

THREE MILE PLAINS SCHOOL APRIL NEWSLETTER

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902-792-6720 Office Hours 7:45-3:15 p.m.



APRIL 2018 DATES!

March 30th - Good Friday-
no school

April 2nd - Easter Monday-
no school.

April 4th - Parent/Teacher
Afternoon & Evening

April 4th - Early Dismissal
at 11:15 am

April 18th - Parent Support
Group Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

April 19th - School to watch
performance of Cinderella at
Kings Edgehill. 9:30-11:30
a.m.

April 20th - Early Dismissal
@ 11:15 am

April 25th - Grade 4's and
5's to Halifax for Symphony
NS concert.

April 26th - Shoulder to
Shoulder Concert at 1:00
p.m.

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students!

Happy Spring!!

It is hard to believe that winter is officially over and Spring is here! I want to remind everyone that we still have a lot of cool windy days ahead and students should continue to dress appropriately.

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 Since 1989, Kids Help Phone is there 24 hours a day, everyday of the year to provide professional support to young people. Kids can call the toll free number to receive immediate, non-judgemental, anonymous, and professional counselling support, as well as professional information on various topics. Kids may also receive support by going to www.kidshelpphone.ca

Breakfast Program: Our daily breakfast program continues to be very busy. *We would greatly appreciate* any donations of apple juice or non sugar coated cereals such as Rice Krispies, Corn Flakes, Cheerios, etc... These items may come in at any time. Thank You!!!!!!

Morning Drop Off... just a reminder that if you are bringing your child to school AFTER 8:15 a.m., that we require an adult to come into the school to sign your child in. As well, please do not drop students off any earlier than 7:55 a.m., as that is when teachers are required to provide supervision. Thank you for your cooperation!



Pre-Primary Program: We encourage parents/guardians to register their child for Pre-Primary by April 13, 2018 if possible, to help us plan for the upcoming year.

To register your child, please contact the school directly. When registering, please bring your child's birth certificate or passport.

Pre-Primary is a voluntary, play-based program open to all children who are four years old by December 31, 2018, and who live within the catchment area of our school. Please note it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to provide transportation for children enrolled in Pre-Primary.

For more information, contact Amie DeLeavey, Pre-Primary Facilitator at 902-538-4629 or amie.deleavey@avrsb.ca.

New Primary Students: If you have a child or know of a child who will be starting school next year (September, 2018), please contact the school office. 902-792-6720

Phone Numbers and Email Addresses: Please remember to inform us of any changes to your phone numbers and/or email addresses, including emergency contact phone numbers! If there is an emergency, **we must have** an active number to contact you. Thank you!

The Bread Run Organizing Committee are pleased that we are able to offer the 5th annual Bread Run. This event was thoughtfully organized by a group of local runners wanting to give back to their community. Our kids run will take place the evening of Friday, May 11th at the Brooklyn Civic Centre. The Bread Run offers both 5k and 10k race options, on Saturday May 12th. There will be a registration fee for all entrants. Each year we choose a non-profit organization to donate all of our proceeds to that focus on helping kids participate in living a healthy and active lifestyle through sports in the community. This year all proceeds will be donated to Jumpstart. For more information find us on Facebook (The Bread Run 5 and 10 K) or Google The Bread Run 2018.

COMMUNITY SKATE

Hosted by Huestis Insurance Group
Free Skating & Treats! GFL-Newport
Recreation Centre (Newport Rink) Sunday,
April 8th at 1:10 pm - 2:40 pm

“Your kids require you most of all to love them for who they are, not to spend your whole time trying to correct them.”
— Bill Ayers

Volunteers In Schools Policy

The AVRSB has had a *Volunteers in Schools* Policy since 1999. As stated in this policy, the Board takes its obligation seriously to ensure safe environments for learning by taking all reasonable steps to minimize risks and threats to students. Because student safety is a top priority, in January 2015, this policy underwent an extensive review to ensure that any potential gaps in practice are closed or minimized. All recommendations for change were presented to our school community members and was circulated to our school stakeholders for the opportunity to respond to the proposed changes and to provide further input. To highlight some of the changes:

- clearly defines volunteers versus visitors;
- requires volunteers to complete a standard application form for any volunteering;
- will continue to require the completion of Criminal Records Check (including the Vulnerable Sector) and Child Abuse Registry checks prior to working with students but will **now require re-checks be completed every (3) three years;** and,
- as of January 8, 2015, will require all current volunteer to renew their Criminal Records Check (including the Vulnerable Sector) and Child Abuse Registry if it has been over (3) three years since it was last completed.

The recommended changes to the *Volunteers in Schools* policy are not to discourage volunteering in the AVRSB. It is to employ the best practices to ensure our policy is as effective as possible for decreasing the chances of student harm from volunteers. We will be reminding our volunteers throughout the remainder of the school year so that we are well prepared for such events, as Class Trips.