

# WOLFVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that we have completed a month of school already! The wonderful summer weather continued through most of September but it's bound to get colder soon! Students were busy getting settled into their new classrooms and new course work. Grade 6 students continue to learn about middle school and find their way around their new surroundings. Our new primaries are a wonderful group and are doing amazing things at school! I have really enjoyed getting to know new students, staff and parents.

The students and staff are fundraising today (Sept 29) for cancer research with the Terry Fox Run. Students took part in the run on the dyke trails and through parts of Town.

Teams for cross country running, golf and soccer were formed and many practices and games have already taken place. We are proud of that fact that Wolfville School has many students participating! Grade 6 students enjoyed a day a Camp Brigadoon building their team skills.

The Breakfast Program is available in the morning with a "Grab and Go" cart located just outside the Learning Centre kitchen. Elementary students will be able to enter through the playground doors beginning at 8:25 a.m. to grab a breakfast snack when needed.

WS has 12 classrooms with 285 students. There are many opportunities for our students to take on leadership roles, take part in athletics and become members of a variety of clubs. Please encourage your child to listen to announcements for upcoming events and become involved.

Thanks for your ongoing support and hope to see many of you this evening (Sept 29) at our annual ice cream social; it will be a great time!

*Steve Keddy, Principal*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Athletics Calendar

In addition to the Wolfville School Community Calendar, a new athletics calendar is now up and running on the Wolfville School website. All of the *whens* and *wheres* regarding the school athletic practices and games are now available at the click of a button! Just go to [wolfville.ednet.ns.ca](http://wolfville.ednet.ns.ca) and you will see the athletic calendar listed on the left-hand side of the page under "Calendars". Be sure to check often for updates!

### Pets on School Property

Families are reminded not to bring pets into the school or onto the school grounds; this includes before and after school. Animals that may be cute and cuddly to you can be a source of fear or, for many of our students, allergies. Due to a bad experience in the past some students experience extreme fear around certain animals. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

## Library News

Wolfville School Library has a wonderful new look, having been completely rebuilt as part of the phase 1 renovations project. The library has been chosen to be adopted by the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation. This is a Canada-wide program which helps to buy books for needy schools. The public is encouraged to take part by donating to the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation from Sept 18-Oct 8. [adoptaschool.indigo.ca](http://adoptaschool.indigo.ca) if you donate \$20.00 our school will receive that \$20.00 worth of books and another book of \$10 value. More donations=More books! Donations to the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation may be made online or at Coles bookstore in New Minas.

You are also invited to participate in the "Tell a story, give a story" for free. If your story is chosen by Indigo Love of Reading Foundation, we will also be given a free book (\$10 value). This is open to all ages and looks like it could be fun. See the webpage for details.

Look for Wolfville School Library's info booth at the Wolfville Farmers Market. Go to our website at [adoptaschool.indigo.ca](http://adoptaschool.indigo.ca).

## Breakfast Program

The Wolfville School breakfast program will be up and running again as of September 29. The program will start at 8:15 a.m. for middle level students and 8:25 a.m. for elementary level students. It is offered to any student who may need something to eat at the beginning of the school day.

## Absences

Please be sure to notify the school office directly of your child's absences. In this way we can be sure that it is recorded appropriately in our electronic attendance system, and all of your child's teachers will also be able to see that he/she is excused. Thank you!

## 'NO STUDENT SHOULD GO HUNGRY' FUNDRAISER

The Wolfville Home & School, teachers and staff are committed to providing Subsidized Lunches and Snacks for students who would otherwise go without. At this time, we are asking local businesses or individuals to help us meet this very important need. Here's how: Provide us with your business card and for only \$20 a month we will include it in our school newsletter. It's a low-cost form of advertising for you and the proceeds are going to a great cause! Call Louise in the office at 902-542-6050 or drop in with a business card. Thank you in advance for your support!

Wolfville School's Home & School, Teachers and Staff believe **"No Student Should Go Hungry"**.

We thank all individuals and businesses in our community who have provided financial support for this extremely worthwhile initiative.

## Thank You!

Sincere thanks is extended to the Valley Credit Union for their donation to our breakfast/lunch program. This donation was made in memory of Fred "Kerley" Lake, former custodian at Wolfville School. We would also like to thank Bell Aliant for their recent donation of backpacks/school supplies.

## HOME AND SCHOOL / SAC

### Ice Cream Social

Don't forget the Ice Cream Social TONIGHT (September 29), 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the school gymnasium. Please bring your own bowls and spoons for the whole family. See you there!

### Family Fun Night

The first Elementary Family Fun Night (Grades P-5) will be held on Friday, October 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come and join us for music, games, snacks and more! (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

### SAC Meeting

The first meeting of the Wolfville School Advisory Council (SAC) will take place Wednesday, October 5, 7-9 p.m. in the meeting room. (See attached letter and information).

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

### New year and new initiatives for students and teachers

As we head into year two of Nova Scotia's Action Plan for Education, there are many more exciting initiatives for students at all grade levels this school year.

This fall, students in grades primary to 3 will benefit from hands-on learning, including using floor robots to learn sequencing and programming. Students in grades 4-6 will benefit from Innovation and Exploration Kits that include Spheros and Makey Makey invention kits. Students in grades 7 to 12 will learn coding through events, such as the Hour of Code and STEAM Olympics, and courses, such as Computer Programming 12. Coding promotes problem solving, teamwork, critical thinking, creativity and innovation. These skills are not only related to learning math, science and the arts, but they are also directly linked to many careers, including computer programming and the marine industries.

With the province's first literacy strategy for students in all grades, there will be a great focus on the teaching of reading and writing and the development of oral communication skills. Reading Recovery support has been increased for grade 1 students. Students in Grades 4 to 6 will have a renewed curriculum, with more time for literacy and math. Class caps are expanded to grades 4 to 6.

To help more students succeed in math, additional supports will be made available for both teachers and students. Career education outcomes will assist students as they begin thinking about their futures and the many possibilities ahead. To learn more about what is new this year, go to <http://novascotia.ca/educationactionplan/> to sign up for ongoing updates from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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).

### Spooktacular

Big Brothers Big Sisters is holding a Spooktacular event at Willowbank U-pick Farm, Port Williams on Saturday, October 22, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Corn maze, smores, games, bonfire, barbeque, fireworks and more! \$5 admission; preschoolers free.

### Calling all Building Blocks Preschool Alumni!

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Building Blocks Preschool and we are hoping you will help us celebrate! We are putting together a scrap book of memories for the school's Director – Hanneke Bouter. We would love to include entries from as many preschool alumni as possible. If you would like to be a part of this journey down memory lane, feel free to be creative by drawing a picture, sharing a memory by writing a poem, giving updates of where you are now, even include a picture of yourself (Hanneke would love to see how grown up you are)—whatever you choose. You can either email your scrap book entry to [kimberlydrogers@hotmail.com](mailto:kimberlydrogers@hotmail.com), or return your entry to the school office and put it in the container marked..."Building Blocks". The deadline for entries is Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks so much! —*Building Blocks Staff*

### Kings County Family Resource Centre

Happy Fall! Come check out the programs at the Kings County Family Resource Centre this year. We have programs for all ages and stages! We offer programs just for adults, parent-child interactive programs, cooking programs and preschool. All of our programs are free! Hope to see you soon? For more information contact us at: 902-678-5760 [family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca) [www.kcfrc.ca](http://www.kcfrc.ca)

**Wolfville Skating Club** – We are now accepting registration by mail for CanSkate, Pre-CanSkate and Jr. StarSkate programs. Our first session is October 1 at the Acadia Rink. For more information about the programs, fees, registration form, etc., please go to: <http://www.wolfvilleskatingclub.ca/>.

## Dates to Remember — October

5	Home & School / SAC Meeting, 7 pm
10	Thanksgiving Day, <b>No School</b>
19	<b>Early Dismissal</b>
21	Photo retakes Family Fun Night (Grades P-5)
25	Grade 7 Immunizations (1st round)
27	Newsletter
28	No school for students