



Michael Wallace Elementary School February Newsletter, 2020

OUR WEBSITE: mwa.hrce.ca

February is African Heritage Month

The 2020 African Heritage Month theme, **The Ties that Bind: Faith, Family and Community**, recognizes the essential traits that sustain the strength, resiliency and togetherness of the African Nova Scotian community.

These ties are the bedrock for the African Nova Scotian community which helped them support and stay connected to each other.

PRIMARY 2020-2021

February is registration month for new school age children beginning in grade primary for the 2020-2021 school year. Please come into the school between 8:30-3:30 during this month with a completed registration form. You are welcome to pick up a form at the school and complete it on site as well. You will need the child's birth certificate or passport, health card information and a current proof of address. A recent power bill works the best but we will also accept and recent utility bill with parent's name and address or mortgage or rental agreement. If you have any friends in the Michael Wallace Community with new school age children, please encourage them to come in to register. It is very important for the school for scheduling purposes to know how many new students we will be expecting.

There will be an early French immersion parent information session at Shannon Park School on Wednesday, February 5th at 6pm.

There will be an information session at Caledonia Junior High for late French immersion on Tuesday, February 4th at 7pm the library.

Pre-Primary Registration: Information regarding this will be coming soon. We will send out dates for registration as soon as we are given this information from HRCE.

Family Literacy Day was a Success!!!

Michael Wallace staff would like to thank all the family members that came out on January 27th for Family Literacy Day. It was wonderful to see all our students reading with their family members and friends!

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

February 2020

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

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. Most of the lesson is taught right after attendance is taken. If your student shows up 15 or 20 mins late, the teacher will have to reteach the lesson to catch them up with the rest of the class. Starting the day with the rest of the class will set your child up for success! Students who arrive during or after announcements will be asked to check in at the office. They will come to the office to receive a late slip to give to their teacher. Parents do not have to sign in their children but please ensure that children enter the school before leaving them.

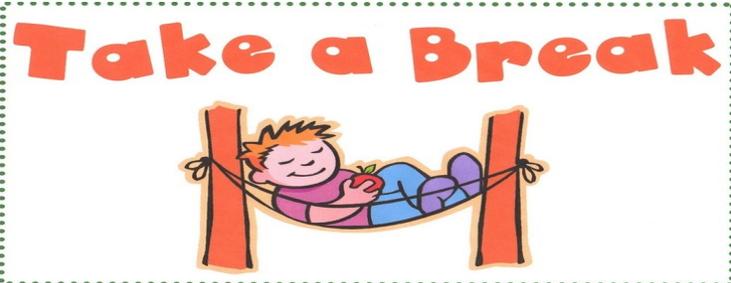
"Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do."



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.



MARCH BREAK:

March Break will be Monday, March 16th — Friday March 20th!

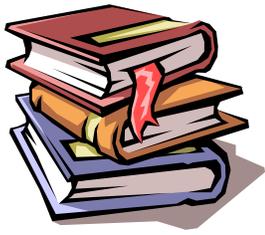
PE NEWS:

We've survived the darkness and rain of December and have enjoyed a snow-filled January! It's been wonderful to see our students enjoying a long stretch of snow on the ground to play in. We are looking forward to a bright, and hopefully, even snowier February in which to find many ways to be active! Bundle up and get the family outdoors! The fresh air and sunshine is so important for both our physical and mental health, especially throughout the winter.

In Physical Education classes we're wrapping up basketball activities, we enjoyed playing and sledding in the snow and had a visit from Rocks and Rings for indoor curling. In February we'll enjoy some ringette, try our racquet skills with badminton activities and try our hand at lacrosse when Lacrosse NS pays a visit to our school.

Stay active, be well!

Ms McKenna



Tattletales Coins for Books Campaign 2020

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 \$200.00 on books to support their Literacy programs. This was because of our wonderful school community's continued generosity!!**

Throughout the week of **February 24th-February 28th** 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 2020

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