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## Michael Wallace Elementary School February Newsletter, 2019

**OUR WEBSITE: [mwa.hrsb.ca](http://mwa.hrsb.ca)**

### **PRIMARY REGISTRATION 2019-2020**

February is registration month! If you know of any new primary students for 2018-2019 please share this information.

When registering a new primary student we will need proof of address (NS Power bill), Birth Certificate or Canadian Passport and a completed registration form. Please be sure to complete the self identification section on the last page.

For more information about registration please go to [hrce.ca](http://hrce.ca)

**There will be a primary French Immersion information night at Shannon Park School on Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm .**

**Grade 6 Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend an information session for the 2019-2020 Late French Immersion Program at Caledonia Junior High School. We will meet in the Library (2nd floor) On February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm.**

### **Changes in 2019 @ MWES:**

We would like to say goodbye to Mme. Simms. Mme Simms was filling in until January 31<sup>st</sup> for Mme MacKenzie-Murray while she was on deferred leave. Mme. Simms accepted a position at Shannon Park starting February 1<sup>st</sup> and we wish her all the best. We would like to welcome Mme. MacKenzie-Murray to Michael Wallace School. She will be starting on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Delayed Opening due to Inclement Weather:**

If weather conditions warrant, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a severe weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school and pre-Primary would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 11:00am . If Stock Transportation is operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time pending any weather-related delays. Our lunch, afternoon schedule and dismissal times will remain at their regularly scheduled times.

### **WINTER CLOTHES**

Please be sure your child/children are dressed for these cold winter days. (Hats, gloves, mitts, warm jackets and boots) If they plan on playing in the snow they need to be wearing boots and snow pants.



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**Crystal Pelly – Principal  
Suzanne McKenzie-VP  
Susan MacInnes-Secretary**

**February 2019**

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#### **MWES Bell Schedule:**

**8:40 am Duty Starts**

**8:50 am First Bell**

**9:00 am Morning Classes Begin**

**10:15 – 10:30 am Recess**

**12:00 pm Lunch**

**1:00 pm 1st Afternoon Bell**

**1:10 pm Afternoon Classes Begin**

**3:10 pm PR – 6 Dismissal**



## **School Closure Due to Inclement Weather:**

Michael Wallace is part of the Prince Andrew Family of Schools. If it is announced that schools are closed in the Prince Andrew Family, then we will be closed. If you are ever unsure please call 902-464-INFO or check the school board website: [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)

## **PE NEWS:**

We've survived the darkness and rain of December and January, so we can look forward to a brighter, and hopefully, snowier February! I always find February brings us more sunshine and the best of winter in Nova Scotia. Bundle up and get the family outdoors! The daylight and sunshine is important for both our physical and mental health throughout the winter.

We're looking forward to kicking the month off with our trip to the Oval on February 1. This is, in my opinion, the greatest legacy of the Canada Games held in Halifax a few years ago. It's always free and you can borrow skates and helmets for free as well. If your family hasn't been, I encourage you to make a trip and check it out! (You will need to bring ID if you wish to borrow equipment.) Did you know it's also open for roller-blading and biking in the warmer months? Schedules and information can be found at <https://www.halifax.ca/recreation/facilities-fields/emera-oval>

In Physical Education classes we've wrapped up basketball activities, had a visit from Rocks and Rings for indoor curling, had a visit from the NS Hall of Fame and are looking ahead to work on skipping skills (P-3), ringette (4-6), some low organized games and getting our groove on with some fun dance activities to wrap up the month!

Stay active, be well!

Ms McKenna

## **Late Arrival:**

Although we understand that students may be occasionally late for one reason or another, we strongly encourage students to be on time to limit the interruptions of learning as much as possible. Students who arrive during or after announcements will be asked to check in at the office. Parents do not have to sign in their children but please ensure that children enter the school before leaving them. They will come to the office to receive a late slip to give to their teacher.

## **The Parking Lot:**

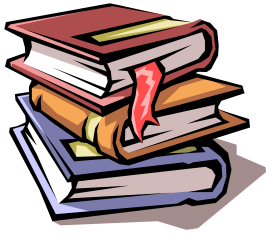
The parking lot is not to be used for dropping children off or making turns. For the safety of our students, we are asking parents and guardians to not use the parking lot to drop off students and turn around their vehicles. This parking lot is for staff and students who frequently use this area.

We have very little space available in our parking lot and extra cars inhibit the bus drivers' view of students when entering and exiting the building. Please obey the "No Stopping" signs posted in front of the school and drop your children off in the designated safe zones. We have a crossing guard available to assist them across the street safely.

"Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do."

John Wooden





## **Tattletales Coins for Books Campaign 2019 is here!!**

The staff and students of Michael Wallace School have once again decided to join the Tattletales' Coins for Books Campaign. Tattletales book store with the support of local businesses will add a percentage to the donations received from the Michael Wallace Community. The money raised will be returned in the form of books for our school. **Last year each classroom teacher was able to spend upwards of \$400.00 on books to support their Literacy programs. This was because of our wonderful school community's continued generosity!! J**

Throughout the week of **February 25-March 1** we will be challenging all classes to bring donations. This year we are challenging each class to be the top money raiser. The class raising the greatest amount of money will be rewarded with a pizza party. To make the challenge fun and exciting for the students we will be hosting special collection days.

**Many Coins Monday** - Our kick off! Bring in as many coins as you can. If we reach a minimum of \$200.00 as a school, each class will have 15 minutes of free time at the end of the day!

**Toonie Tuesday** - If as an entire school we collect 200 toonies or \$400 worth of coins the students will be awarded double the time for recess.

**"Whatcha" Find in the Couch Wednesday** - Search all those places coins like to hide. If you bring coins in on this day you can wear your p.j.'s to school.

**"Lotsa" Loonies Thursday** - Bring in a loonie or two and wear your hat in school.

**Fantastic Friday-** If there are any coins left in your house find them for Fantastic Friday! Our last day of fundraising will be spent enjoying and celebrating books in our classrooms with our teachers and friends.

**\*Ask close friends and relatives to donate money to our campaign or maybe a parent has corporate sponsor connections. Think of all the books we can add to our classroom libraries because of your generous donations over the week!! The staff and students of Michael Wallace School thank everyone for their support.**

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“It’s not what happens to you,  
it’s how you react to it that  
matters.” ~Epictetus

# February 2019

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

					1 <i>Oval Skate!</i> <i>Violin</i> <i>Band</i>	2
3	4 <i>Pizza</i>	5 <i>Violin</i>	6	7 <i>Yoga</i> <i>Band</i>	8 <i>Violin</i> <i>Band</i>	9
10	11 <i>Pizza</i>	12 <i>Violin</i>	13	14 <i>Valentines</i> <i>Day</i> <i>Yoga</i> <i>Band</i>	15 <i>Violin</i> <i>Band</i>	16
17	18 <i>No School</i> <i>Heritage Day</i>	19 <i>Violin</i>	20	21 <i>Yoga</i> <i>Band</i>	22 <i>Violin</i>	23
24	25 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Many Coins</i> <i>Monday!</i>	26 <i>Violin</i> <i>Toonie Tues-</i> <i>day!</i>	27 <i>Whatcha</i> <i>Find in the</i> <i>Couch</i> <i>Wednesday!</i>	28 <i>Yoga</i> <i>Band</i> <i>Lotsa Loonies</i> <i>Thursday</i>	1 <i>Fantastic</i> <i>Friday</i> <i>End of Coin</i> <i>Drive!</i>	

