

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board  
*THREE MILE PLAINS DISTRICT SCHOOL*

October 18, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I am writing to bring you up to date on some exciting programs and events that we have planned for the students. I want to thank the staff for supporting these additional programs and events!

As a result of receiving some additional funding this year, we are able to offer these programs and events at no charge to the students!

**Mad Science:** Beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup> for 6 weeks, all classes will be participating in Mad Science! Each class will have a 30 minute Mad Science session every Friday for 6 weeks! Professionally-trained Mad Scientists will deliver half hour-long lessons that are comprised of entertaining demonstrations, educational discussions, and hands-on activities. With professional lesson plans, unique equipment, and animated instructors, Mad Science's in-class interactive workshops are an ideal way to reinforce core science concepts.

**Oaklawn Farm Zoo:** On Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, (weather depending) our school will be travelling to Oaklawn Farm Zoo in Aylesford. Oaklawn Farm offers a mix of exotic animal species. The Farm provides an up close animal experience in a natural environment. From chickens to monkeys, horses, lions, and pythons, there are many animals to see and learn about.

**Ray's Reptiles:** On Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, we are excited to welcome Ray's Reptiles to our school. They will spend the day with us and provide each class with an hour long presentation. While fun, entertaining and very educational, Ray's Reptiles help to strengthen the lessons taught in class through an interactive, hands on approach to eco-education. The presentation includes 8-10 animals featuring snakes, lizards, turtles, tortoises, amphibians, invertebrates and even a crocodilian!

**Author Visit:** On Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, author Pam Hickman will be visiting our school and be spending time with each class. Through her books, Pamela tries to capture her readers' interest in nature by finding some of the truly weird and wonderful aspects of plants and animals. She is very enthusiastic about the amazing creatures "out there" and hopes that comes through in her writing. Pamela is a big believer that creativity is an important part of writing non-fiction. It's what you do with the facts that counts! Many of her books also focus on hands-on activities that involve the reader in nature discovery. Developing a respect and fascination for nature and its conservation are her ultimate goals.

**Fitness Junkies:** Starting in February, we are excited to offer an after school Fitness Junkies program. These fun and challenging workouts, promote physical fitness and encourage healthy eating in a fun and motivating setting.

**New Ross Farm:** After Christmas, we are planning to take the school to New Ross Farm Museum. At Ross Farm students will experience life as it once was in rural Nova Scotia. Using heritage skills, animals and tools such as oxen and a blacksmith hammering on glowing hot steel, students will learn what daily life was like in the 1800's.

We will keep you up to date with any other programs or events that we will be able to offer. We hope to see you on Thursday night Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> between 5:30-7:00 p.m. at our annual Fall Fair. This is always a fun night and a major fundraiser for our Parent Support Group.

Sincerely,

Mr. Campbell