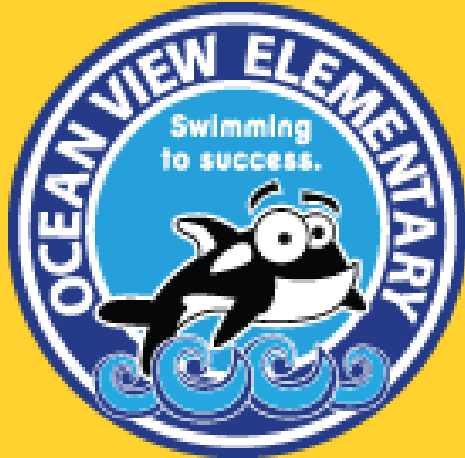


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OCEAN VIEW NEWS



Ocean View Elementary

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Bell Times

8:30 - Entrance Bell P-3
8:45 - Pre Primary begins
10:30- 10:45 - Recess
12:14 – 1:15 - Lunch
2:40- Pre Primary Dismissal
2:45 - Dismissal – P-3 Dismissal

WELCOME TO 2023/2024

Welcome New Staff Members

Liane Nicholson – P Teacher with Mr. MacLeod 50%
Emma Johnson – P Teacher for Meaghan Simmonds until December
James Mitchell – 50% Learning Centre Teacher
Meghan O'Brien- 100% Learning Centre
Trudy Bunker – 100% Learning Centre
Cynthia Thibodeau – 100% Learning Centre
Erin Nicholson – Speech & Language Pathologist
Amanda Hunter – EPA
* Welcome back to PE Teacher Mary Giles

STUDENT ABSENCE

A reminder to all parents/
guardians to please call
1-833-582-6940
if your child will be late or
not attending school on
that day.

WEAR PINK ON SEPT 14



LOCK DOWN DRILLS

The safety and security of our students and staff are a top priority at our school and the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. We have been implementing a number of measures as part of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring our school remains a safe place for our students to learn. All classrooms will participate in our first lockdown drill in the coming weeks. During a lockdown drill, classroom doors are secured and the students remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building. Students are isolated within the school whenever circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill. Please be assured that staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time to debrief after the drill to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger.

PGTO

Parent-Guardian
Teacher Organization
Ocean View Parent-
Guardian/Teacher Organization is
always looking for
new members.

The first meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, Oct. 3rd from 6–7pm.
Everyone is welcome!

SCHOOL PARKING LOT

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 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.

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) 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.

Currently, we are looking for 4 new members to join our School Advisory Council at Ocean View. We have 1 vacancy for SAC Chair, 2 vacancies for parents/guardians, and 1 vacancy for a community representative. If you are interested in serving on our SAC, please reach out to the office.

Breakfast/Snack Program

We are excited to share that Ocean View will be offering a breakfast/snack program for our students again this year!

Breakfast Programs help support students' health and nutritional well being. Well-nourished students are ready to learn, they have more energy, and are less distracted by hunger. Our school breakfast/snack program adheres to the Nova Scotia Public Schools Nutrition Policy and the Canada Food

Guide. Students have access to a variety of healthy "grab & go" food choices such as, dry cereal, crackers, cheese, yogurt, and granola bars, to mention a few.

Our breakfast/snack program is universally accessible; all students in our school community are welcome to participate. This program not only provide students with nutritious snacks, they are also instrumental in helping students develop lifelong, healthy eating habits.

Healthy Hunger Lunch Program

We will be running the Healthy Hunger program again this year. The site is up and running.

Kennys Pizza Starting Monday Sept 18

Subway starting Thursday Sept 21

Reminder that orders **MUST** be placed 5 days in advance!

<https://healthyhunger.ca/index.php>

HEAD LICE POLICY

Head lice are tiny insects that live on the head. They lay eggs (called nits) close to the scalp. Head lice do not spread disease, and having head lice does not mean that you are not clean. Head lice are very common among children. Scratching the head can be a sign of head lice, but you can have head-lice without any itching.

Once a child has been treated with the appropriate product to kill the lice, they are able to return to school. A second treatment is necessary after 9 to 10 days. Daily lice combing is required between the 1st and second treatment to ensure no new lice are able to hatch.

For more information, please refer to the Head Lice Pamphlet which can be found on our school's website under the "Our School" heading under the "For Parent" section.