



September 2018 OceanViewer

Upcoming Dates:

- Sept 5-7: Fire Drill
- Sept 11: PTO- 5:30pm SAC 6:30pm
- Sept 13: Stand up Against Bullying (wear pink)
- Sept 15: EP/CB Lion's Club Breakfast in support of OVES \$5 8-10am
- Sept 17-21: Lock Down Exercise completed during this timeframe (More Info to follow)
- Sept 19 Curriculum Night 6:30-8pm
- Sept 25 Terry Fox walk (Rain Date Oct 2)
- Sept 27 Whale Day- New England Aquarium/Irving sponsored
- Sept 24-28: Hold & Secure exercise completed during this timeframe (More info to follow)
- Sept 28: PD Day- no students present
- Sept 30: Every child matters: Orange shirt day:

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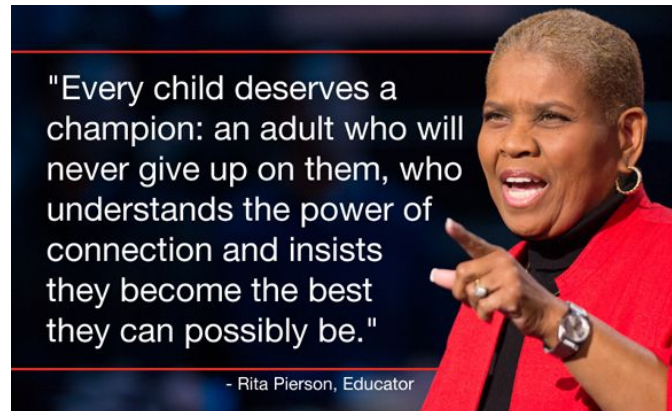
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Welcome back!

What incredible weather we have had this summer! We hope that all of you were able to take some time with your families and relax. Both Ms. Walsh and I are very excited to join the Ocean View family. We are looking forward to getting to know the children and the community.

A new school year brings lots of possibilities and potential. Already this month we have an exciting event for our grades 1-3. The New England Aquarium will be coming to visit us. This is a first and we are excited to have them come to our beautiful school!

This newsletter is jam packed with lots of information. Please read it through as it will help keep you informed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Ms. Walsh.

~Mamoona Brace (principal) & Martha Walsh (Vice Principal)

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Bell Times

8:25- Students may arrive (please note there is NO supervision before this time- students should not be on our school grounds before this time)

8:30: Bell rings to go into school

8:45: Instructional time begins

10:15-10:30: Recess

11:45-12:45 : Lunch time

2:45: Dismissal

September 15th:

The Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Lion's club will be hosting a Breakfast fundraiser from 8-10am. All proceeds go to Ocean View Elementary.

Cost: \$5

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Student Safety

Morning Drop off

Supervision in the mornings begins at 8:25am. There is NO supervision before this. OceanView Road can get very congested very quickly. Please respect the signage and continue to keep the lines moving. Please be patient as we all get into the routine of dropping our children off efficiently.

After school Pick Up

Please note that messages left on our school voicemail may not be received before the end of the day. If you are changing the after school pick up at all, please communicate this with the teacher ahead of time. **Please wait outside for your children. Parents are not allowed to wait inside the building as this can cause confusion at the end of the day.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Visiting the school

ALL visitors MUST check in at the office regardless of your reason for coming to the school. There are no exceptions to this. There is a sign in sheet at the front desk. If you need to go somewhere in our building, you can get a visitors tag from Ms. Diggs after you have signed in.

Appointments

If your child has an appointment and will be late, please let the teacher know **in writing** and let Ms. Diggs know. If you are coming to pick up your child, you must come into the building and sign out your child.

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Communication

The school will be communicating mostly via email. Please ensure that we have your most updated email. As well, you can go into Powerschool and choose which numbers will be called if we do a voice alert. If you don't have your Powerschool login, you can contact the main office.

Our website (<https://ove.hrce.ca/>) and twitter account ([@Ocean_View_Elem](https://twitter.com/Ocean_View_Elem)) are both great ways to keep up with what is going on. Newsletters are sent out by email and posted on the website. If you require a printed copy, please contact the main office.

Open communication between home and school is very important. **Families and School Staff are a team who are working together to support the children of Ocean View's learning.** If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Playground:

Please continue to have conversations with your children about appropriate playground behaviour. We have had a great first 3 days and want to continue that throughout the year as all of our P-3 students have fun on our playground.

Dressing for the weather:

It is recommended that the grade primaries and ones have an extra pair of clothing packed in their backpacks. Students will be outside during lunches and recess- please make sure they have the proper clothing (rainboots, rain jacket, warm sweater) based on the weather.

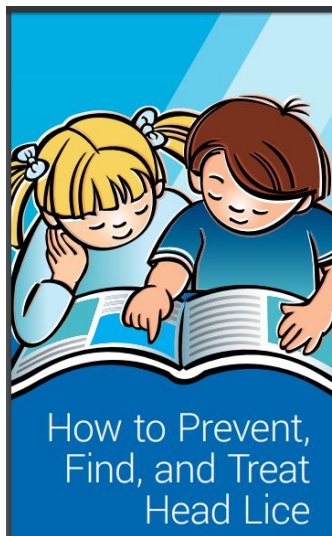
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Volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of developing a positive school climate. In accordance with the Student Protection Policy, **all volunteers must complete a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Search**. These documents are valid for a period of three years. If you are submitting new ones, they must have been done within the last 3 months. Please contact the main office at 902-465-8670 if you have already completed a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Search and need clarification regarding expiry dates. All new volunteers are requested to contact the main office for more details. Here is a link to the [HRCE Volunteer Handbook](#)

Head Lice

Click on the picture below to find out more information.



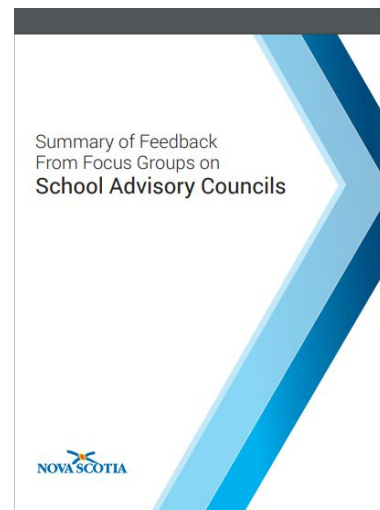
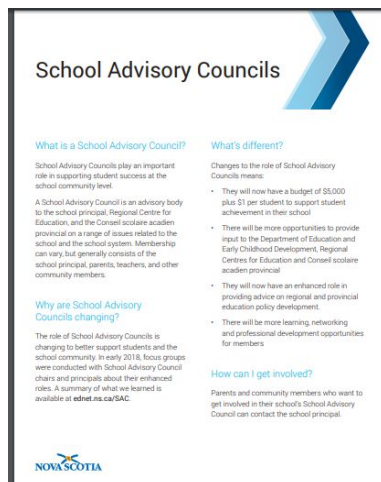
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SAC

School Advisory Councils play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. A School Advisory Council is an advisory body to the school principal, Regional Centre for Education, and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial on a range of issues related to the school and the school system. Membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents, teachers, and other community members

It is a great way to hear what has been going on in our schools and what we are working towards. If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs. Brace (principal), Ms. Walsh (VP) or Ashley Whynot (SAC chair)

Beginning this year, SAC will have an enhanced role. Click on the pictures below to find out more information.



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PTO:

Our PTO is a committed group of parents who are eager to help support the learning of the students of Ocean View. They are always welcoming volunteers! If you have even just a half hour of time that you can spare during an event, or to help set up, please consider letting them know.

Breakfast Program:

Our breakfast program at OVES runs with the generosity and support of parents. There are many ways that you can help keep our breakfast program running.

How to Help Support Your School's Breakfast Program

Ocean View Elementary offers breakfast daily to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to start their day with a healthy breakfast. The breakfast program is available to all students who wish to participate.

Eating breakfast improves overall health and well-being of children. Those who eat breakfast regularly are more likely to meet their nutrient requirements than those who miss breakfast. When students eat breakfast they may perform better with their readiness to learn, memory and ability to focus on activities in classroom. **Good food = good thinking.**

Children miss breakfast for many reasons. Some reasons may include: not feeling hungry early in the morning; not having time to prepare and eat breakfast due to long bus trips, early morning sports or music; sleeping longer instead of having breakfast; parents unavailable at breakfast time due to other demands; or not enough money to buy food or limited access to food that appeals to children. Students sometimes need to take medications at school as well and having breakfast with it may be important.

To secure our continued success, ensuring there is breakfast for any child each morning, we are looking to establish and maintain partnerships with YOU, our school community.

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THREE WAYS YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

- **Volunteer Work** – we need volunteers to prepare breakfast in the morning before classes. We would also have space for volunteers other times during the day (like after school or during the school day) to help prepare for the next day. Please send an email to awhynot@live.com if you are able to donate some time.
- **Donations** – if you can donate non-perishable foods or miscellaneous items, check our list that we will publish in the Fall and drop these off at the main office. Foods donated are required to fit the NS Food and Nutrition Policy and be allergy aware; please refer to list of items before donating.
- **Monetary Support** – monetary donations are accepted at the main office. Tax receipts can be provided, by request, for donations of \$20 or more.

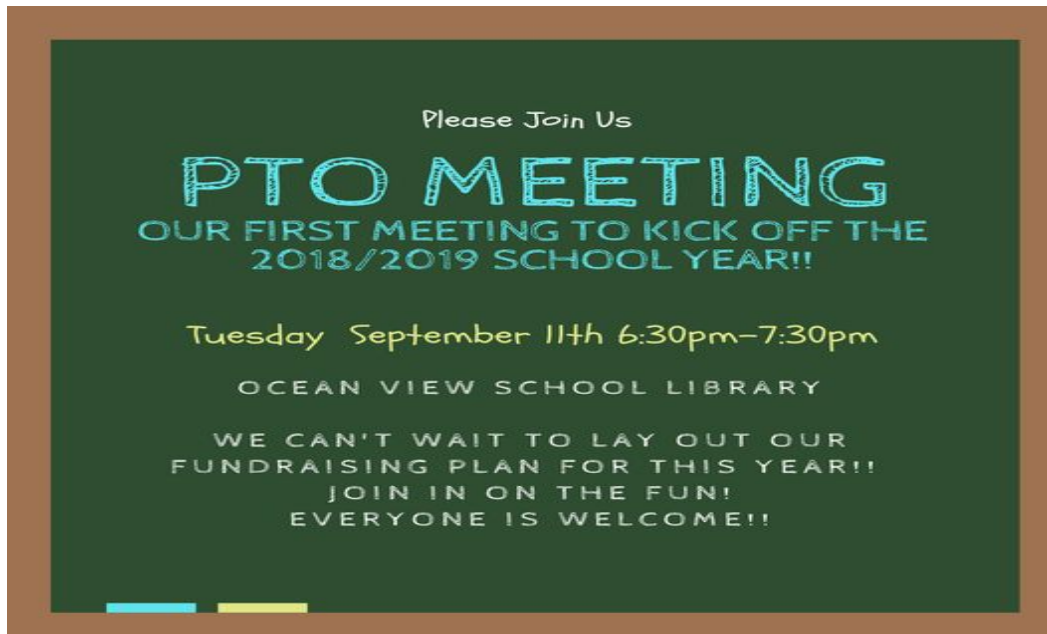
We thank you for any support you may be able to offer.

Sincerely,
Ocean View Elementary Breakfast Program

PTO Update

Welcome Back!! Your PTO is looking forward to a great fun filled year and we need your help! We are actively recruiting new members to help where they can to enhance the student experience!! Join us for our first PTO Meeting on **September 11th @ 6:30pm** so we can come to together to support the students and staff at OVES!

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SAVE THE DATES:

October 25th, 2018 – Halloween Howl Dance



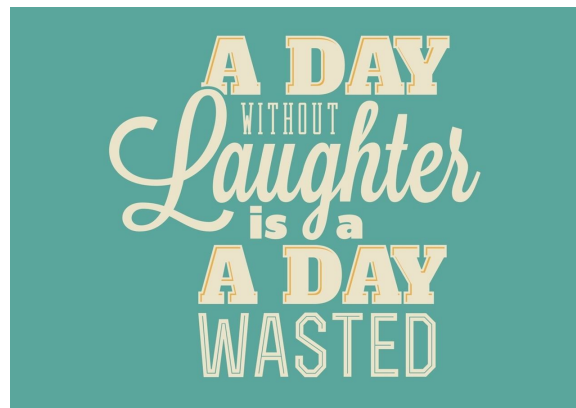
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November 3rd, 2018 Parents Night Out Dance and Auction 90's theme

<https://www.facebook.com/events/275322909963816/>



Kim Preeper, PTO Chair



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Nourish Your Roots Campaign



OCEAN VIEW ELEMENTARY is taking part in Nourish Nova Scotia's ***Nourish Your Roots*** healthy fundraiser to support healthy food programs and initiatives at our school / childcare centre. The funds will be used to support our **students including our breakfast program.**

Selling for \$30, each farm box includes a variety of fresh Nova Scotia produce, with a focus on root vegetables and **may** include fruit. Contents will **vary** depending on the farm partner and availability.

The selling period is between **Sept 24-Oct 10**. The money must be paid to Ocean View and returned with the orders by **Oct 10**.

We will send out more information on when the boxes will be picked up.

If you would like to donate a box to the school please phone the school office.

For additional information about this fundraiser please visit nourishns.ca/nourish-your-roots

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Media Release forms:

Every year we send home a media release form. This form will be coming home shortly. It allows our staff to know if they are allowed to post any pictures on our twitter/webpage of your child or their work. Sometimes we have other events going on where pictures are being taken. The media release form being sent home will allow you to indicate whether or not your child can have their picture take during these times.

WHALE DAY:

On Sept 27th our grades 1-3 will be participating in a joint venture between the New England Aquarium and Irving. This is a first for this area and we are excited to be hosting the event. There will be hands on activities for the children to participate in. We would like to thank one of our parents, Janelle Flemming, for nominating our school.

Thank you

Thank you to the Eastern Passage Buffalo Club for their generous donation to our breakfast program. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Lions Club for hosting a breakfast fundraiser to help support Ocean View students. Your generosity is appreciated!

Thank you to all of the parents who have made all of our new staff feel welcomed!

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Have a wonderful September! See you on Curriculum Night!

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