



# Ocean View Elementary

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## THE OCEANVIEWER APRIL 2017

IMPORTANT DATES	
PTO MEETING @ 6:30	APRIL 4
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO CLASSES)	APRIL 6
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 1-3& 6-8	APRIL 6
PTO SPRING DANCE 6:30-8	APRIL 13
GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY (NO CLASSES)	APRIL 14
EASTER MONDAY (NO CLASSES)	APRIL 17
SAC MEETING @ 6:30	APRIL 18
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO CLASSES)	MAY 19
VICTORIA DAY (NO CLASSES)	MAY 22
PRIMARY ORIENTATION 1-2	MAY 26

### WELCOME TO OCEAN VIEW ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Joan Cashin has officially retired and we wish her good health and happiness in her retirement! We want to welcome Mrs. Kerry Diggs to Ocean View Elementary as our new secretary. She is pleasant, hard-working and willing to help students, staff, families and community members.

## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

If you have not scheduled a time to meet with your child's teacher please call the secretary to set up a time as soon as possible.

## **ART AUCTION**

We are excited to announce our 2<sup>nd</sup> online Art Auction. Please go to our website [www.ove.hrsb.ca](http://www.ove.hrsb.ca) to view the amazing artwork that our students have done. All proceeds will go towards purchasing technology as learning tools. A huge thank for the donation of materials from our school community. Also thank you to Ms. Snider for initiative and to Ms. Lee Muir Buckley for her guidance in this venture.

## **NEW WINDOWS**

We are pleased to inform you that we have new external windows going into the library and the grade one classrooms in the grade one hallway.

## **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 or any of your contact information please let us know.

## **COUNSELLING CORNER-A Smile Is A Very Powerful Thing**

Orthodontists in Atlantic Canada have begun a program called Smiles 4 Canada which was created to help make it easier for children with dental problems to smile. Locally participating Orthodontists (dentists that focus on correcting crooked teeth and jaws) cover most of the cost of orthodontic treatment for low-income children. Families with children under the age of 14 can apply for treatment on line. The program is not entirely free. Participants have to pay an administration fee, which is generally five to 10 per cent of the total cost of the treatment.

### **How it works**

Families with children under the age of 14 can apply for treatment online. That application requires a personal letter from the child, a personal reference, financial information from the family and information submitted by the child's dentist. If the child meets the program's criteria, they're matched to the orthodontist closest to them that's taking part in the program.

If you are interested in investigating this program further please visit <http://smiles4canada.yoursmileourspecialty.ca> Information taken from [cbc.ca](http://cbc.ca) (Orthodontists in Atlantic Canada waive fees to help low income kids)

## **LUNCH MONITORS**

We are in desperate need of lunch monitors, even if you are available one day a week, every second week or once a month. 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. More info can also be found on the HRSB website at [www.hrsb.ns.ca](http://www.hrsb.ns.ca).

## **CHANGE OF CLOTHES**

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

## **CAMPS**

Canadian Parents for French - Nova Scotia has an exciting summer camp season for 2017. For more information and application forms, visit [ns.cpf.ca](http://ns.cpf.ca) or call 902-453-2048/toll free 1-877-273-5233



## EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2017-2018:

Families who are interested in registering their children in EXCEL's recreation program for the 2017/2018 school year are encouraged to mark the following important dates on your calendars:

- **April 24th** - Beginning at 8:00 am current participants of the 2016/2017 EXCEL program may submit an application for the coming school year via the online application system; by email; or by fax. On April 18<sup>th</sup> Account Holders of current participants will receive an email containing their 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 are eligible to register all children in their family during this early registration period.
- **May 1st** - General Registration begins for all EXCEL Before and/or After school programs at 8:00 am on May 1st. 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.

*We encourage parents to submit their applications in a timely manner to ensure the greatest opportunity for entry into the program as demand often exceeds capacity. Applications will be accepted on a first-received, first-accepted basis. (Priority is not given to Before & After participants over After only.) Full-time participation (5 days/week) is required. Please see the EXCEL pages on the HRSB website for more information on registration and the program.*