



March 2019 Ocean Viewer

Nothing is
impossible
the word itself says

"I'm Possible"!

Upcoming Dates:

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| 5 th | Grade 3 – Discovery Center |
| 6 th | Student Nurses' last day |
| 8 th | Assessment & Eval Day – NO STUDENTS PRESENT |
| 11-15 th | Kim Cain – Fine Arts specialist with African Nova Scotian Focus in to work with all classes |
| 13 th | Last day for Gr. P Sportball |
| 14 th | Last day for Grade 2 Yoga |
| 18 th -22 nd | March Break |
| 26 th | Epilepsy Awareness Day |
| 27 th | Discovery Center comes to OVES for Grades P-2 |
| 27 th | Sarah Ryan comes to work with Grade 3 classes exploring our Maker cart |
| 29 th | High 5 – 2pm |
| April 2 nd | Term 2 report cards go home |
| April 11 th | PD in the AM (no students) Parent teacher in PM and Evening |

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

March is a shorter month because of March Break – but it is no less busy. During February we had lots of things going on including celebrating African Heritage month, Maritime Center for African Dance, High 5 assembly, Brittany Pennel working with all classes (fine arts specialist with an Indigenous Focus), Johnathan Grady working with grade 3s (fine arts specialist with a drama focus) , Jackie Halsey (children’s author) and our Welcome/ Be kind wall was put up. We are excited about our Welcome/ Be Kind wall because it highlights the variety of languages and heritages within our community. Come and see it!

We mentioned last month that we are working towards getting our library painted – and we are! Thank you to the school community for supporting the PTO events that have allowed us to have monies to purchase items for the library and do this redo. We will be taking before and after pictures to showcase. We are anticipating the painting to be done over March Break.

This month we will have Kim Cain – another fine arts specialist with an African Nova Scotian focus coming to work with all of our students. We are excited to see what creative learning takes place.

We would also like to thank the PTO for a couple of things: First of all: thank you for coming out to put the positive vinyl sayings on the bathroom stall doors. It certainly brightens it up

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and the children love them! Secondly: Thank you for doing an amazing job for staff appreciation week. The treats every day were incredibly creative and the lunch was fantastic. We work with an incredible group of people who take care of your children with whole hearts every day.

Have a wonderful March! Stay warm!

Ms. Brace & Ms. Walsh

Primary Registration

Just a reminder that if you have a student who will be registering for our school in September 2019, you can still do this at our main office. If you are applying for out of area – applications are accepted starting April 1st. Please see HRCE website for more details.

Students who are late/absent

If students are late, please bring them directly to the office. **PLEASE DO NOT WALK THROUGH OUR BUILDING WITHOUT SIGNING IN.** If your child will be absent, please call the safe arrival line at 902-465-8737. This is **VERY** important!

Grants we have received this year:

- HRCE Healthy Living Grant – monies for a SparksFly stationary bike
- Southeastern Community Health Board – (Thank you to our SAC Chair Ashley Whynot for applying for this) - monies for 3 SparksFly stationary bikes
- MakerCart from Brilliant Labs and HRCE

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Cole Harbour Library

For more information or to register a group call 902-490-3820.

T- Tickets will be given out 30 minutes before start time.

G-Group registration is required

Computer Science Workshop: SuperNOVA

This workshop teaches students how to program a robot using a variety of codes and instructions.

Grades 4-6

Monday, March 18 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

G/T

Performance: The Jugglin' Bubblers The Jugglin' Bubblers

Tickets will be given out 30 minutes before start time.

Tuesday, March 19 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

G/T

Movie: Incredibles 2

Tuesday, March 19 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM G/T.

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Spring Fling!

Celebrate the arrival of Spring with music, movement, and more.

Tickets will be given out 30 minutes before start time.

Wednesday, March 20 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

G/T

Mad Science: Invisible Forces Workshop

In this Mad Science workshop we'll learn all about invisible forces. Get ready to create indoor lightning and learn about poles, magnetic domains, and the attraction of opposites. Ages 5+.

Wednesday, March 20 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

G/T.

Puppet Show: Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus

Watch your favourite stories come to life. Ages 0-8.

Thursday, March 21 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

G/T

Tech Play Day

Join in and play with Little Bits, Jenga, and Dash and Dot! Let your imagination soar with this fun, family-friendly afternoon. Ages 5+.

Thursday, March 21 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

G/T

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March Break Madness

Swing by the Library for a great time. We'll have giant games, crafts, and more.

All Ages.

Tickets will be given out 30 minutes before start time. Friday

March 22 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

G/T

Movie: Coco

Friday, March 22 2:30 PM - 4:15 PM, ages 5+

G/T

T- Tickets will be given out 30 minutes before start time.

G-Group registration is required

Please check www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca for more FREE activities at all of the public library locations!!!

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Did you know that you can borrow Snow Shoes from the Tallahassee REC Center? Borrow them for the day or the weekend. What a great way to get outside and try new things.

Please call 902-465-5267 for more information.

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

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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 **Please remember that if you are keeping your child home, please call the SAFE ARRIVAL LINE at 902-465-8737.**

Communication

Communication between home and school is very important. If your child is supported by the learning center and you have any questions, please contact one of the LC teachers directly. If you have any questions around your child's progress please contact their classroom teacher. If there is a question you have that the teacher is unable to answer, they will guide you to the appropriate person.

Snow, Snow, Snow!

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.

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**

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the parents to join us inside. Please “kiss and go” so that we can keep our main foyer as clear as possible.

School Cancellation Chart (click on picture):



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

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