



Ocean View Elementary

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THE OCEANVIEWER MARCH 2017

IMPORTANT DATES	
PTO MEETING @ 6:30	FEBRUARY 28
PTO MARCH BREAK KICK-OFF DANCE 6:30-8	MARCH 9
MARCH BREAK (NO CLASSES)	MARCH 13-17
SAC MEETING @ 6:30	MARCH 21
ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION DAY (NO CLASSES)	MARCH 22
REPORT CARDS GO HOME	MARCH 31
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO CLASSES)	APRIL 6
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 1-3& 6-8	APRIL 6
GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY (NO CLASSES)	APRIL 14
EASTER MONDAY (NO CLASSES)	APRIL 17
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO CLASSES)	MAY 19
VICTORIA DAY (NO CLASSES)	MAY 22
PRIMARY ORIENTATION 1-2	MAY 26

PRIMARY REGISTRATION

If you were not able to register during February, please make a point to come in and register. It is very important that we have registrations completed as soon as possible as these numbers determine staffing for the next school year. Primary students **must be FIVE on or before December 31st, 2017**. Please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of address when you come to the school to register. Primary supplies can be pre-ordered at a cost of \$35.00. Please pass this information on to any neighbours in your area that may have a child starting school in September. The primary parent information session will take place on May 26, from 1-2pm in the gym, while your child is involved in primary orientation in classrooms. Vision screening will also take place on this day, please call the school to book a time for vision screening for your child.

RETIREMENT

We want to say THANK YOU to Mrs. Cashin for her 38 years of service to the Halifax Regional School Board with 11 years at Ocean View Elementary. We thank Mrs. Cashin for her hard work, courteous manner with students, staff and community members and her care and compassion. We wish her good health and happiness in her retirement!

TRAFFIC

We appreciate the concern and frustration due to the traffic/parking situation. However, please do not drive onto school property during school hours as there have been a number of close calls with students.

PETS AT SCHOOL

We understand that children love their pets and enjoy walking them to school, however, please do not bring pets onto school property.

SCENT AND NUT AWARE

For the safety of our students and staff, please do not send foods containing **nuts** and **please refrain from wearing scents or bringing scented products** to school.

LATE SLIP PROCEDURES

If your child arrives after our 8:40 bell and O'Canada, we ask that your child stop by the office to have their attendance recorded and pick up a late slip to give to their classroom teacher.

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. If you change your telephone numbers please let us know.

COUNSELLING CORNER- Managing Disappointment

We want our children to feel the world is open to them, that they can achieve their dreams and be who they want to be. However, we also need to give them the tools to handle it when things don't go their way. Being disappointed sometimes is part of life, and protecting them from this will not help them feel strong and resilient. It is not realistic or helpful to recognize every positive move that a child makes. In fact, the risk is that they will learn to only do things if they will get an external reward, rather than because it is the right thing to do. This can actually erode self-esteem and self-confidence, and make success meaningless. Your child needs to know that the world will not end if she didn't get chosen for something, and that he's not a failure if he didn't get a reward for an achievement. You can help children learn to manage disappointment through

- Helping them name and discuss their feelings
- Helping them give themselves messages like, "My teacher still likes me, even if I didn't get a ribbon this month"
- Focusing on developing an internal sense of pride
- Holding them to realistically high standards
- Being supportive without being overprotective

Success and recognition will truly feel even sweeter for your children if balanced by occasional disappointment.

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 change of clothes to school for your child, just in case it's needed.

LITERACY TIP

Parent involvement is the number one predictor of early literacy success and future academic achievement, by modelling fluency while reading, and bringing your own energy and excitement for reading to your child. Both new and seasoned readers struggle with a variety of expressions as they read aloud. Older readers will benefit from taking turns with you as you read aloud.

MATH TIP

Your kitchen holds a wealth of opportunities for exploring math with your children. Try using recipes and measuring tools from the smallest spoon to the cup as a way for exploring and explaining how the ratios are important when cooking.