



**Michael Wallace Elementary School
January Newsletter, 2020**

OUR WEBSITE: mwa.hrce.ca

PRIMARY REGISTRATION 2020-2021

February is registration and fast approaching! If you know of any new primary students for 2020-2021 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

Please note that the Primary French Immersion Information Session is on Wednesday, Feb 5th at 6:00 at Shannon Park Elementary.



Janice Wells – Principal
Adam Greenwood-VP
Susan MacInnes-Secretary

January Issue

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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

Parents and Visitors, PLEASE CHECK INTO THE OFFICE:

Please check into the office when arriving at school. If you have items to drop off to your child, please leave them with Ms. MacInnes and she will deliver them to your child's classroom during a time when it will not interrupt learning. Due to HRCE Safety and Fire regulations we need to know who is in the building at all times. At dismissal time, please wait outside for your child.

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. We will keep them indoors if the temperatures are too cold.



Adopt-a-family program 2019

We would like to thank all the people who donated to the adopt-a-family program. The families were very thankful of your generosity.

Water Coolers:

As a response to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and HRCE's letter regarding supplying water to schools we are asking that all students starting Friday January 10th, 2020, to bring water bottles to school. We will be providing water via water dispensers in the school and the water fountains will be turned off. I want to assure families that our water has NOT been tested and therefore this is a precautionary move.



"For last year's words
belong to last year's
language
And next year's words
await another voice."

P.E NEWS

Winter is finally here and has turned our school grounds into a fabulous white play space! Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing with them at school to enjoy the snow, particularly after a snowfall. This should include splash pants/snow pants, along with boots, mitts and a hat. PE classes may be held outdoors following snowfalls and some classes have outdoor play time on Friday afternoons, so it is important that students are prepared.

Many students took their sneakers home for the holidays and have forgotten to bring them back. Please check with your child to ensure that they have indoor sneakers at school.

This month's homework...see how many ways your family can be active outdoors together! Don't forget the Oval is open - it's free! You can borrow skates and helmets as well as use the facility free of charge. Also, if you're thinking of taking up skiing and have a student in grade 4 or 5, check out the Grade 4/5 Snow pass from Ski Canada. Finally, if snowshoeing is something your family would like to try, HRM offers free rentals, with a deposit, at various Recreation centers around town. Information can be found on the HRM Recreation site.

Home & School News

A huge thanks goes out to everyone who contributed to our Adopt-a-Family program. We raised over **\$1,000** which went to three of our MWES families!

We will also now be accepting Gift Mart gifts, gift wrap/bags and supplies all year round! So while you are cleaning up after the holidays or doing some post holiday sale shopping, keep us in mind! Just label the bag and bring it into the school!

Parking Lot and Crosswalk Safety

Please do not use the school parking lot for dropping off and picking up your children.

Also, make sure never to block or park across the crosswalk.

We need to keep our students safe.

Thank you, MWES

Family Literacy Day Celebrations at Michael Wallace Elementary

Week of January 27- 31st

Hello Families,

We will be celebrating Family Literacy Day at Michael Wallace School. It will be held during the week of January 27th. Family Literacy Day is a national initiative that promotes the importance of reading and learning together as a family. Learning can happen at any time. Practicing literacy together for just 15 minutes a day has tremendous benefits for both children and parents. Visit <http://abclifelifiteracy.ca/family-literacy> to find suggestions for various fun activities that promote literacy.

Organized Events:

Daily: At any time throughout the day, quiet music will begin playing over the school PA System. This will signal the students to Stop, Drop and Read. Books must be kept close at hand no matter where students are in our school.

Monday, January 27th : Family Literacy Day/PJ & Slipper Day!

Come Read with Me: We will be celebrating literacy as a school learning community on

Monday, January 27th in the afternoon from 1:30- 2:15 pm. At this time students may invite 1-2 guests (a parent/guardian, grandparent, relative or close friend) to join them at school to read together. Guests are welcome to bring a favorite book to read with their child during this special sharing time. We encourage you to bring along books that represent your family's first language, experiences, culture, etc... We are encouraging students and guests to come to school in comfy dress (p.j.'s, housecoats, slippers, etc) with a cozy blanket, pillow and small stuffed animal (optional) to relax and read together. If a student does not have someone to read with them on that day, they will be invited to join a group of other students, parents, or staff members. **Please note:** Students will be going out for recess and lunch; therefore it is very important that they come to school properly dressed for the weather, ie: hats, mittens, snowpants, boots, etc, especially if they are wearing their pj's.

Please join us in celebrating our Family Literacy Day and we look forward to seeing many of you on Monday, January 27th.



A form will be coming home soon to order pizza for the new year. Please watch for it and return it ASAP. Pizza forms must be in by no later than Monday, January 13th. We will not be accepting order after that.

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“Believe you can and you’re halfway there.”

JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>Pizza Orders DUE</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>First Pizza Monday of Second Session</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <i>PIZZA</i>	28	29	30	31 <i>Assessment and Evaluation Day No School</i>	