



December 2018 Ocean Viewer

Upcoming Dates



Dec 4 - Report cards are sent home

Dec 4 - SAC 5:30pm- Richard Derible (Director of Restorative Initiatives) and Amy Hunt (Restorative Approach Coordinator) coming to speak about the power and impact of a restorative practice. All welcome

Dec 4 - PTO 6:30pm - All welcome

Dec 5 - Parent teacher evening (sign up on our webpage) - 6-8pm

Dec 5 - Shopping under the Stars 6-8:30pm

Dec 6th - PD in am (no students) ; Parent teacher 1-3pm (sign up on our webpage)

Dec 7th - High 5 assembly 1pm.

Dec 10th – Tickets for evening concerts sent home

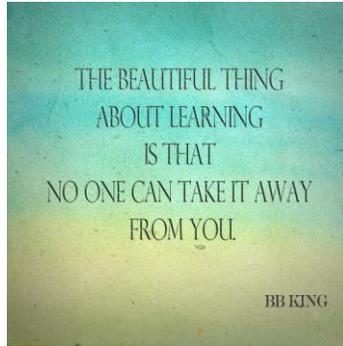
Dec 12th - Bring & Buy

Dec 17th & 18th - Holiday Concert (see below for more details)

Dec 21st - Last day before holiday break

Jan 3 - First day back.

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A Quick Note from Ms. Brace and Ms. Walsh:

Hard to believe we are writing the December newsletter! We have a busy month ahead! With Shopping Under the Stars, Bring & Buy, and our Holiday concerts - the time will fly by.

We would like to say thank you to Tracie Morris Langille, General Manager at Coles in Halifax Shopping Center. As part of the Adopt a School program, Ms. Langille and her staff donated some of their favorite books to us. These books are now in our library ready to be borrowed! We also would like to thank our Breakfast Program team for taking the time to keep our breakfast program running every day. Thank you to the families who participated in our Remembrance Day ceremony. It was very beautiful! As always, thank you to our PTO for organizing some great events. These events wouldn't be a success without the support of the Ocean View community – so thank you to you too! And finally – thank you to everyone for being patient and helping our early closure day go so smoothly. Sometimes the holiday season can be very hectic – and stressful. Our wish for everyone in our Ocean View community is that you take time to spend with your loved ones and reflect on the good things in your life. All the best!

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Parent Teacher:

This year we are doing online booking for parent teacher. You can go here:

https://ptcfast.com/schools/Ocean_View_Elementary . Once you make your teacher selection you will be asked to register and can then pick your times. Please note: The online booking system will be closing 1 day before each separate time period. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to book an appointment, please contact the main office and we would be happy to help you!

Holiday Concerts:

This year we will be having our concerts on Dec 17th and Dec 18th in the evening. There will be afternoon dress rehearsals that people are welcome to watch. Tickets are not required for the dress rehearsals. The exact time of the dress rehearsals will be posted on the website.

Our evening concerts will begin at 6:30pm with the doors opening at 6:00pm. Due to fire regulations, we must use tickets for entry. **Each student will receive 2 tickets for the evening of their concert. Tickets will be sent out Monday Dec 10th. We will be setting up an online waitlist for those needing more than 2 tickets. We can not guarantee that we will be able to fill all of the requests. If you are not planning on attending or do not need your tickets, please send them back to the main office so we can give them to someone else.** It may turn out that families with more than one child at the school have to attend both nights. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate in changing this. Please note: babies/toddlers still count as bodies even if they are not taking up a seat. If you need an extra ticket for them, please put your name on the waitlist when it goes live on Dec 10th. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR TICKETS IN ORDER TO GET INTO THE CONCERT.**

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Below you will find the list of what night the classes are having their concerts on:

Monday Dec 17: P Craft P Lambert 1 Mason 1 Shellnutt 2 Derossier 3 Watson	Tuesday Dec 18: P Cheverie P/1K 1 Gillis 1/2 Snyder/McIntyre 2 Smith 3 Anderson 3 Ardley
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Dogs on Property:

We appreciate people understanding and respecting the rule about dogs staying off of school property during school hours.

Schools Plus and our Social Worker:

Did you know that we have access to Schools Plus? [Click here to find out more](#)

Did you know we have access to a School Social Worker? [Click here to find out more](#)

Snow, Snow, Snow!

Our goal is to be outside enjoying the fresh air as often as possible. Please send your children with snowpants, boots, hats, and mitts so that they can enjoy the outside comfortably. If you put an extra pair of clothing in their backpack, that would save some phone calls if your little one gets wet. In the morning, if it is wet enough that students should come in before first bell, a sign will be posted to let you know.

However, there are just too many little bodies for the parents to join us inside. Please “kiss and go” so that we can keep our main foyer as clear as possible.

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Lice....

Just a reminder to please check your child(ren) frequently. More information can be found on our school website.

Winter clothing:

We are always looking for donations of snow pants/boots/mittens/hats/ socks. If you have any of these items that are clean and gently used, please consider sending them in to the school.

School Cancellation Chart (click on picture):

Guidelines for school and/or bus cancellations due to inclement weather

Nova Scotia winter weather can change quickly and can be challenging to predict. This document outlines the steps we take when deciding whether to cancel school and/or bussing.

A 6:00 am announcement could be:

- All schools are closed for the day
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day
- All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day
- All schools are delayed in opening by 2 hours

If weather deteriorates, or is forecast to worsen throughout the morning

An 11:00 am announcement could be:

- Bused students will be picked up 2 hours earlier than their regular dismissal time
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour

Remember!
Parents/guardians always have the right to keep their child home from school if they believe that the prevailing conditions are unsuitable.

How does Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) decide on school and/or bus cancellations?

By 4:30 am, HRCE staff begin to gather information from:

- A contracted weather service that provides radio and satellite imagery, real-time road conditions and weather warnings;
- A meteorologist to discuss details of forecast, level and type of precipitation and impact on road conditions;
- Stock Transportation consults bus drivers throughout HRCE about road conditions in their area;
- Municipal and provincial transportation staff; and
- Other local weather services, including Government Canada and the Weather Network.

By 5:30 am, staff make recommendations to the Regional Executive Director or designates, who makes the final decision and communicates it by 6:00 am.

Wind chill protocol:

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Below is from our Windchill protocol that helps us determine whether or not the students will go outside. Since we are on a hill near the ocean, it can get very cold. Please send your child with warm hats, mitts, and outdoor gear.

Definition of Wind Chill

Wind chill is the cooling sensation caused by the combined effects of temperature and wind. It is a feeling, not a real temperature.

Guiding Principles

Student safety is the number one priority. We consider all of the following factors before deciding whether it is safe for children to be outdoors in the cold.

- Are the students dressed in warm clothing, with good protection for their heads, hands and feet?
- How long will the students be outside?
- Will they be standing still or active and generating heat?
- Is the area exposed to the wind? Is it sunny or shaded? (The sun may lessen the effects of the wind chill a little.)

The following chart is based on guidelines from Environment Canada. Keep in mind that the guidelines were developed for healthy adults; young children may be more sensitive to the cold.

<i>If the wind chill is...</i>	<i>then...</i>
0°C to -20°C	take care in deciding whether it is appropriate to send students outside (see the factors listed above)
-21°C to -27°C	seriously consider whether it is appropriate to send students outside
below -27°C	do not send students outside

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Parking.....

Parking During a Rainy Day or Storm:

During a rainy day or storm we all want to be able to get to our children as quickly as possible. However, during bad weather it is imperative that people only park on the right hand side of Ocean View School road. This helps keep the roadway clear and allows cars to travel up and down without problem. Please follow the signage on the roads. Thank you for your support with this.

Bus Parking

We have a designated bus parking spot for our buses. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THIS AREA.** It is clearly marked.

Volunteering:

If you are interested in being able to chaperone on field trips, or volunteer in the school, you will need a criminal records check and child abuse registry. To help with the cost of the criminal records check, you can get a volunteer letter from Ms. Diggs at the front desk.

PTO:

Hello everyone,

Thank you to everyone that attended our 90's Auction and Dance! This was a very successful fundraiser that brought in lots of support for Ocean View! Our paint event that took place on November 20th was a "Grinchy" success!! We had 101 painters and a visit from the Grinch! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with set up!

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Shopping Under the Stars, a Holiday Shopping Extravaganza will take place **Wednesday December 5th 6pm-830pm in the school gym.** *This event is open to the public so help us spread the word!* There will be 45 vendors, many with locally made items! At this Holiday craft fair, you will be sure to find something for everyone on your list even those hard to buy for people! This event will act as one of our large fundraisers.

Christmas Wish Candy Gram tags will be coming home for parents to purchase. We will be sending home 5 if you would like additional tags please contact Christine @ christineearchibald@gmail.com.

Bring and Buy is happening on December 12. For those new to us, bring and Buy is when students get to shop for gifts for parents, siblings, grandparents, and friends. Items are priced from \$0.25 to \$2. The gym becomes a mini shopping mall! Donations are being accepted in the office until December 11. **We accept everything except clothing and stuffies.** Ballerina scrub brushes, note pads, playing cards, tools, puzzle books, reading books, jewellery, pictures, art, sport memorabilia, ornaments, etc. If it's collecting dust at home, send it to us. Ask your neighbours if they have donations too! We can arrange pick up if you're not able to get donations to us during school office hours. Your Bring and Buy contact people are Melissa McKay via text or call at (902) 222-7149 and Christine Archibald at christineearchibald@gmail.com. Let us know if you have any questions or need donations picked up. We are also looking for donations of wrapping paper/gift bags and tape. We wrap all gifts, so the students can keep their gifts a surprise!

From Melissa & Christine: Gift tags will be sent home as December 12 approaches, so students can get them filled out and know who they are shopping for at shopping time. The filled-out tags are to come to school with students on (or before) December 12. Send them in to their teachers via message bag or agenda. **To pay for their treasures, small coins, loonies, and toonies are appreciated.** Please let Melissa or Christine know if you're available to help with this event. We need wrappers and shopping assistants :-)
Happy Holidays!

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Be sure to keep an eye out for a chance to win **front row seats** at our Holiday concerts!! Tickets will be sent home this month with your student.

Our **50/50** is ongoing and will be drawn on December 18th, let the school know if you would like to purchase more tickets.

Want to get in on the fun?? Come on out to our next meeting **Tuesday December 4th @ 6:30pm!** Hope to see you there! Our January meeting will take place **January 8th**.

Kim Preeper, PTO Chair



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. Park at the bottom of the hill in the gravel parking lot and walk up.

After school Pick Up

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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.

