



Ocean View Elementary

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THE OCEANVIEWER DECEMBER 2016

We want to make you aware that the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU) will begin work to rule in all schools in Nova Scotia starting on December 5. During work to rule, teachers will focus exclusively on teaching students in a safe learning environment, preparing and implementing lesson plans and maintaining contact with families of students who require support.

- School will be open and following regular hours of operation.
- Teaching and classroom room instruction will continue.
- Our priority will be to *ensure all students are safe at all times.*
- For students who walk to school or rely on their own transportation, a reminder that supervision will begin 20 minutes before the start of classes and end 20 minutes after the end of classes. Please do not drop off/pick up students outside of this time frame as there will be no supervision and school buildings will not be open.
- EXCEL programs and private day care programs are not impacted and will continue.

IMPORTANT DATES	
PTO HOLIDAY EXPO 10AM-2PM	DECEMBER 3
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	DECEMBER 21
FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS BREAK	DECEMBER 22
SCHOOL REOPENS	JANUARY 3, 2017

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 onto school property when students are outside playing.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our breakfast program is operating on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are very thankful for our volunteers. We also want to thank the Knights of Columbus, the Buffalo Club, OVES families and Fishermen's Cove for their donations to our breakfast program.

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 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.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

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

MATH /LITERACY TIP

Option 1:

- Read counting books to your child that focus on the numbers 1 to 10
- Name numerals that your child sees in books, pictures and so on
- Identify with your child numerals in the real world, such as "That license plate starts with a 3"

Option 2:

- Point out 2 digit house numbers to your child
- Have your child read page numbers in books, magazines, and newspapers
- Have your child look at receipts of purchases and read the dollars and cents together

COUNSELLING CORNER

CONFLICT RESOLUTION STEPS

Resolve conflict with others by using these 3 steps:

Conflicts are inevitable. Kids have different ideas, different solutions, and different ways to approach problems. Because of this, resolving conflicts peacefully is a key skill that kids need to succeed. As kids grow up, it's important that they learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and how to get along well with others.

THINK ABOUT IT

- Who am I in conflict with?
- What's the conflict about?
- What's my part in the conflict?

TALK ABOUT IT

- Tell the other person your side of the conflict and how you feel about it by using "I statements."
- Ask the other person to give his/her side of the conflict.
- Listen to what he/she says and repeat it back.
- Brainstorm possible solutions.

TRY TO WORK IT OUT

- Tell the other person what you need, want, or expect.
- Ask the other person what he/she wants.
- Be willing to compromise and find a win/win solution.
- Try your solution.
- Ask for help if it doesn't work.

Conflict resolution skills are gained by experience and practice—so help your child start building these skills by engaging in peaceful conflict resolution at home. If your child is able to work through problems well at home, they will have an advantage when it comes to conflicts at school and beyond