

October 2022 Newsletter



OCEAN VIEW ELEMENTARY

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**Safe Arrival Please
call in your child's
Absence
1-833-582-6940**

TACOS IN A BAG

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 (1 ounce) package taco seasoning mix
- 4 (2.5 ounce) packages corn chips
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1 chopped fresh tomato
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup salsa
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Place ground beef in a large skillet. Cook and stir over medium heat until browned. Drain excess oil. Mix in the taco seasoning and prepare according to the directions on the package.

With the bags unopened, gently crush the corn chips. Snip the corners off the bags using scissors and slit open the bags along the side edge. Spoon equal amounts of the beef mixture, lettuce, tomato, Cheddar cheese, salsa and sour cream into the bags on top of the crushed chips. Serve in the bag and eat using a fork.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a smooth month getting back into daily school and classroom routines. As I visit classrooms, I am always impressed by the quality of instruction and the variety of engaging activities I see. I am equally impressed with the positive attitude and level of engagement that students bring to their learning.

Check out our school website for regular updates and important school information, as well as your child's backpack for a variety of school and class information. The relationship between home and school is important. I encourage you to maintain regular communications with your child's teacher.

At this time, I would like to discuss the importance of all students arriving to school at 8:30 am daily and lining up with their class outside of the school. When students arrive to class late, it is not only disruptive to the late student, but also the rest of the class. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Andrea Temple, Principal

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

NUT FREE

Please note that Ocean View Elementary continues to be a Nut-Free environment. We do have students and staff with severe peanut/nut allergies and it is crucial that you do not send your child with any peanut or nut products such as hazelnuts, walnuts, Nutella, cashews, brazil nuts, pine nuts, tree nuts, etc. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

NO PARKING

Please be advised that no vehicles are to be driving on the school grounds at any time during the day. This includes dropping off and picking up students from Excel and/or Pre Primary at the end of the building and parking in the school driveway that is for emergency/authorized vehicles. We appreciate your support in respecting these parking rules to keep our students safe. Please share this information with anyone who may be dropping off or picking up your child. We also remind you to obey the no parking signs in front of the school. When cars are parking in the no parking areas, it is difficult for the buses to maneuver around them safely to get to the school. We have also had concerns with parents/guardians parking in no stopping/no parking areas and the bus loop for Island View. This is against the HRM posted traffic rules.

SAFEARRIVAL BY SCHOOLMESSENGER

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring all students arrive to school safely each day. Parents/guardians of students who attend our school now have the option to report their child's absence in advance using a toll-free number, the PowerSchool Parent Portal or the SchoolMessenger app!

SchoolMessenger SafeArrival – an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for families to inform their child's school if they will be away – powers all three of these options.

If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

- **Toll-Free Number**—Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.
- **PowerSchool Parent Portal** — Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- **SchoolMessenger App**—Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address).

For more information about reporting your child's absence and a list of frequently asked questions, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/safearrival>

UPCOMING DATES

October 10	Thanksgiving Day—no school
October 28	PD Day—no school for students
November 9	Picture Retake day
November 11	Remembrance Day—no school

BELL TIMES

8:30am	- Entrance Bell
10:30- 10:45am	- Recess
12:15- 1:15pm	- Lunch
2:50 pm	- Dismissal – All Grades

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

Paying school-related fees is about to get easier! We're excited to let you know that HRCE has launched a new system that will allow you to make payments electronically with the click of a button. You will be able to make all payments safely, securely and quickly through **SchoolCash Online**. We plan on starting up our pizza lunch in the coming weeks. All orders will have to be placed thru this new system. There will be no more paper orders with cash changing hands.

Our school will post items for purchase and assign school fees relevant to your child. You can make all purchases and payments from your phone, tablet or computer. We would like families to register as soon as possible.

To get started, please register for **SchoolCash Online**. It's free and takes less than two minutes. You will receive an email once items are posted for purchase. Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/> and click **Register** to get started. You can also go to our school's website and click the link on our home page.

Need support? Connect with the SchoolCash Online help desk at schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support. We hope that **SchoolCash Online** makes paying school-related fees more convenient!

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

School Advisory Councils (SACs) play an important role in supporting student success at the community-level. They are volunteer organizations that receive their authority from the Nova Scotia Education Act. SACs are advisory bodies to individual school principals, regional centres for education (RCEs), and the Conseil Scolaire Acadien provincial (CSAP) on a range of issues related to their local schools and the overall school system. SAC membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents/guardians, teachers, other school staff, students, and community members. SAC membership should reflect the diversity of the school community.



Just a reminder that it is important to keep the classroom teacher informed if your child won't be taking the bus on any given day. We take attendance with our bus students and if they are not in the bus line we start searching for them to make sure they do not miss the bus.

[A Couple of Extra Things](#)

Head Lice

<https://ove.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/websites/ove.hrsb.ca/our-school-file/2015/12/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf>

Provincial Code of Conduct

 [provincialschoolcodeofconduct.pdf](#)



Who Are We?

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia! Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help students with what they need to succeed – from home, to school, and back again! Our team can help with things like:

Connecting to Resources & Supports



Help finding and applying for recreation programs



Help navigating various tutoring supports



Help accessing food banks or other food supports



Help navigating health & mental health services



Help filling out applications & paperwork



Help with transportation to appointments



Meeting with families at home to discuss supports



Accompanying families to important appointments

Group Programming

Our staff can offer group programming for students as well as for parents/guardians. This includes lunch time and after school programs, as well as some full-class presentations. Some examples of past programming include: parent coffee hours, social skills groups, healthy relationships programs, and more!

Managing Complex Situations

Sometimes students and families are already connected to many services, but still need help managing it all. Our Assistant Leaders can offer case management support to help make sure everyone involved is communicating clearly and families are receiving the best support possible!

How Do I Get Referred?

School Referrals

Principals, Vice Principals, or School Counsellors can submit referrals after discussing SchoolsPlus with a student or family.

Community Referrals

Staff from various community organizations (such as IWK, Community Services, a Family Centre, etc.) can make referrals by contacting the Assistant Leader.

Self Referrals

Families and students can refer themselves by contacting the Assistant Leader for their school.



Our Team

The Eastern Passage Family of Schools is served by 1 Assistant Leader (AL) and 2 Community Outreach Workers (SPCOW). Not sure if we can help? Contact the Assistant Leader for your school to find out!

Assistant Leader: Sarah Morris (902) 399-8321 Sarah.morris@hrce.ca	SPCOW Samantha Galvin	Ocean View Elementary
		Horizon Elementary
		Seaside Elementary
	SPCOW Lynne McKenzie	Eastern Passage Education Centre
		Island View High

NEW Ocean View Community Closet

SchoolsPlus at Ocean View Elementary has opened up a Community Closet for families to shop for clothing and shoes. Our Community Closet has new and gently used donations in a variety of sizes. Families can come in every Wednesday to browse and shop. There is no requirement to be involved with SchoolsPlus to utilize the service. For an alternate time, please call or text SchoolsPlus to make arrangements.

COMING SOON Ocean View Community Pantry

This project is underway and we are hopeful to have the Community Pantry open by November. Stay tuned!