

Michael Wallace Elementary School

May Newsletter, 2019

Pizza Monday dates are:

May 6, 13, 27 & June 3, 10, 17, 24



PHYS ED NEWS

Happy spring! It's been a long, chilly winter. Nice to see the grass greening up.

It's been another busy month in the gym! We danced! We played! We got to take advantage of our early April snow storm with a "Fresh Air Friday." We were fortunate to have guest instructors from Lacrosse NS and Rugby NS come in to teach some basic skills to our students. Gymnastics and soccer are on the horizon!

Running Club is in full swing. We have a large group this year, which is great to see. Our first couple of sessions have been rained on, so we've been combining some running and fitness activities indoors. Fingers crossed for some sunshine soon! Parents of Running Club members are encouraged to check out info on the Youth Running Series and Doctors NS Youth Run online if their child wishes to giv'er a try this spring.

Now is the time to register for summer programs around the city. There are so many local opportunities for children of all ages to participate in summer sport and activity. Some of the local organizations include United DFC or Storm for soccer, Senobe, Abenaki, Mic Mac or Banook Aquatic Clubs for canoe/kayak paddling, Girls Gone Gazelle and the Youth Running Series for running, Dartmouth Minor Baseball, Dartmouth Destroyers for football. HRM Recreation also offers a variety of camps and programs tailored to elementary age children. Interested in participating, but challenged by price? There are several organizations you can reach out to in order to obtain funding if financial need is a barrier, including appealing to the individual organizations themselves, many of which have scholarship programs. HRM Recreation has an application process that can be found on their website. Sport NS also provides funding through KidSport. Canadian Tire's Jump Start program is a third funding option. Organized sport and physical activity offers many benefits to children in terms of 'soft' skills, like cooperation, team work, work ethic, sense of commitment and belonging. If finances are what's holding your family back, I encourage you to look into what's available. All information can be found online, but feel free to reach out to me at ljones-mckenna@hrce.ca if you're having trouble finding what you need and I am happy to try to help.

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

May Issue

May 1, 2019

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 begins

3:10 pm Dismissal

“Coins For Books” Campaign

A huge thank you to the parents and students of Michael Wallace School for their very generous donations to our campaign this year. We had a great week raising money for books for our classrooms. The total for the week was \$2302.50. With the contribution from “Tattletales” bookstore each teacher should have new books for their classrooms very soon. This speaks so highly of our wonderful school community and we can't thank you enough. The classroom that raised the most money over the week was Mrs. DeVillers's grade primary class. They are the lucky winners of a pizza party!! We are all winners in this campaign though, as we will all benefit from new books for our classroom! We would like to also thank all of our money counters for coming in each day to count all of the coins!!

Leaving the School at Lunch:

Some of our students are getting permission from their parents/guardians to leave the school property and go have lunch with their friends. They will only be allowed to leave if they have a handwritten note from their parents/guardians to give to their lunch monitor. If they have no note, they are not permitted to leave until parents have been contacted.

GRADE 6 PARENTS

Caledonia will be hosting an information session for parents of grade 6 students who will be attending Caledonia in Grade 7. This will be on Thursday, May 16th at 6pm.

Closing Ceremony and Slide Show

We will be having a closing ceremony for our Grade 6 students on Wednesday, June 26th @ 1:30pm. Each year we do a slide show of old and recent pictures of our students. Please email Ms. MacInnes at susan.macinnes@hrce.ca at least two pictures of your child. Each slide has an old picture (first day of school in primary or your favourite baby picture) and a recent picture. Please send these pictures in ASAP. Thank you!

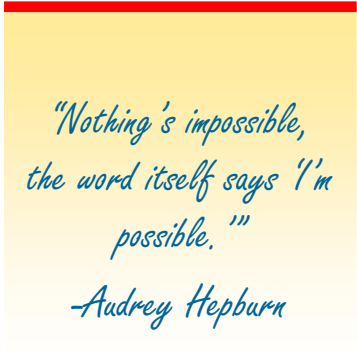
REMINDER OF THE BAKE SALE!

On the morning of Friday, May 3rd, the grade 5/6 class is having a bake sale to raise money for “Hope for Wildlife”. Items will be \$0.50 to \$1.00. Please help us support a worthy cause and get a tasty treat.

Primary Orientation—Thursday, May 2nd

Parents are invited to an information Q&A session in our school library from 1:30-2:30pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to learn about our school and to ask questions.

Students will have an opportunity to do various activities with our Primary teacher. Parents please bring your child to the library with you and our Primary teacher will take them to the classroom. The students will have the opportunity to have a vision screening as well.



*“Nothing’s impossible,
the word itself says ‘I’m
possible.’”*

-Audrey Hepburn



MWES Home & School News

Veggie Box Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Food Box. We hope you enjoyed the delicious veggies! From this fundraiser were able to raise \$690 and donate a number of boxes back to our MWES community.

Teacher Appreciation

Home & School thinks we have the best teachers around and we know you do too! We will be holding a Teacher Appreciation Week from May 13th-16th. Stay tuned for more details.

Spring Fair

Save the date for our annual Spring Fair fundraiser. We hope you can join us on Saturday, June 1st from 10 am to 1 pm for lots of family fun including games, BBQ, fair foods, a bouncy castle and inflatable obstacle course. To find the event on FB for more information search: Michael Wallace Elementary Spring Fair.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 pm and will focus mainly on our upcoming Spring Fair. Anyone is welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

Head Lice:

We unfortunately have had some recent head lice cases in the building. Please be sure to check your child's hair nightly so we can stay on top of the spread of lice.

As head lice can be spread from person to person, we recommend that you carefully check your child's head to see if they have head lice. If your child has live lice or it's close to the scalp (within ½ inch), he/she needs to receive treatment.

For information on how to check for lice and nits, and how to treat head lice, please check the Public health website at www.cdha.ns.ca/phealth.html



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*"Shoot for the moon, even if you miss
 you'll land among the stars.."*

May 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2 Band Yoga	3 Band Violin BAKE SALE!	4
5	6 Pizza	7 Violin	8	9 Band Yoga Home & School Meeting @ 6:30	10 Band Violin	11
12	13 Pizza SAC Meeting @ 6pm	14 Violin	15	16 Parent Information session at CJHS @ 6pm Band Yoga	17 PD Day NO SCHOOL	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	21 Violin	22	23 Band Yoga	24 Band Violin	25
26	27 Pizza	28 Violin	29 Spring Concert Band and Violin and Choir @6pm.	30 Band Yoga	31 Band Violin	