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## APRIL ADDITION TO THE OCEANVIEWER

Greetings to the Parents/Guardians of Ocean View School:

As you know April 14, is the day of the second term parent teacher interviews. Report cards go out on April 7, and staff is looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress. We would like to see 100% of our parents in attendance. The interviews will take place in the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 and the evening from 6-8. Appointments with your child's teacher are usually set for 10 minutes intervals. If you believe more time is needed please contact the teacher to schedule an alternate day and time.

To make an appointment please call the secretary at 902 465-8670.

### April is the Month of the Military Child

The official flower of the military child is the dandelion.

The plant puts down roots almost anywhere, and it's almost impossible to destroy. It's an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It's a survivor in a broad range of climates.

Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are tough and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.

We are proud of our military children!

### April is Volunteer Month

The staff of Ocean View Elementary School would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who help make our school successful. Many people are needed to make a school a success the SAC, PTO, Musical, class trips, Spring Fling, concerts, field day, dances and movie night to name just a few. Please continue to volunteer you are appreciated.

### EXCEL Registration Information 2016-2017

Families who are interested in registering their children in EXCEL's recreation program for the 2016/2017 school year are encouraged to mark the following important dates on your calendars:

- **April 25<sup>th</sup>** - Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 25<sup>th</sup> current participants of the 2015/2016 EXCEL program may submit an application for the coming school year via the online application system; by email; or by fax. **Current participants will receive a letter beginning April 18<sup>th</sup> identifying a user name and password providing them exclusive access to the online application system. Current participant families that have additional siblings that will be registering for the first time with EXCEL may register all eligible children in their family during this early registration period.**
- **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** - General Registration begins for all EXCEL Before and/or after school programs at 8:00 a.m. on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Applications may be submitted via the online system or the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. Individuals paying by Pre-Authorized Payment, MasterCard or Visa ONLY may register on-line. Go to <https://secure.hrsb.ns.ca/excel> to access.

Parents are encouraged to submit their applications in a timely manner to ensure the greatest opportunity for entry into the program. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-accepted basis. Full-time participation (5 days/week) is required for either before only, after only or Before & After. Please see the EXCEL pages on the HRSB website for more information on registration and the program.

### Eastern Passage School Options Committee (SOC)

On March 9, 2016, approximately 25 parents and community members joined a dozen members of the Eastern Passage School Options Committee (SOC) and HRSB staff to hear about the review process and offer suggestions and feedback for consideration by the SOC. The SOC is now sorting through possible options for more optimal utilization of Seaside, Ocean View, Tallahassee and EPEC schools which includes looking at Grade Configurations for when the new Grade 9 to 12 high school opens.

A number of viable options will be presented on April 20, 2016 from 6:30-9:00 pm at Seaside School for reflections and suggestions by parents, students, staff and community members. Mark this in your calendar and plan to attend. Your whole family is welcome. The report and feedback from the last session can be found

at <http://www.hrsb.ca/school-review/school-review-eastern-passage-schools> and  
you can also provide feedback via the email address at that site.  
Your voice matters.