



DWIGHT ROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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November 2016 Newsletter

Dates to Remember

- Nov 1** **Marking Day—No School for students**
Nov 8 PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
Nov 9 PTA Lunch--Pizza
 Remembrance Day Ceremony 1:15 pm
Nov 11 **Remembrance Day—No School**
Nov 15 PTA Spirit Day—"Mo"vember Day
 Early Dismissal—students dismissed at 11:30 am
Nov 22 Term 1 Report Cards go home
Nov 24 PTA Lunch—Chicken Fingers & veggies
Nov 29 November Good News Assembly 9:30 am
 Early Dismissal—Student dismissed at 11:30 am
 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-3:30 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm (by
appointment only)
Nov 30 **Regional Shut Down Day—No school for students**

Scholastic Book Fair

November 28 – December 1, 2016

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us.

Students will visit the Book Fair during class time and can purchase books during that visit. If you are unable to visit the Fair, look over the Highlights flyer with your child and use the Student Wish List form to select books. Then, simply send it and the correct amount of money to school with your child.

Don't forget to enter our Family Draw. You could win \$50 in books -- \$25 for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom!

We hope you will join us at the Book Fair.

Our schedule:

Monday, November 28: 9:00-2:35

Tuesday, November 29: 9:00-11:30 am, 1:00-3:00 pm & 6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday, November 30: closed

Thursday, December 1: 9:00-11:00 am

We accept cash, credit card and cheques (made **payable to our school**). Thank you for supporting our school library.

Sincerely

Stacy Bugden

Book Fair chairperson

Visiting DRES and Dropping off and picking up of students

We at Dwight Ross Elementary very much appreciate the involvement that we have from our community. However, as in previous years, we ask for your cooperation in the following matter. Due to security, traffic and educational time reasons we must insist that **ALL** visitors report to the office when they visit our school.

Regardless of the time of day (morning drop off, recess, lunch, bus pick up) it is imperative that non-staff adults **do not** accompany their children to their classrooms OR out onto the playground. **Please always report to the office upon arrival at the school.**

It is important that students be present at school and on time for school. Being a few minutes late is disruptive to your student and the other students in the classroom. Please be on time. If your child is late in the morning, it is

required that parents come into the office to sign the student in.

PTA

There was a 5 way tie for 100% participation on Orange & Black congratulations P Crouse, 1/2 Corbett-Fitch, 2/3 Redden, 3/4 Hughes and 4/5 Lunn for winning the spirit bear. Our next spirit day is on November 15th and it will be "Mo"vember in recognition of various types of men's cancer. Can't wait to see everyone's best moustache!

The Halloween dance was a big hit and enjoyed by all! A big thank you to Marie Corbett-MacDonald, Victoria Lacey, Caroline Tagg & Kay Goodey for volunteering at the dance. Also thank you to those who donated candy and the bakers for your yummy goodies! It would not have been a success without your help.

The PTA will be offering a pizza lunch on November 9th, and a chicken strips with veggies (celery and carrots with dip) on November 24th look for the order forms coming home.

The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 at 6:00pm.

Important Information about Cancellation/Urgent Notices from AVRSB

The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board is now using AlertSolutions to send messages about school cancellations or other urgent situations. Examples of these messages are school cancellations due to weather/road conditions or power outages. AlertSolutions is the system that many schools use to send information to parents/guardians by text, email and phone.

If you are a parent/guardian and have updated your contact information with the school this year, you will automatically receive these notices from AVRSB by text, email and/or phone, depending on the information you have provided and the contact preferences you have indicated.

If you wish to check or update your contact information or preferences for AlertSolution messages, please use the Parent Portal online or contact the school office.

For several years AVRSB has used a system called *Notify Me* to send these types of messages by text or email. *Notify Me* requires users to sign up to this service. AVRSB will continue to operate *Notify Me* so those who do not have parent/guardian information on file with a school—such as grandparents and childcare providers—can receive these messages. Where possible, AVRSB will take steps to ensure parents/guardians do not receive duplicate cancellation/urgent messages from AlertSolutions and NotifyMe. You can unsubscribe or subscribe to *Notify Me* any time at <https://www.avrsb.ca/content/notify-me>.

AVRSB Survey on French Immersion

Parents/guardians, students and school community members are invited to share comments on French Immersion in AVRSB through an online survey in November. The feedback collected through this survey will be considered during a review of the board's French Immersion policy and administrative procedures over the coming months.

Throughout November, any interested individuals can go to http://fluidsurveys.com/s/avrsb_immersion to complete a survey, or visit an AVRSB school to access the survey.

Update from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development New year and new initiatives for students and teachers

As we head into year two of Nova Scotia's Action Plan for Education, there are many more exciting initiatives for students at all grade levels this school year.

This fall, students in grades primary to 3 will benefit from hands-on learning, including using floor robots to learn sequencing and programming. Students in grades 4-6 will benefit from Innovation and Exploration Kits that include Spheros and Makey Makey invention kits. Students in grades 7 to 12 will learn coding through events, such as the Hour of Code and STEAM Olympics, and courses, such as Computer Programming 12. Coding promotes problem solving,

teamwork, critical thinking, creativity and innovation. These skills are not only related to learning math, science and the arts, but they are also directly linked to many careers, including computer programming and the marine industries.

With the province's first literacy strategy for students in all grades, there will be a greater focus on the teaching of reading and writing and the development of oral communication skills. Reading Recovery support has been increased for grade 1 students. Students in Grades 4 to 6 will have a renewed curriculum, with more time for literacy and math. Class caps are expanded to grades 4 to 6.

To help more students succeed in math, additional supports will be made available for both teachers and students. Career education outcomes will assist students as they begin thinking about their futures and the many possibilities ahead. To learn more about what is new this year, go to <http://novascotia.ca/educationactionplan/> to sign up for ongoing updates from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

From the Community

Mary's Islanders Dance Troupe Fundraiser

Elf Party at Santa's Workshop: Join us from 2:00-4:00 pm on Saturday, November 14th for a craft, cookie decorating, face painting, photo booth, Grinch juice and a coloring contest. Cost is \$5.00 at Mary's Islanders Dance Studio inside Roo's Playhouse in the Greenwood Mall.

Annapolis Valley Speed Skating Club

AVSSC will be holding an after-school program which is FREE to all school aged kids! It will be taking place at the Credit Union Centre Kingston on Fridays starting November 18th from 4:45-5:45pm. We supply the skates but ask that children bring their own helmet, thick mitts and warm clothes to wear on the ice! We have a few helmets to lend if needed. If you are interested in trying the sport or just love to go **fast**, we would love to see you there!!!