

The Ocean Viewer

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Upcoming Dates in March:

March 12	Terry Fox Pendant presentation
March 16-20	March Break
March 25th	Assessment and Eval Day – no students
March 26 th	High 5 assembly
March 30-April 3	Primary teachers complete Early Development Instrument
March 30	Green Schools Presentation
April 1 April 2	Report cards go home PD in am – no students ; Parent teacher in PM and evening

From Mrs. Brace & Ms. Walsh:

February just flew by! We had many things going on at the school.

- Our grade 2 and 3 teachers were learning about how to use different technology in the classroom with our TILT support person Dr. Chris Cocek.
- Our staff did a session on restorative practices with Tracey Deveraux and will be doing another in March.
- Our grade 2 and 3 teachers began working on learning about planning with the 3 block model
- Our grade 1 teachers attended PD that supports them in their learning in how to extend the support given from Reading Recovery and Early Literacy Support.
- We had a successful High 5 assembly
- Students learned about different African Canadians and the impact they have had on our society.

There Is No Courage Without Vulnerability – Brene Brown

- Nicole MacDonald from the Rick Hansen Foundation did a presentation on how to overcome adversity and why you should never give up.
- Our staff worked with Dr. David Costello on learning how to incorporate number lines, Cuisenaire rods, and base 10s when building student understanding around number sense and number fluency.
- 2 Mosher/Clarke has connected with the littles from the rec center and they meet on Wednesdays to do cooperative activities.
- Grade 3 intramurals started this month.

March is going to be a quick month – but just as busy!

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.

HEALTHY TEETH, HEALTHY CHILD

**DID YOU
know?**



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- cleaning
- fluoride
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PTO:

Hi everyone – your PTO is preparing for a lot of fun as the snow starts to melt. Here's a sneak peek at what we have coming up for you: Epicure sales from April 1 – 15 with purchases being delivered in time for Mother's Day (hint: great gift idea...)! Family BINGO on April 9 (win some sweet treats...)! Online silent auction from April 15 – April 25 at www.auctria.com! Paint night in the school gym on May 7! A spring fling 50/50 draw! We have time to grow the BIGGEST POT EVER!!! Dates are secure and event details will be sent out in the near future. There are a lot of fun activities coming up! Thank you all for the support with our activities to date this year. We appreciate you!

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.

You become what you believe.

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!

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/> .