



Ocean View Elementary

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THE OCEANVIEWER NOVEMBER 2016

IMPORTANT DATES	
P.T.O. MEETING @ 6:30 PM	NOVEMBER 1
REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY 11:00AM	NOVEMBER 10
P.T.O. MOVIE NIGHT@ 6:30 PM	NOVEMBER 10
REMEMBRANCE DAY HOLIDAY (NO CLASSES)	NOVEMBER 11
ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION DAY (NO CLASSES)	NOVEMBER 14
REPORT CARDS GO HOME	NOVEMBER 25
OSCAR ASSEMBLY @ 11:00 AM	NOVEMBER 25
SAC MEETING @ 6:30 PM	NOVEMBER 29
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 6-8PM	NOVEMBER 30
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO CLASSES)	DECEMBER 1
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 1-3 PM	DECEMBER 1
PTO HOLIDAY EXPO MEETING @ 6:30 PM	DECEMBER 1
PTO HOLIDAY EXPO 10AM-2PM	DECEMBER 3

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Ocean View Elementary has planned a Remembrance Day Assembly in honour of our veterans who have served and those presently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. It is our intent to show our respect and to thank them for their dedication and sacrifice. It will take place on Thursday November 10th. We will compile a Wall of Honour and you are welcome to send in photos or other items to be shared with our students and school community. All students in grades P-4 will attend the assembly.

TRAFFIC

We are working with our community partners to try and remedy the traffic concerns, please be patient and watch for our students. Please do not drive on school grounds during school hours.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We are planning to start our Breakfast Program soon on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Saturday November 5, the Knights of Columbus will host a fundraising breakfast for our Breakfast program at St. Andrew's Parish Hall on Disciples Way (back door) from 8-9:30am. Eggs, bacon, toast, tea biscuits, tea/coffee for \$5.00. A few helpers would be appreciated.

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.

HEAD LICE

Families are reminded to check their children's hair regularly. Please remind your children not to share, hats, scarves, combs, brushes etc. Further information can be accessed at http://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/Public-Health-Education/07135_HeadLicePamphlet_En.pdf

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 next meeting will take place on Tuesday November 15, 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

The Souper Duper Soup order form included Friday October 28, so those orders will be delivered on Tuesday November 8. The new order form is due on Monday November 7 and lunches will be delivered on Tuesdays and Fridays November 15, 18, 22, 25, 29, December 2, 6 and 9.

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.

LITERACY TIP

The TumbleBook Library is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you. TumbleBooks are a great addition to any reading program. The TumbleBook Library also has book-related puzzles and language games to play.

The TumbleBook Library collection can be accessed online from home at www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/kids. You will need a Halifax Public Library card to access this collection.

MATH TIP

Play games that help your child develop decision making and mental math skills.

- There are many games, such as board games that involve patterns and probability. Play games from your own family traditions such as counting games and game that keep score. Try jump rope or hopscotch
- Games require children to use strategies, make decisions, solve problems and develop an understanding about how to use them (number sense) and computational skills.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will take place on Wednesday November 30, from 6-8pm and Thursday December 1 from 1-3pm please call the school at 902-465-8670 to schedule a 10 minute appointment time with your child's teacher. If you believe more time is needed please contact the teacher to schedule an alternate day and time.

COUNSELLING CORNER

Teasing vs. Taunting

Teasing is a playful use of humour that brings people together and can lighten a mood. It can be part of healthy friendships. When a person uses humour to hurt or intimidate someone else, though, then it is taunting and can lead to problems. There are times when we all may be overly sensitive and overreact to an innocent comment; however, taunting is deliberately hurtful and an attempt to gain power over someone else. If both people don't find a comment funny, then it may have crossed the line from teasing to taunting.

Tone of voice, body language and the words themselves all affect the message being delivered. "I like your jacket", said sarcastically and with a smirk, means just the opposite. People use lines like, "What? I was just kidding" and "Can't you take a joke?" to try to cover what they are doing, which just increases the hurt. We need to help our kids learn the difference between playful teasing and unkind taunting, and to know which topics should be "off limits" for any kind of teasing. Try discussing different scenarios or acting them out together... and watch yourself to make sure you are modelling appropriate teasing.