

WOLFVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

There are a number of opportunities for Families, Students, Educators and the public in Nova Scotia to provide feedback to improve the future of education in Nova Scotia. One opportunity we will take advantage of tonight at the School Advisory Council meeting. All families are invited to attend these meetings; tonight's meeting takes place at 7:00 p.m. in the school meeting room! The Commission on Inclusive Education is seeking your feedback. The session will begin with a short presentation followed by an information gathering session. The Interim Report can be found at <https://inclusivedns.ca/interim-report/>.

Another opportunity is the Education System Administrative Review Public Survey. Nova Scotia is undertaking an Education System Administrative Review to improve the education system and support student success. As part of this review, parents/guardians and members of the public are invited to share feedback through a short online survey. Your input matters! Please take a moment to complete the survey at <https://novascotia.ca/adminsurvey>

Both of these opportunities are important to the future of education and you are urged to participate.

Steve Keddy, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Primary Registration for 2018-2019

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, 2018 please encourage them to contact the school at 902-542-6050 to begin the registration process.

Terry Fox Walk/Run

\$260 was raised at this year's Terry Fox Run held in September. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed.

Drive Away Hunger

We would like to thank the students, staff & families of Wolfville School for supporting the Drive Away Hunger Campaign. Together we collected over 826 pounds of food and other items such as soap and toothbrushes to line the shelves of the Food Bank. Thank you so much! Stay tuned for the gravy train where we will be collecting cans or packages of chicken or turkey gravy for the Christmas Hampers. Thanks again for your continued support. (Angie Rushton and Tina Dale, Teacher Advisors)

REMEMBER!

The clock falls back one hour on November 5, 2017.

Kitchen Volunteers Wanted

If you have a few hours each week to volunteer in the kitchen we want to hear from you! Our kitchen program must be financially viable in order to continue offering the service to our families (at a reasonable cost) and a few volunteers will go a long way towards maintaining our program. Contact Principal Steve Keddy for more information by phoning the school at 902.542.6050.

SAC NEWS

Wanted: You!

Do you and your children value school community events such as the Family Fun Nights, Ice Cream Social, Chicken Dinner, Holiday Bazaar and Fun Fair? Do you want to help ensure funds are available for special events, extra equipment, playground improvements and healthy food? Without the help of parent or community volunteers, these things will not happen. We need people like you to volunteer and/or serve as parent representatives on the School Advisory Council (SAC)/ Home and School. Currently the SAC is seeking officers and we are also looking for volunteers who can help plan and run events. These activities enrich our children's experiences at school and build all of our sense of community. Please email Principal Steve Keddy at steve.keddy@avrsb.ca if you are interested in serving on the SAC board, and Emily Parks at emilykpark@gmail.com if you can volunteer some time. Many hands make light work.

Annual Chicken Dinner—Friday, December 1, 4:00-6:00pm

The Annual Wolfville School Chicken Dinner fundraising event is scheduled for December 1 (the same night as Wolfville's Night of Lights tree lighting) and **will take place at Wolfville School** this year The School Advisory Council is organizing this event, along with assistance and support from local businesses and organizations. Students will bring home ticket order forms so they can help in the fundraising by selling tickets to friends and family. This year, we have a vegetarian option available as well! This is a great fundraiser for the school and a wonderful evening to get out, eat dinner with the town, and enjoy the festivities.

Holiday Bazaar—Monday, December 11

The Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for December 11, so it's time to start setting aside suitable like-new/gently used items to donate! Watch for details.

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>.

Modelling Appropriate Social Media Behaviours

Social media has become an important means of communication and of seeking information for most people. It is proving to be of particular importance for our youth as technology has become a significant part of the identity of this generation. Unfortunately, increased technology has also resulted in new social issues. It is sometimes used as a means of cyber-bullying or an exchange of inappropriate information. It is up to us, as adults, to serve as proper role models with regards to technology use. We need to teach our children to respect the use of technology and to be good digital citizens. In order to do this properly, we as adults must also learn to be good social citizens and to model appropriate use of social media. We must use social media tools like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, etc. appropriately, because our children are watching and emulating our behaviours.

Please be advised that inappropriate use of technology falls under the Provincial School Code of Conduct. Inappropriate use of technology and social media can result in serious consequences for students. Inappropriate use of technology and social media may also fall under the criminal Code. We have recently seen criminal charges resulting from the sharing of inappropriate photos. Please be informed and help to inform your children.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE Teen Yoga—October 17-December 5, 3:30-4:30. Grades 5-9 and open to surrounding schools. To register or for more information please email mzamora@wolfville.ca. Instructor: Kelly Sheehan.

Art and Nature Day Camps (PD-Days)

Your child can spend PD days at the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts! Spend the day making art, playing games and meeting new friends! Amidst the beautiful Ross Creek surroundings, the campers will have the opportunity to explore the landscape and try out a variety of art activities in a studio setting. The registration fee includes all materials and a tasty homemade lunch! NOV. 10 + NOV. 30, 9:00am - 5:00pm. Ages: 5-12. Cost: \$50 per child (includes materials + lunch + snacks. Email: mail@artscentre.ca; Telephone: 902-582-3842. 555 Ross Creek Road, Canning, NS.

Art Classes for Kids!

Greenwich, NS. Each class (1hr, 15min.) is \$17 per student and covers all supplies needed. A commitment to a session of 5 classes is required. Please phone 902-542-0993 or email cmgerrits@hotmail.com for dates/times and feel free to check out Colleen Gerrits on Facebook for more information.

CentreStage Theatre

Scrooge! is a musical by Leslie Bricusse, directed by Thea Burton. On stage Fridays and Saturdays November 4th—December 8th, Front of House opens at 6:45, shows at 7:30. NO SHOW NOVEMBER 11th. Matinees on Sundays, November 12, 26, December 3, Front of House opens at 1:15, shows at 2:00. Tickets are adults \$15:seniors/students \$12: children 12 and under \$5. Cash or cheques only. Reservations are hold until 15 minutes before show time. Call 902-678-8040 for reservations.


Ross Creek Centre for the Arts

From 1-4 pm on Sunday, November 26, join Ross Creek to explore Japanese Culture! Try your hand at a variety of Japanese-inspired art activities and taste some treats at Ross Creek Centre for the Arts! For all ages! Admission by donation, with Japanese Street Food inspired menu for lunch and sampling (food \$2-5 each)!

Valley Vibrations Dance Studio (in Roo's Playhouse)

Elf Party—Charlie Brown Christmas Theme—November 18, 12-4 p.m. Cost \$5.00. Two crafts, cookie decorating, photo booth, Snoopy Reindeer Food and Colouring Contest.


Dates to Remember — November



1	SAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
9	Remembrance Assembly, 1:30 a.m.
10	Marking Day— No school for students
13	Remembrance Day Observed— No school
21	Official Reopening Ceremony, 9:30 a.m.
24	Newsletter
30	Inservice— No school for students

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

NOVEMBER MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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SNACKS (available for recess and lunch):

Bagel & cream cheese or butter	\$2	Cookies	\$.50
½ bagel & cream cheese or butter	\$1	Yogurt tubes	\$1.25
Muffin	\$1	Pretzels	\$1.50
Veg & dip (when available)	\$1.25	Crispy Minis	\$1.50
Fruit cup (when available)	\$1.25	Baked Cheetos	\$1.50
Cheese & crackers	\$1.00	Cereal Bars	\$.75
Apples, oranges, bananas	\$1.00	Smartfood popcorn	\$1.50
Fruit & yogurt parfait	\$1.25	2% white milk	\$.40
Frozen juice cup	\$1.25	Chocolate milk	\$1.25
Goldfish	\$.75	Chocolate milk (500 ml)	\$2.00
Cinnamon buns (Mondays only)	\$1	Juice (apple or orange)	\$1