

# WOLFVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families:

Such a busy time of year and November and December look just as busy; lots of positive and exciting things happening at Wolfville School!

I was very pleased with the **Family Fun Night** last Friday evening. These events take much effort and planning and it was evident how much time and care went into planning this event. The evening was well attended and everyone had a great time. I have attended many Home and School organized events in a variety of schools over the years and this event was second to none! Thanks to all attendees, parent organizers, CLARITY Crew and staff who participated in any way.

**Renovations** and new construction continue here at Wolfville School. Students and staff are loving the new spaces and we look forward to having our new spaces for next school year. By the end of December the gym will have new windows and siding, the new addition will be roof tight and sided and work inside will be well underway. So exciting to see all of this happening before our eyes!

You may have heard in the media that the Province of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union have been in negotiations and have not been able to come to an agreement. The Board will provide information to families as it becomes available.

As always, thank you for your support of Wolfville School,

*Steve Keddy, Principal*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Communication with the School

Please use the email address [wolf@avrsb.ca](mailto:wolf@avrsb.ca) when communicating with the school office. This email is checked daily, regardless of any office staff absences.

### Milk Program

We will be starting up our milk program again on Monday, October 31. Cost will be 40¢ (each), \$2/week (lunchtime only) or \$4/week (recess and lunchtime). Please send in exact change to the homeroom teacher to order. This program is available to all Wolfville School students.

### Primary Registration for 2017-2018

We are already starting to gather the names of new primary students for next year. 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.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings—Child Minding

Parent/teacher meetings are coming up in November. If you wish to meet with your child's teachers, please call the school office at 902-542-6050 after November 21 to make an appointment. Free child-minding services will be provided during your appointment time. Be sure to notify the office if you need to use this service to ensure we have adequate coverage; we also suggest you bring along a toy or book for your child.

### IWK Fundraiser

It was decided to hold just three IWK Fundraisers this school year. Our first one will be held on November 21—Crazy Hair Day! So students, get busy and create the craziest, weirdest hairdo you can—and be sure to bring a donation for the IWK! If you're looking for inspiration,



try searching the internet for Crazy Hair Day for lots of wacky ideas. This year we will be putting together a scrap book for the IWK with photos of our fundraising events, so don't be surprised if someone asks to take a picture of your wild hairdo to share with the IWK.

To see how the contributions we make to the IWK help kids and their families from all over the Maritimes, please go to: <https://iwkfoundation.org/what-we-do/stories>

### Uncommon Common Art

Environmental art education is part of the annual Uncommon Common Art (UCA) project. UCA works with area schools to promote outdoor activity and visual art. Thank you to Teresa Drahos and Colleen Gerrits for organizing this project and including many Wolfville School students, and to Colleen for coming to the school and working with our students. See the blog at: <http://ucaeducation.tumblr.com/>

### Lego League Robotics Teams

Wolfville School's robotics team is for Gr 6-8 youth and can have up to 10 students. Due to leadership changes and other factors, we did not have an open call for members in September as we usually do. Instead we will have the open call after the November qualifier. Application forms will be available Wed, Nov 30, and **due Wed, Dec 7**. This year the team is meeting Wed and Thurs, 3:00-5:00 pm. Volunteers are still needed. Main duty is supervising students while they program robots. Tech background an asset but not a necessity. Police record and child abuse registry checks required. For more info about becoming a student member or a volunteer, contact Andy Pitter ([andriel\\_p@yahoo.ca](mailto:andriel_p@yahoo.ca); 542-1545).

### School Halloween Activities

Due to the recent incidents with people dressed as clowns, we are asking that students not dress up as clowns for this year's Halloween activities at school.

### Terry Fox Walk/Run

\$286.45 was raised at this year's Terry Fox Run held in September. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to this worthwhile cause.

### Drive Away Hunger

We Are Empowered is happy to report that the Wolfville School community donated 900 pounds of food through the recent Drive Away Hunger campaign. Thank you to all who helped to line the shelves of our food bank.

### Video Contest: What Does School Bus Safety Mean to You?

Submit a 1 to 3 minute video that demonstrates school bus safety and the importance of motorists stopping for red lights on school buses! Three categories: elementary, middle school and high school. The video can be done by yourself or with friends. The Grand Prize for each category will be \$500. Deadlines for entries is November 19, 2016. For more information go to [www.schoolbussafety.ca](http://www.schoolbussafety.ca). Sponsored by the Nova Scotia School Boards Association and Safety Services Nova Scotia.

## HOME AND SCHOOL / SAC

### Wolfville School Chicken Dinner

The Annual Wolfville School Chicken Dinner fundraising event is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> (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. Students will be bringing home Ticket Order Forms so that they can help in the fundraising by selling tickets to friends and family. Take-out will be available, and this year we have a vegetarian option available as well! The forms and money are due back to the classroom by November

18, and students will receive tickets to distribute shortly thereafter. For the class who sells the most tickets there will be a Pizza Party. Tickets will also be available for sale at the Inquisitive Toy Company and Wolfville School. 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.

#### Holiday Bazaar

Plans for the Holiday Bazaar are underway, so it's not too early to start setting aside suitable like-new/gently used items to donate. Details will be in the December newsletter.

#### AVRSB NEWS

##### Important Information about Cancellation/Urgent Notices

The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board is now using AlertSolutions to send messages about school cancellations or other urgent situations. Examples of these messages are school cancellations due to weather/road conditions or power outages. AlertSolutions is the system that many schools use to send information to parents/guardians by text, email and phone.

If you are a parent/guardian and have updated your contact information with the school this year, you will automatically receive these notices from AVRSB by text, email and/or phone, depending on the information you have provided and the contact preferences you have indicated.

If you wish to check or update your contact information or preferences for AlertSolution messages, please use the Parent Portal online or contact the school office.

For several years AVRSB has used a system called *Notify Me* to send these types of messages by text or email. *Notify Me* requires users to sign up to this service. AVRSB will continue to operate *Notify Me* so those who do not have parent/guardian information on file with a school—such as grandparents and childcare providers—can receive these messages. Where possible, AVRSB will take steps to ensure parents/guardians do not receive duplicate cancellation/urgent messages from AlertSolutions and NotifyMe. You can unsubscribe or subscribe to *Notify Me* any time at <https://www.avrsb.ca/content/notify-me>.

##### AVRSB Survey on French Immersion

Parents/guardians, students and school community members are invited to share comments on French Immersion in AVRSB through an online survey in November. The feedback collected through this survey will be considered during a review of the board's French Immersion policy and administrative procedures over the coming months.

Throughout November, any interested individuals can go to [http://fluidsurveys.com/s/avrsb\\_immersion](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/avrsb_immersion) to complete a survey, or visit an AVRSB school to access the survey.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

##### Family Trailblazers Day

Families are invited to join Acadia Recreation Students for a Family Trailblazers Day, Sunday, October 30, 1-4 p.m. (drop-in) at the Kentville ravine (across from the Agricultural , rain or shine! Enjoy a variety of activities for kids and adults who want to be kids again for a few hours! Accessible washrooms on site. Please contact Sara at 902-599-0584 or Morgan at 130570D@acadiau.ca for more information.

##### CentreStage — The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever

This family show begins on November 4<sup>th</sup> and runs each Friday and Saturday evening (7:30) until December 10<sup>th</sup> with matinees on November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 4 (2:00), no show on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Prices for The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Call 902-678-8040 for reservations.

##### Elf Party at Santa's Workshop

An Elf Party will be held at Mary's Islanders Dance Studio (inside Roo's Playhouse) on November 19, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Crafts, cookie decorating, photo booth, face painting, Grinch juice, colouring contest. Cost \$5.00.

##### Victory Taekwondo

Taekwondo is a great way to get exercise and have fun doing it. Victory Taekwondo in the Port Williams Community center has two instructors each with over 20 years experience. Classes are for ages 4 and up. Taekwondo helps improve flexibility, conditioning, and mental focus. Kicking is a fun way to get

moving. Come in and try 2 classes for free. Call 902-670-7897 or email [tkdvictory@hotmail.com](mailto:tkdvictory@hotmail.com) for more information.

##### Chess Coach Needed

Do you have an interest and knowledge of the game of chess and are willing to volunteer some time to share with students? We have a group of Middle School students who would love to have you coach our chess club. If interested contact Steve Keddy at the school for more information at [Steve.Keddy@avrsb.ca](mailto:Steve.Keddy@avrsb.ca) or 902.542.6050.

##### Free Teen Yoga for Girls

Free yoga sessions for teens will be offered October 18 to December 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Wolfville School. This program is designed to introduce teenage girls the basics of yoga. This is a partnership between the Town of Wolfville and the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage. Kelly Sheehan is the program instructor and will meet all participants at the school. For more info contact Kelly at 902-691-2436 or [carerrands@hotmail.com](mailto:carerrands@hotmail.com), or to register please go to [www.wolfville.ca/recreation-programs.html](http://www.wolfville.ca/recreation-programs.html).

##### Acadia Women's Soccer—National Championships

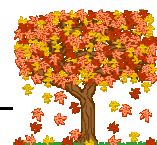
November 10-13, Raymond Field, Acadia. Acadia University Women's Soccer Team will be hosting the CIS National Championships Nov. 10-13, 2016 at Raymond Field, Acadia University. This event will showcase the top women's soccer players in the country. Tickets are available at the Acadia Box office, Tournament Packages - \$40. Adult, \$20. Youth. Single Day pricing - \$10 Adult, \$5 Youth. Single day tickets are on sale now at the Acadia Box Office. Call (902) 542-5500 or 1-800-542-8425.

##### Grassroots Soccer Skills Challenge



November 8, Raymond Field, Acadia. Times: U10 – 5:30 pm, U12 – 6:45pm and U14 – 8:00 pm. 100 Spots available per group – first come first served. Cost - \$10, Includes free youth championship admission and free t-shirt along with a complimentary Tim Horton's snacks. Register online at <https://boxoffice.acadiau.ca> or at the Acadia Box Office.

##### Haunted Halloween Forest

Students in Acadia's Community Program Design class invite you and your family to a FREE night of tricks, treats, and saving the creatures that lurk in the Acadian Forest. On October 30th from 6:30-8:30 families are invited to experience the thrill that is the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens at night. Listen for animals that call out in the night, enjoy some delightfully frightful treats, and laugh through the night at our grim games. We hope to see you there; it will be a real scream! . This Haunted Halloween Forest is open to everyone and will be fun for all ages (taking place at the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens, KC Irving Centre, Wolfville).



#### Dates to Remember — November

9	Remembrance Assembly, 11 a.m.	
10	Marking Day— <b>No school for students</b>	
11	Remembrance Day— <b>No school</b>	
14	Home & School / SAC meeting, 7 p.m.	
15	<b>Early Dismissal</b> —Inservice	
21	IWK Fundraiser—Crazy Hair Day	
24	Reports go home	
25	Newsletter	
28	<b>No school for students</b> —Inservice (morning); parent/teacher (afternoon)	
29	Parent/teacher (evening)	
30	Inservice— <b>No school for students</b>	

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

