know living in the Wolfville catchment area have a child starting school in Grade Primary in September? Please contact the school asap to register. There will be a parent/ guardian information session on March 6, 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

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 Grace Kelly (artist Emily Carr) and (bottom) by Lex Zacharias (artist Jack Bush).

Early Dismissal Cancelled

The early dismissal scheduled for March 10 has been cancelled. This will be a full day of school.

FROM AVRSB

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

On February 21, 2017, the Nova Scotia government passed legislation to implement a contract for members of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union.

Please know the transition in schools will take some time. We know that our teachers have always been committed to providing the best education possible, so classroom learning and classroom-related activities for students will continue to be their priority.

Extra-curricular activities such as clubs or events may resume, however, this is at the discretion of staff organizers. The Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation will work with schools to determine the next steps for school sports.

We continue to ask that students who do not travel on buses arrive at school no earlier than 20 minutes before the start of classes, and stay after school no longer than 20 minutes after classes end. Your child's school will communicate with you about changes to school arrivals and departures as needed or when more information is available.

Please continue to communicate with your child's school if you have questions about your child's learning, supervision, schedules, extra-curricular activities or events.

Thank you | Wela'lin | Merci
Roberta Kubik, Superintendent of Schools

COMMUNITY NEWS

March Break Activities

Looking for something to do during March Break? There are lots of activities going on in the Valley:

[Valley District Soccer—5th Annual March Break Soccer Camp](#) (Ages 6-13), March 13-16. For information or to register please email vdsadirector@ns.aliantzinc.ca.

[March Break Art Camp!](#) (ages 5 and up)

"Half day art camp", Greenwich, March 13 and 14. You can choose the 9am-12pm session the 1-4pm session. \$60 includes both half days, supplies and snack. To register or info, email cmgerrits@hotmail.com (Colleen Gerrits)

Check out these websites for activities:

<http://valleyfamilyfun.ca/march-break-camp/>
<http://www.centrestagetheatre.ca/index.php/youth-theatre>
<https://valleyevents.ca/>

Try searching the internet for "March Break Ideas" and take a look at the town and municipality websites for public skating times and special activities around the Valley and beyond.

Enactus Acadia

Enactus Acadia is a small chapter of a global organization that unites students with academic and business leaders. We implement various projects in the community that help improve the quality of life and standard of living for those in need. Enactus Acadia currently has multiple projects underway, which fit into

categories such as eco-living, youth empowerment, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship.

Enactus is working on an intergeneration project where we would like to engage kids, ages 6-12 from the local school with Wickwire Place Assisted Living Residence. We want to start a \$5 afterschool workshop where kids, seniors and Enactus members use environmentally friendly crafts to improve fine motor skills and get youth involved in a volunteer program in their community. We will be using recycled crayons from local restaurants to create new larger crayons that we would like to donate to the SMILE program at Acadia University.

Contact Samantha Stegen, Project Manager, Acadia University at samantha.stegen@gmail.com for further information about the organization or to register. Visit www.enactus.org

St. Patrick's Ceilidh Dance

March 11, 6-9 p.m., at Wolfville Farmer's Market. The perfect family night out—made easy! Live Band! Dance show! Ceilidh caller! Refreshments! Tickets at the door—\$12. Advance tickets at Box of Delights—\$10.

Acadia Robotics Championship

March 4, 9 am-5pm, Acadia Athletic Complex Gym. Cost: free for spectators. Cheer for your favorite Robotics team at the Annual Acadia Robotics Championship - a spectacular fun day with competing FIRST® LEGO® League teams and high school age ROBOFEST® teams from across Nova Scotia and beyond.

More Information:

robots.acadiau.ca<<http://robots.acadiau.ca/robotics-home.html>>

This promo video is a taste of what you can expect!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qA3L8_KJB4c

Dates to Remember — March

6	Gr. 9 Orientation—Horton High, 9-11 a.m. New Primary Parent Info Session, 6:30 p.m.
8	Parent/Guardian Gr. 9 Orientation—Horton High, 7 p.m.
9	African Youth Talent Show, Horton High, 6 p.m.
12	Daylight Savings Time Begins
13-18	March Break
20	First Day Back After March Break
23	Primary Registration Day (no school for primaries)
27	SAC Meeting
30	Reports Go Home
31	Newsletter



Don't forget the clocks spring ahead one hour for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 am!



Please see our Community and Athletics calendars at wolfville.ednet.ns.ca to stay up-to-date