

# WOLFVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families:

Welcome back to our “NEW SCHOOL” and a new school year! We are so pleased to offer our students and staff such a bright, positive learning space.

Tomorrow evening (Sept. 15) at 6:30 I hope to see as many families as possible at our Parent Orientation evening. We will meet in the gymnasium where you will receive important information about the school. At 7:00 you are invited to your child’s classroom to learn about routines, curriculum, etc.

Student safety and security is a priority for us at school. To this end we ask all parents and guardians to leave our playground area at 8:25 when the first supervisor arrives. If you arrive after this time, give your hugs and say goodbye outside the playground area then send your child to play! ☺ This routine enables staff to clearly supervise students and allows students to easily find a supervisor when needed. Also, please do not bring pets on the playground. **Be sure to arrive before the first bell at 8:40!!**

Renovations are ongoing. I will give an update tomorrow evening. In brief, the occupied section is looking great but still lots of unpacking and items needing to be completed. Air quality tests were completed before school opened and the air inside is better than outside! The next phase has been started which will include a cafeteria and specialist areas. The new spaces should be ready for to move into for the 2017-2018 school year.



Again, welcome back!

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Student Attendance

Consistent student attendance is important. When a child is frequently absent from school he/she misses important learning experiences including specific skills and knowledge that may be necessary for further learning. The real danger of frequent absences from school is that students will develop gaps in their learning that will hinder future learning.

It is understood that there are legitimate reasons why students must miss school. When this occurs, the school will work with you to ensure your child does not fall behind. Please communicate these situations with the child’s teacher and the school principal.

There are also many examples of students missing significant time when it is not necessary. Please take school attendance seriously. Be consistent in ensuring that your child values the importance of a good education. Make sure he/she goes to bed at a reasonable time and gets a good night’s sleep. Plan your vacation at times that will have no impact or at the least a minimal impact, on school attendance.

Do not hesitate to phone your child’s teacher or the school Principal if you are encountering difficulties getting your child to attend school. Allow us to work with you to find solutions. We are willing to sit with you to look at your child’s program-

ming and school experiences as well as any other factors that may impact on your child attending school.

### Student Registration Forms

All students have brought home a student registration form. Please make any corrections on the form, fill in the blank areas and sign the forms where indicated. Please note any medical or custodial information must be completed annually. Be sure to **sign the form** and return it to your child’s teacher as soon as possible, so our records will be up-to-date.

### Classroom Fees

**Grades Primary-2** — \$40.00 (includes \$35.00 for supplies and \$5.00 for Fine Arts programs).

**Grades 3-5** — \$45.00 (includes the Fine Arts programs and Chromebook rental).

**Grades 6-8** — \$25 (includes Fine Arts programs, Chromebook and lock rental). A family rate of \$40 is offered for Grades 6-8. Please remit in cash or cheque payable to Wolfville School.

### Band Fees

We’re getting ready for another exciting year of musicianship and performances at Wolfville School! Grade 6-8 students should have received an info sheet/registration form. Fees are \$60 for Grade 6, \$90 for Grades 7-8. A \$25 discount is offered if you have more than one child registered in the band program. Please make cheques payable to Wolfville School.

### Sign-in Book

It is mandatory that all persons visiting Wolfville School sign in at the office. All visitors are required to wear a visitor tag.

### Safe Arrival – Primary to Grade 5

Elementary Parent/Guardians are reminded to inform the school if your child will be late or absent from school. Parent/guardians of unexcused children will be contacted by the office.

### Absences—Grades 6 to 8

If you have not called when your child is away from school, please send an excuse to the office on their return.

### Student Photos

School photos will be taken on September 15 (P-5) and September 16 (Grades 6-8).

### Scent-Aware School

We ask that when entering the doors of Wolfville School that you refrain from using scented products. Many of our staff and students suffer from scent sensitivity, which causes us to react with migraines and breathing difficulties.

### Nut-Aware School

At times we have staff and/or students who have a severe allergy to nuts. We therefore ask that you avoid sending nuts and products containing nuts to the school with your child.

*“Wolfville School is a Scent Aware School”  
“Wolfville School is a Nut Aware School”*

### Early Dismissals

Throughout the year there are a number of planned early dismissals (for example for afternoon inservices). Dismissal time on these days will be 11:45 a.m. for grades P-5 and 12:00 noon for grades 6-8.

### Unplanned Early Dismissals

Did you know you can sign up to receive an email or text message of AVRSB announcements? Please log on to [www.avrsb.ca/content/notify-me](http://www.avrsb.ca/content/notify-me) to sign up. Once you sign up you will receive an email or text with information of any unplanned dismissals (storm closure, etc.). We have also sent home a form so we will be aware of any special instructions for your child in the event of an unplanned early dismissal.

### Lunches/Snacks

As a reminder, there are no food services at Wolfville School this year. Students are to bring a snack and lunch.

### Pets on School Property

Families are asked to not bring pets onto the school grounds, including before and after school. Animals that may be cute and cuddly to you can be a source of fear or, for some of our students, allergies. Due to a bad experience in the past, some students experience extreme fear around certain animals. We would also ask your assistance in keeping your pets away from areas where children will be present, such as the entrance to the school or playground.

### 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 identify of this generation. Unfortunately, increased technology has also resulted in new social issues. It is sometimes used as a means of cyberbullying 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.

For more information around proper use of social media and good digital citizenship, please visit our website at: [avrsb.ca/digital](http://avrsb.ca/digital).

### '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"**.

**Thank you to all those who have supported this extremely worthwhile initiative.**



### NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION—2016-2017

Our regular school newsletter is published on the last Friday of each month. If you have provided us with an email address on your child's registration form, you will be notified that the newsletter has been posted on our website at [www.wolfville.ednet.ns.ca](http://www.wolfville.ednet.ns.ca). We are trying to reduce the number of hard copies; however if you require a paper copy please complete the section below and return it to the school. If you have more than one child at Wolfville School, please provide the name and teacher of your **youngest child** only.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### HOME AND SCHOOL/SAC

#### Ice Cream Social

There will be a free ice cream social for Wolfville School students and their families in the gymnasium on September 29, 6:30 p.m. We are hoping to "go green", so if possible please bring your own bowl and spoon and help save the environment! If you are able to donate toppings, please drop them off at the school office on September 29.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Soccer Registration

The Valley District Soccer Association is now accepting registrations for its 2016 indoor fall programs—ages U-4 to U-18. These programs are run out of the indoor facility in Kentville. For more information and registration forms, please visit [www.valleysoccer.org](http://www.valleysoccer.org).

#### Theatre Classes

Kerri Leier and Edalene Theatre are pleased to be offering theatre classes for children ages 5-18 at the Al Whittle Theatre's Studio Z starting in September, 2016. With 16 years of theatre education experience, Kerri is excited to bring her love of theatre to children of the Annapolis Valley! To see a full list of classes, information about enrollment, or to contact Kerri with questions, go to [www.edalenetheatre.ca](http://www.edalenetheatre.ca) or call [902-799-9009](tel:902-799-9009).

#### Adrian Campbell Valley Classic

A family fun ride (30 km) will take place on September 18 in Wolfville in support of the Adrian Campbell Scholarship Fund. Lunch, live music, ride leaders, mechanical support and more. Register at RaceRoster or go to [www.adriancampbell.org](http://www.adriancampbell.org).



### Dates to Remember — September

15	Student Photos—Gr. P-5 Parent Orientation, 6:30-7:30 pm
16	Student Photos—Gr. 6-8
23	Early Dismissal
29	Ice Cream Social, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Newsletter
30	Regional Inservice— <b>No School for Students</b>

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_