

# The Ocean Viewer

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### Upcoming Dates in February:

Feb 1-29th	Registration for Primary and Pre-Primary (see below for info)
Feb 1-29 <sup>th</sup>	African Heritage Month
Feb 3 &4	Grade 2&3 teachers learning about technology with our technology integration leader
Feb 10-14	Lockdown Drill #2
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	Africville Day – No students present
Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Hansen presentation. Ambassador: Nicole McDonald
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	High 5 assembly

### *From Mrs. Brace & Ms. Walsh:*

This month is primary and pre-primary registration month. It is important that if you have a child who will be registering for pre-primary (will be age 4 by Dec 31, 2020) or primary (will be age 5 by Dec 1, 2020), that you do it this month. These numbers help us with the planning for next school year. In order to register, you must be within our area. Birth certificate (original), proof of address (utility bill), and health card (original) of child are all required. Registration will take place Monday-Friday from 10-2:30 starting Feb 3-28<sup>th</sup>. Please be patient as Ms. Diggs gathers people's information. Thank you in advance.

The Welcome to Primary Booklet is only going to be available electronically and can be found here: [www.hrce.ca/primary](http://www.hrce.ca/primary)

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### African Heritage Month:

This month students will be learning and celebrating different African Canadians and African Americans that have made an impact on our world. Ask your child what they have learned in their class.

### Colds, Flu, and Absences:

Flu and cold season is in full swing. If your child is going to be absent, please call into the safe arrival line at 902-465-8737 and let us know the reason for the absence. The provincial government has created a webpage to share facts-based information about the coronavirus. This information can be found at [www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus](http://www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus). We would encourage all families to take a moment to visit the webpage to learn more. Although the risk in Nova Scotia remains low at this time, it is flu season and health officials recommend the following routine prevention measures to stay healthy:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand rub when hands are not visibly soiled.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. If using a tissue, immediately place it in a waste disposal and wash your hands.
- If possible, stay home when ill with acute respiratory symptoms; if this is not possible, limit close contact with others.
- Limit touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Don't share items that may have saliva on them such as drinking glasses and water bottles.
- Frequently clean surfaces like taps, doorknobs, and countertops.

### Ocean View Gives Back!

For a few months now, we have been doing a hot pizza lunch on Tuesdays in 5 week blocks. Each 5 week block is in support of different things. Two of those blocks were in support of charities - Dreams Take Flight and the SPCA. Thanks to the support from the community in buying the pizzas, we have been able to donate over \$1700 to each of those charities. Thank you as well to Ms. Mosher and Mr. Ardley who take the time to organize it all. THANK YOU!!

### Parking Woes

There are people who are STILL not following the rules. This is about our student safety! Please refrain from parking in the following areas:

- No stopping zones
- On the grass on Oceanview School road on the no stopping side – your vehicle may be off the road but it is still a no parking area
- On the corner in our staff parking lot by the grade 1 doors.
- In front of the gates on the fire access road

### PTO:

The PTO had a quiet January. We will be starting another round of 50/50 tickets in support of getting equipment for the students. Be on the look out for it! We want to thank Melissa Warren who has been instrumental in successfully applying

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for a grant from the SouthEastern Health Board. This monies will be for painting some activities out on the playground in the spring and to create indoor recess/lunch kits that the classes can sign out.

### SAC:

Our SAC chair, Angela Forgeron, and our school principal, Ms. Brace, have been working with Gary Young of HRM to apply for some funding towards a new playground. As we have more information around whether we are up for renewal of our playground and other details, we will let the community know.

### Breakfast Club:

A HUGE shoutout to our dedicated group of parent volunteers who take the time to get breakfast supplies and then prep the food. We could not have the breakfast club without them. If you see one of our breakfast volunteers, please share your thanks and encourage your children to do the same.

### LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED!

We are in need of lunch monitors! If you have your criminal records check and child abuse registry on file with us (or are willing to get it done) and have time in the middle of the day – we can use you! The P-3 lunch hour is from 12:15-1:15 and the pre-primary lunch hours are 11-12 and 1:30-2:30. Even if you are only able to be a sub or do 1 day a week – it all helps! Please let the office know if you are available. Thank you!

### Visiting Our School:

Please note: for the safety and security of our students: all visitors **MUST** sign in. If you are bringing your child in and want to take them to their class, **you must sign in and get a badge**. If you try and walk down the hall without one, a staff member will ask you to come back and sign in. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Lost and Found:

We do have a lost and found at the school. We generally put it out for classes to come look at around certain times of year (parent teacher, before the holidays, etc). We encourage parents to label their children's clothing and remind their children to be mindful of their things. We do donate unclaimed clothing to local charities. If your child is missing something, you are welcome to come and look. Please make sure to sign in at the office.

### Service Dogs

Just a reminder to please make sure pet dogs are kept off of school property. We have families in our area that have service dogs who are trained to specifically support their handler. When other dogs are around, this can affect the service dogs from doing their job. Keeping pet dogs off of school property minimizes this chance and also helps with those that have allergies or fears around dogs. If you see a service dog, please be mindful of what they are trained for and keep your distance. We appreciate your support with this. You can find out more information at <https://novascotia.ca/servicedogs/> .

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### School Cancellation/Delayed start: (click on picture)

We are in the Island View Family of Schools. If there is a delayed start, our day will begin 2 hours after instructional time – this means that our day would begin at 10:45am. Information can be found on Twitter, our website, and hrce.ca

### 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?
- 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