

# THREE MILE PLAINS SCHOOL FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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



## Dear Parents/Guardians and Students!

### FEBRUARY DATES!

Feb. 1st Regional In-service Day - NO SCHOOL

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> Provincial holiday -NO SCHOOL

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Parent Support Group meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - Primary Registration Screening day - No School for Mrs Isaac and Mrs Whidden's Primary/One Classes (Storm Date March 1<sup>st</sup>)

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Marking Day - NO SCHOOL

March Break... March 12<sup>th</sup> till March 16<sup>th</sup>

March 28<sup>th</sup> Report Cards Go Home

March 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

April 4<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal. Parent-teacher afternoon and evening.

### *February is African Heritage Month.*

**We will be doing some special activities to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of people of African decent. The 2018 African Heritage Month theme "Educate, Unite, Celebrate Community" will honour and pay homage to African Nova Scotians and their long legacy of uniting a passion that has provided a base to educate and celebrate an important part of Nova Scotia's culture and Heritage. The theme embraces education and encourages all Nova Scotians with the desire to educate oneself about African Nova Scotian history. Together, we can unite and ignite the culture and heritage we share as a community as we observe the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent from 2015-2024. This observation focuses on three pillars: Recognition, Justice, and Development.**

### ***Primary Registration REMINDER:***

If you have a child or know of a child in the area who is starting school in September 2018, or planning to move into the area, please call the school as soon as possible to register (902-792-6720).

***Fitness Junkies After School Program!*** We are very pleased to announce that we will be offering a free after school fitness program! On Mondays from 2:15-3:00 p.m., students in grades 2 and 3 can stay and on Fridays from 2:15-3:00 students in grades 4 and 5 can stay. Permission slips will be sent home shortly. The Fitness Junkies program will begin the week of Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Breakfast Program:** We are always in need of donations of non-sugar coated cereal and apple juice. Thank you in advance for your help with this request!

**Contact Info.!** Please remember to keep our school up to date with current email, house phone and cell phone numbers as well as emergency contact information! We need to be able to contact you at all times! Thank you!

### **We're on the Web!**

Visit us at: [www.tmpds.ednet.ns.ca](http://www.tmpds.ednet.ns.ca)

### **AVRSB Uses Alert Solutions for Unplanned Early Dismissals**

When an unplanned early dismissal happens during the school day, schools work with AVRSB to notify parents/guardians and school community members. Unplanned early dismissals are caused by worsening weather conditions, power outages, etc. AVRSB will use Alert Solutions in addition to our current ways of communicating about unplanned early dismissals.

AVRSB will communicate unplanned early dismissals by:

- Twitter messages (follow @avrsb)
- Announcements on local radio (AVR Network, Magic 94.9, K-Rock 89.3, and CBC Radio 1)
- Information on the AVRSB website ([www.avrsb.ca](http://www.avrsb.ca))
- Alert Solution messages by text, email and/or phone for affected school(s)
- AVRSB's "Notify Me" text/email service, in cases where the dismissal affects a large number of schools (subscribe or unsubscribe at <http://avrsb.ca/content/notify-me>)

Some schools may also continue to use their own processes to notify parents/guardians about unplanned early dismissals.

AVRSB will continue to communicate **early morning notices and cancellations** related to weather and/or road conditions by:

- Twitter messages
- Announcements on local radio
- Information on the AVRSB website
- AVRSB's "Notify Me" text/email notice service

**Report Cards:** Second term report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 28th, 2018. Parent teacher meetings are scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and evening. April 4<sup>th</sup> will be an early dismissal.

**Yearbook Information:** We are in the process of putting our 2017-2018 School Yearbook together. As in the previous years, there is a contest for students to design the cover. The cover needs to include the school name and year, 2017-2018. The contest is open for all students, grade P-5. The deadline to submit your entry is March 1st. Students may enter as many times as they wish. Please use 8.5x11 inch plain paper.

### **Parent Support Group Update!**

**The next meeting is February 21st.** Watch for our updates on the school website and our Facebook page; Friends of T.M.P. District School (Parent Support Group) Thank you very much!

**Early Dismissal:** When an unexpected early dismissal is announced such as what happened last Friday, an Alert will be sent out to all cell phones, house phones, and email addresses that we have on file. As a result, we will no longer be making individual phone calls. Please do not contact the school, UNLESS there is a change to your child's after school plans. If the announcement says we will be dismissing 3 hours early, that means we will dismiss at 11:15 a.m. Our regular dismissal time is 2:15 p.m. If possible, please pick your child up at their regular bus stop as the office can become very busy during an unexpected early dismissal. It is also very important to keep us up to date with all of your phone numbers and email addresses so that we can contact you at any time.

Thank you for your cooperation!