

WOLFVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It has been a different kind of year with ongoing renovations and the labor dispute happening for a good portion of the school year. Some of the events that have happened in the past did not this year or were modified.

In recognition of our volunteers, some of Ms. Hatton's students created a banner which was in place outside of the office for parent/teacher. Cards were also created and will be sent to the current volunteers. We thank each of you for your valuable contributions!

Renovations are on schedule and will be substantially complete early June. The temporary walls came down today and furniture will arrive in the summer months. The new section will be ready for students come September.

Parking will be even more challenging beginning early in May as the parking lot will be under construction for several weeks and alternative parking will have to be found for staff. As always, we encourage students to walk, ride, scooter, etc. whenever possible.

Student Support Grants that were allocated to schools as a result of the strike equate to approximately \$8000. After staff discussion it was agreed the funds should be used for educational purposes, e.g. art room, science lab supplies, etc.

There was considerable discussion and very difficult decisions around the activities that teachers have traditionally volunteered their time for, specifically the two upcoming events, fun fair and student concerts. In the end it was agreed by staff that we would not participate in Fun Fair at the School this year. Parents will host a Fun Fair at Rotary Park instead, in June. Elementary teachers will organize some fun Friday afternoon activities before the end of the school year for students.

It was agreed to support the Elementary and Middle level concerts in the evening. It was noted that, unlike the fun fair, the concerts are directly related to the curriculum and provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning.

Thank you for your support and understanding as always,
Steve Keddy, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

School Playground Mother's Day Raffle

Our first community fundraiser for the new Wolfville School Activity Park will be a Mother's Day gift basket raffle. Several local businesses including Tiszta Viz Spa, Gaspereau Vineyards, Port Pub, and Wild Lily have generously donated goods or services for the basket. Students will be given an information sheet and tickets to sell to family, friends, and neighbours. (More tickets will be available in the school office if needed.) The raffle draw will take place at the Wolfville Farmers' Market on Saturday, May 13 at 12:30 pm. We will have a table at the Market that day, to let people know about the playground plans and to sell more raffle tickets—stop by and say hello! Thanks in advance for your support! For more information on playground improvement plans, visit wolfvilleschoolactivity-park.ca.

Early Dismissal Cancelled

Reminder that the early dismissal originally planned for May 16 has been cancelled. This will be a full day of school.

Look at what our students are doing!



Students in Mrs. MacNeil's Grade 1 class created artwork to commemorate Earth Day. Top: Akilah Queensborough. Bottom: Tayla Davison.

Family Fun Night

All P-5 Wolfville School families are invited to attend a family fun night on May 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m. There will be games, crafts, snacks and music! A special welcome is extended to next year's Primary students and their families. Please note all children **must** be accompanied by an adult.

Grade Six Orientation

May 15 is Orientation day for grade 5 students going into grade 6 next school year. Please note there will be no school for the current grade 6 students on that day.

Seeking Coaches

Wolfville School will be 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 Mr. Jeff Moore asap. (jmoore1@gnspes.ca) CRC and CAR must be completed and on file before the season starts.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Fun Fair

The Fun Fair will be held on Friday, June 23 at Rotary Park. Watch for more details!

SAC Meeting

The next meeting of the SAC will be May 23, 7:00 p.m.

AVRSB NEWS

Recently, the provincial Council to Improve Classroom Conditions reviewed and made revisions to a draft *Student Attendance and Engagement Policy*, created by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Members of the public have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft policy until May 9, 2017. A final policy will be in place for the upcoming school year.

The draft policy can be found here:

https://www.ednet.ns.ca/sites/default/files/docs/student_attendance_and_engagement_policy_draft_for_discussion.pdf

The link to provide responses is here: <https://goo.gl/forms/E3SutRM4wPsmqD2x1>

Feedback can also be sent to: attendance@novascotia.ca or to: Student Attendance Policy—Feedback
Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Education
Strategic Policy and Research Branch
2021 Brunswick Street, P.O. Box 578, Halifax, NS B3J

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lego League Robotics/Science Team

Girl members needed for Wolfville School's Lego League team, Robo Lobo Wired: members work on a science project and program robots for a competition. The team is open to middle school students but [Grade 5 girls can join now for next year.](#) Next fall the team will likely meet Mondays and Thursdays, but will be meeting Fridays, 3:00-4:30 pm, in May. For more information or to join, please contact head coach Andy Pitter (andriel_p@yahoo.ca; 542-1545).

Google Logo Contest

Google Canada is sponsoring a national contest inviting P-12 students to design the logo for the Google.ca homepage for a day. The winning "Doodle" will be featured on the Google homepage for 24 hours. As well, the winning student will receive a \$10,000 university scholarship, a Google Chromebook, and a \$10,000 technology award for their school. Full contest details at g.co/d4gCanada. Contest closes May 2nd, so time is of the essence!

French Summer Camps—Canadian Parents for French

Canadian Parents for French—Nova Scotia is offering several French camps this summer for Core French, French Immersion and IB students. Enjoy summer camp "en francais" in Magdalen Islands, QC, Sambro Head, NS, Porter's Lake, NS or St. Pierre, France. Info: 902-453-2048 or cpf@ns.sympatico.ca.

Sunflower Contest

Shur-Gain Port Williams, 1104 Kars St., May 5-6

Children aged 12 and under are welcome to come plant sunflower seeds at the store with an adult helper. Take them home, plant them and watch them grow! Then on August 26, we will have contests and prizes, treats, a special guest judge and a photographer! Stop in at the store to sign up.

St. Joseph's Stage Prophets—Anne & Gilbert

This musical is based on the books by Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery. Award-winning songs, memorable comedy and drama, and a message of enduring love, hope and



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friendship make *Anne & Gilbert* unforgettable family entertainment. Performances at Festival Theatre in Wolfville May 18-21 each evening at 7 p.m. with matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Tickets online at boxoffice@acadiau.ca, at Acadia Box office, Box of Delights, Wolfville and Occasional Gifts and Décor, Kentville.

Victory Taekwondo

Victory Taekwondo has now moved to the County Fair Mall. Come check out our new permanent home on Sundays and Thursdays next to Blue Notes. We currently have a great team and new members are always welcome. This is a fun, dynamic sport and our classes promote a positive team atmosphere. The first two classes are free so anyone can try it out. For more details, contact 902-670-7897 or tkdvictory@hotmail.com.

9th Annual Valley Youth Fun Run

Students ages 5-15 are invited to participate in this year's Valley Youth Fun Run taking place May 6, 14-Wing Greenwood Fitness Trail. Registration 9:30-10:30 a.m., run begins at 11:00 a.m. Cost \$10 for the 2km or 4km run (includes t-shirt); 1km family fun loop is free. Info: call Ashley Brooker, Municipality of the County of Kings at 902-690-6124.

Horton High School Performance Centre

Alfie Zappacosta will be performing with special guests Horton music students at the Horton Performance Centre, May 6, 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at Cochrane's Pharmasave or online at TicketPro.ca (\$25 Reserve — \$30 Premium). Presented by the Horton Music Department. Info: 902-542-6060.

Summer Camps

Gaspereau Recreation are pleased to offer six weeks of Summer Camps for the summer of 2017. The camps will be based out of Gaspereau Elementary school for children born in 2012 to 2005. The camps will include a marking days camp June 27-29, Outdoor Adventure Camp July 4-7, a sports / skill development camp July 10-14, an explorer camp July 24-28, lastly a "Best of" which is a little bit of all the camps July 31-August 3. Additionally in partnership with **Wolfville Soccer** we will offer a soccer camp at Rotary field in Wolfville July 17-20. All of the camps will run from 8:30am to 4:30pm and no camp will cost more than \$75.00 for the week. The camp brochure will be available May 1st. If you would like further information, please send an email to gaspereau.rec@gmail.com

Did you know... May Day (May 1st) is an ancient northern hemisphere spring festival. It is also a traditional spring holiday in many cultures. Dances, singing, and cake are usually part of the celebrations that the day includes. *(from Wikipedia)*

Dates to Remember — May

4	Playground Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
8	Inservice Day— No School for Students
15	Grade 6 Orientation— No School for Current Grade 6 students
18	Grade 7 Immunizations (2nd round) Elementary Concert, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
22	Victoria Day — No School
23	SAC Meeting, 7 p.m.
25	ML Band Concert, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
26	P-5 Family Fun Night, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Newsletter

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