



# Ocean View Elementary

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## THE OCEANVIEWER JUNE 2017

IMPORTANT DATES	
PTO MEETING @6:30	JUNE 6
FIELD DAY 8:30-11:45	JUNE 26
FIELD DAY 8:45-11:45 (rain-date)	JUNE 28
GRADE 4 CLOSING @ 1:30	JUNE 28
ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION DAY	JUNE 29
LAST DAY	JUNE 30
SCHOOL OPENS	SEPTEMBER 7

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Students and staff continue to work hard as we approach the end of our school year. It is important for families and students to remember that there is still work to complete; for some students this is a critical time as assessments and evaluations are on-going. With the exception of June 29<sup>th</sup>, students are expected to attend all classes and continue working towards their learning outcomes.

At this time, I would like to thank our students for making this a great year by their hard work and continuous learning. Well done students!

I would also like to thank all of our families for their support and involvement in our

school and their child's learning. Families are our most important partners in learning, and I appreciate all of your contributions - large and small - during the past year. Also, thank you so much to those who sent their kind words and support during what has been a very different year. Please know that during this time teaching and learning in the classroom has never stopped. Actually, teachers reported that they had more time to focus on preparing lessons that were engaging and student centred. This also gave teachers more time for effective assessment practices, which informed teacher planning for next steps in student learning.

Also, special thank you to our SAC. Our SAC is made up of parents, staff and community members. Thank you all for your time and thoughtfulness.

Finally, thank you to the incredible staff of OVES who, each and every day, demonstrate their commitment to our school, our students' well-being and their learning. It is a pleasure to work with a team that is so caring and professional!

## **FIELD DAY**

**On Monday June 26, we will have our Field day from 8:45-11:45am. Please ensure that your child is here at 8:30 to start on time with their class.** Field day is a special year end event where classes complete activities, games and challenges as they rotate through stations. If you are able to volunteer to help with Field day, please call the office by June 23. Please send your child to school with sunscreen on, wearing a hat, labelled water bottle and layers of clothes (depending on the weather). The rain date will be Wednesday June 28. The PTO will provide a hotdog and a drink for lunch.

## **GRADE 4 CLOSING**

On Wednesday June 28, we will gather in the gym at 1:30 for the Grade 4 Closing assembly.

## **LAST DAY/REPORT CARDS**

The last school day for 2016-2017 is Friday June 30 and the dismissal will be at 10 am. Report cards will be sent home on this day. If your child will not be at school you can send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the school to be mailed to you. Supply lists will be included with your child's report card. Report cards can not be picked up before June 30.

## **REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018**

All schools are staffed according to the number of registered students, it is important

that you notify the school if you will be moving. If you know of anyone who has a child that will be five **on or before December 31st, 2017** and they have not registered please encourage them to drop by the school to register their child. Anyone coming to register must bring their child's birth certificates and proof of address.

## **FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST**

We want to thank everyone who came out to support us at the Eastern Passage Cowboy Lions Club on Saturday April 29 and thank you to the Lions Club for hosting the event which brought in \$510.00 for our school breakfast program.

## **THANK YOU**

A special shout out to the members of the **Buffalo Club** for donating regularly to the Breakfast Program here at OVES.

## **BREAKFAST AND MILK PROGRAM**

We want to inform families that Friday June 16, will be the last day for the milk order and also for the breakfast program. We want to thank everyone who has helped with our breakfast program whether through food donations, cash donations or donations of your time and energy. We could not run this program without your help!

## **SPRING FLING**

Thank you to our PTO members and all of the volunteers who helped to make our spring fling a fun filled day for our students! Thank you to everyone who came out to support us!

## **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.

## **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

## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

### Summer Slide and the Importance of Reading over the Summer

"Summer slide" is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year. Research shows that children can lose up to three months of academic progress over summer vacation. **Reading 'Just Right' books** can help your child maintain their reading level when school is out. Parents, caregivers, and other adults can help stem summer slide by reading themselves, as children that see adults in their lives reading often tend to read more themselves.

During the summer, setting limits for your child's screen time can be difficult. So, keep in mind that eBooks can be a fun way to keep your child reading—even when they are on a device! Several websites share free children's eBooks. Here are a few to check out:

[www.magickeys.com/books/](http://www.magickeys.com/books/)

[www.freechildrenstories.com](http://www.freechildrenstories.com) <http://www.kidsworldfun.com/ebooks.php>

<https://freekidsbooks.org/>

### **Keep reading happening for Ocean View students this summer!**

### Eastern Passage Summer Reading Club Kick Off

Halifax Public Libraries are kicking off a summer of Pop-up Libraries in Eastern Passage. Join in the fun, games, and activities. Registration for the TD Summer Reading Club begins June 17th. Read during the summer, collect cool rewards, and enter to win exciting prizes!

**Event Location:** Fisherman's Cove Heritage Centre  
4 Government Wharf Road, Eastern Passage

Wednesday, July 5 | 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Run by the Woodlawn Public Library

[http://halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/kids/reader\\_zone.html](http://halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/kids/reader_zone.html)

### **Remember: Books beat 'summer slide'.**

Visit your local public library and bring lots of new books into your home this summer!

## FAREWELL

To those families who are moving from the Ocean View Elementary community and to our students who are going to Seaside, we wish you the best of luck in your new community and school. To all of our school community, we wish you a safe and happy summer!!