



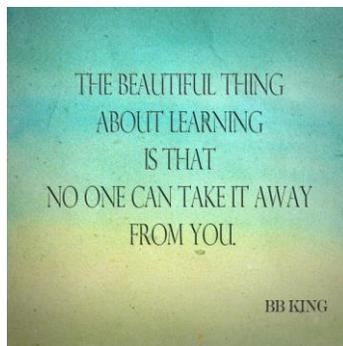
January 2019 Ocean Viewer

Upcoming Dates :

Jan 15th – SAC 6pm start (please note time change for this month)

Jan 15th – PTO – 6:45 (please note time change for this month)

Jan 25th- High 5 Assembly



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

Welcome back! We hope that our Ocean View families were able to take some time to relax and reconnect with loved ones. We are happy to see all of our students back here!

January is a quiet month with regards to activities. The cold weather is here and we know how cold that ocean wind can be! Please send warm clothing including boots and snow pants every day. We try and have the students go out as much as possible. We hope everyone has a great January!

Ms. Brace & Ms. Walsh

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Pediatrician

For anyone looking for a pediatrician: There is a new pediatrician in Dartmouth who is new and just started in November. He currently is building a practice and is available for new clients either **referred by a family doctor or by a walk in clinic**. His name is Dr. Allan Mweemba and his office is located at Penhorn Medical, 569 Portland Street, Unit 120 and telephone number is 902-469-2579.

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Delayed Starts due to inclement weather (from HRCE):

If weather conditions warrant, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a severe weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school and pre-Primary would be **delayed by two hours**. In our school, this means school would **start at 10:45**. If Stock Transportation is operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time pending any weather-related delays. Our lunch, afternoon schedule and dismissal times will remain at their regularly scheduled times. The Excel program will be cancelled for the morning only

Outside Play

Please remind your children that snow and ice are to stay on the ground. Throwing of snow or ice is not permitted at our school. We love seeing the children play in the snow and want to make sure that everyone stays safe. Thank you for your support with this.

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Late Students:

If you will be dropping your children off late, please call Ms. Diggs at the office at 902-465-8670. Thank you.

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.

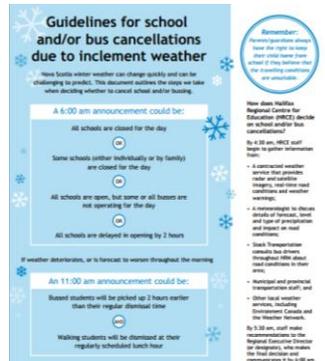
However, there are just too many little bodies for the parents to join us inside. Please “kiss and go” so that we can keep our main foyer as clear as possible.

Lice....

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

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School Cancellation Chart (click on picture):



Wind chill protocol:

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?

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- 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

Dogs on Property:

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

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. Please follow the signage on the roads. Thank you for your support with this.

Bus Parking

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

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:

PTO Update:

The OVES would like to wish all our families a Happy and Prosperous New Year! We are excited to begin a new calendar year of supporting the staff and students at Ocean View Elementary.

December was a very busy month for the PTO, we would like to thank you for your support through the many fundraisers we hosted. Bucks for books-50/50, Christmas wishes, Front row ticket sales, Bring and buy and Shopping Under the Stars were all very successful fundraising campaigns. All monies raised through these initiatives go directly to support the student experience at Ocean View.

A special thank you to Keizer's Fresh mart for allowing OVES to be their recipients for December's 50/50 draw.

Kim Preeper, PTO Chair

