



Ocean View Elementary

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THE OCEANVIEWER SEPTEMBER 2016

IMPORTANT DATES	
SCHOOL PICTURES	SEPTEMBER 12
P.T.O. MEETING @ 6:30	SEPTEMBER 13
SAC MEETING @ 6:30	SEPTEMBER 20
CURRICULUM NIGHT 6:30-7:30PM	SEPTEMBER 22
OSCAR ASSEMBLY @ 11:00	SEPTEMBER 29
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO CLASSES)	SEPTEMBER 30

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our new students and their families and welcome back to our returning students and their families.

During the first month of school staff members spend time establishing routines and building relationships with students, their families and each other. When we have a better understanding of each other, we can develop trust, effective communication and work together for mutual benefit.

There are many changes that came this year and will continue over the school year. The department of education has made many improvements in our schedules, policies and

curriculum and we are working hard to implement these changes to ensure the best learning for our students.

There are a number of supports for our school this year including a Literacy Coach, Math Support Teacher, and the Schools Plus program. We will also continue the Caring School Community program, which is a nationally recognized, research-based program for grades P-6 that builds classroom and school wide community while developing students' social and emotional skills.

We successfully completed our previous Student Success Plan and will begin a new Student Success Plan based our school data sources.

By working together we will support our students' learning and have a great year!

Ms. Williams Hart

TRAFFIC SIGNS

You will notice new signs on the roadway beside the school have "no stopping " signs on the side of the road closest to the school to allow traffic to flow as families drop off and pick up their children. We appreciate everyone's help as we make this transition to keep students safe and traffic moving safely.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Each school has an Emergency Management Plan with procedures for emergency situations. We will have fire drills, hold and secure and lockdown drills. During the month of September, we will have two fire drills. The lock down drill is scheduled for Tuesday September 27 at 1pm. Staff members will work with students to prepare them for this; however we want to make you aware of this so that you can talk to your child/ren. Please do not hesitate to contact your children's teacher with any concerns.

SCENT AND NUT AWARE

Please remember, Ocean View Elementary is a scent and nut aware school. For the safety of our students and staff, please do not send foods containing **nuts** and **please refrain from wearing scents or using scented laundry products** while at school. Some of our students and staff members have life threatening allergies to **nuts**. Thank-you for your care and diligence when sending in snacks and lunches. We appreciate your support in keeping our school safe and our students and staff healthy.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

The School Advisory is a Provincial Department of Education mandated group of parents, staff and community members who meet 6 times a year. The SAC advises the principal, staff, school board and department on policies, programs, communication and other duties outlined in the Education Act. The SAC consists of 3 parents, 3 staff members and 2 community members.

Our first meeting will take place on Tuesday September 20, at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

VOLUNTEERING AT OCEAN VIEW

We appreciate and value the time that family members give to the school as volunteers. At the same time, we must ensure that our students are always safe.

In keeping with HRSB policy, all volunteers in the school must:

1. Complete a criminal record check
2. Complete a child abuse registry

If you need a child abuse registry form, please google **nova scotia child abuse register request for search (form A)**.

Send in this form and bring the document to the main office. We'll take a copy.

If you need a criminal record check, you can do it at the local RCMP detachment or online at <http://backcheck.net/>. If you are going to the local RCMP detachment, you will need a letter from the school. This is a form letter and can be done very quickly. Bring a copy of your criminal record check to the office and we will take a copy.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please remember that there is no supervision on the school grounds until 8:20 am.

Please do not have your child arrive before this time.

SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will not be attending school or will arrive late please call the Safe Arrival Line at 902-465-8737 or the main office at 902-465-8670. A message may be left on the answering machine. If your child becomes ill during the day, we will call you.

LUNCH MONITORS

Substitute lunch monitors are needed for the 2016-2017 school year. Shifts are **1.00hr/day**. The current hourly wage is \$12.76/ hr. plus 4% vacation pay. Please call or

visit the school office if you are interested in being a lunch monitor 902-465-8670.
More info can also be found on the HRSB website at www.hrsb.ns.ca.

LUNCH ORDERS

We are in the process of finalizing milk and food vendors and order forms will be sent home in the next few weeks.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please send a complete change of clothes to school for your child, just in case of mud, rain etc.

STUDENT AGENDAS

Student agendas have been purchased for students in grades 1 to 4. The cost is \$6.00. Please send your cash payment into the homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE (SIP)

To register your child for the Gold Plan go online at sip.ca

BICYCLES, SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS

The summer weather has continued and students want to get out and ride a bicycle, skate board or scooter. **Fortunately** we have a bicycle rack but students should bring their own lock to ensure it is safe outside. **Unfortunately** there is no place within the school to store scooters or skateboards. If a student brings a scooter or skateboard they will be required to leave them outside at their own risk near the bicycle rack and there is no guarantee that they will be safe.

Children often own personal items that are the same as another student anything students bring to school should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

LITERACY TIP

As parents you are very important teachers in your child's life. As a role model It's a good idea for you to show your child how you read every day for different purposes, for example: recipes, greeting cards, calendars, shopping lists, food labels, instructions, maps, newspapers, emails, signs, and websites.

MATH TIP

Try these simple games to practice math with your child. Use ordinary playing cards to develop the skills of counting and recognising numbers.

Help your child to:

- play simple games such as snap,
- count the symbols on the number cards,
- sort the cards into order,
- find all the tens, fours etc.

COUNSELLING CORNER

Welcome back! My name is Donna Meaney and I am excited to be returning to Ocean View School this year. I am the school counsellor at both Ocean View (50%) and Tallahassee (50%) Elementary Schools.

As the school counsellor at Ocean View, I work with children, teachers, and administration. I am also looking forward to meeting and collaborating with parents as well. I believe you, as parent/guardian, are your child's best resource. I see my job as removing obstacles to student success. If there is an issue in your child's past or present life situation that is getting in the way of their learning, I will try to work with your child to remove that obstacle. Students who feel good about themselves and have positive relationships with others, are more successful both in and out of school.

I will be working with students in groups and individually on topics such as understanding and expressing emotions, listening and communication skills, developing self-management skills as well as friendship, decision making, loss, self-control and other topics depending on student need and interest. Confidentiality is maintained within sessions.

If you have concerns about your child, feel free to give me a call at one of the numbers listed below. I will try to schedule sessions to avoid absences from specialist classes. My door is always open if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you and your child. 465-8670 (Main Office) 465-8040 (Ms. Meaney's Office).