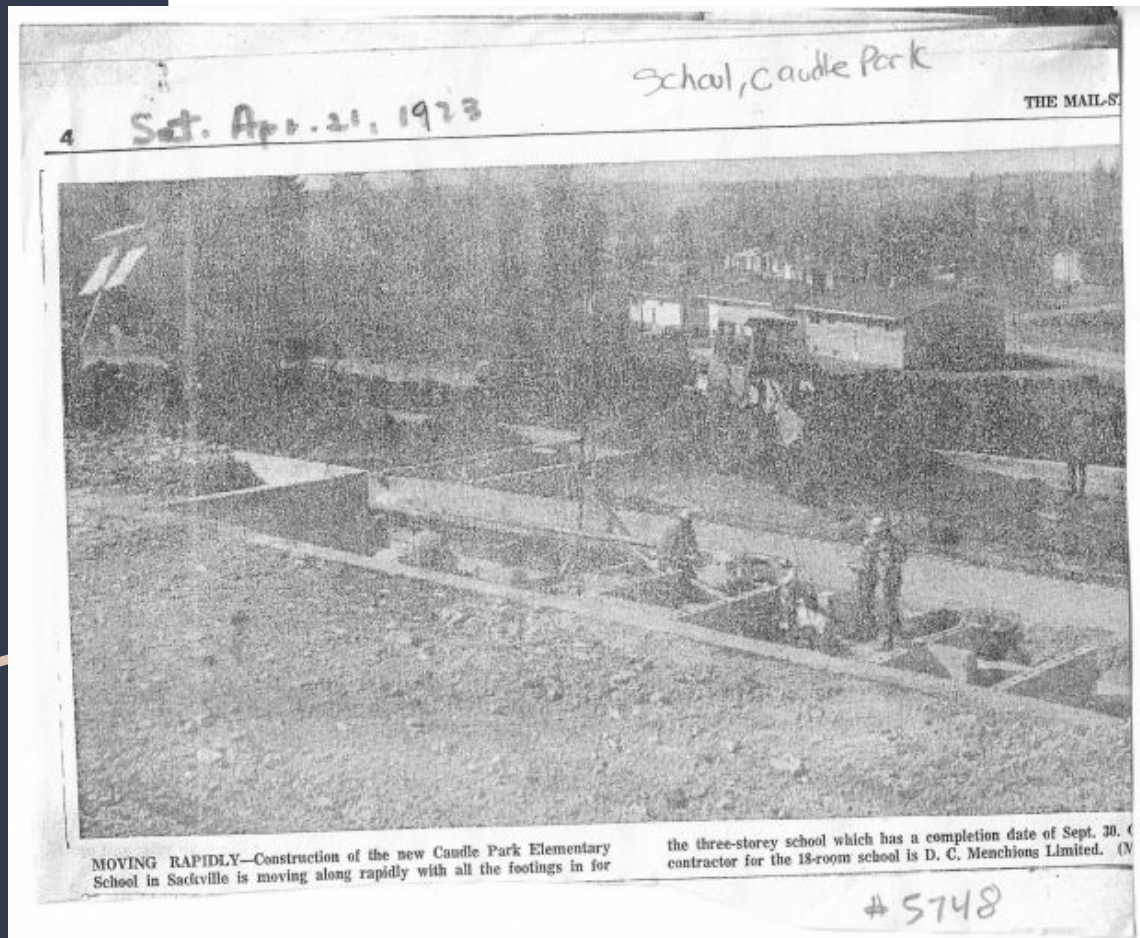


# Caudle Park Elementary

Celebrating 50 years!

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Caudle Park  
Elementary was  
built in 1973 and  
opened in 1974



A lot has changed  
over the years,  
including our logo!



Caudle Park Elementary

Caudle Park was a Primary to 6 school when it opened.

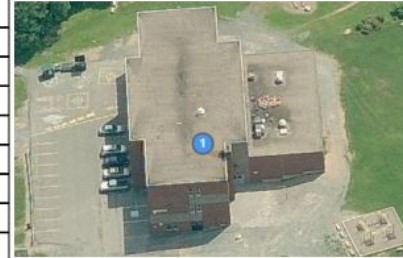
In 2014, grade 6s moved to AJ.

In 2019, pre primary started at Caudle. They're in grade 3 now.



Data Received: December 15, 2021

Caudle Park Elementary	
35 McGee Dr, Lower Sackville, B4C 2J1	
Grade configuration:	PP-5
Year of Construction/Renovation:	1974
Total Floor Area (ft2):	29090
Number of storeys:	3
Number of portable classrooms:	0
Current school capacity:	336
School utilization:	62%



**Historic enrollment (past 10 years):**

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Enrollment	229	205	196	192	198	201	197	198	184	190

# Our front playground used to look like this.

# In 2009, we built one of HRM's first accessible playgrounds. The side playground.

## Ground broken for Caudle Park special needs play area

LOWER SACKVILLE — A playground that's designed for specials needs children and youngsters in wheelchairs should be completed by the end of the month.

Julie Briand, a member of the Caudle Park Elementary Playground Committee, said construction on the \$75,000 accessible playground should begin on May 6.

The McGee Drive facility has been designed with ramps to make play stations available to children in wheelchairs and, with its rubberized base, is also suitable for special needs children, she said.

All three levels of government and the Caudle Park's home and school association have contributed funds to the project.



## Accessible playground fits all



Students at Caudle Park Elementary School conduct a symbolic sod turning for the construction of Sackville's first accessible playground.

### SACKVILLE

By Yvonne d'Entremont - The Weekly News  
Caudle Park Elementary School will soon boast Sackville's only accessible playground.

During a May 1 sod-turning

ceremony for the new playground, a small group of young students eagerly applauded the news their school could benefit from the new play structure as early as June.

"Three years ago we started planning. Students had input, and

some wanted swings, while some wanted ice cream stands up on the roof," said playground committee chairman Scott Briand.

"We took all the ideas, some parents got together, and we made a team and worked with people from HRM and made a playground we think is awesome."

Yet, windy weather made an outdoor sod turning impossible, so a large bucket filled with rocks was brought into the school's gym. Six young students with small sod shovels dug in, followed by Lower Sackville Coun. Bob Harvey.

In addition to Home and School fundraisers, HRM funds and design work, and support from the Maritime Heart and Health Centre, the project benefited from a provincial grant of \$25,000.

Local MLA Barry Barnett talked to students about the importance of staying active, pointing to his recent heart attack as an example of the importance of eating well and exercising.

"If I hadn't been as active and healthy as I was, I'd be in pretty bad shape right now," he told his young audience.

Although HRM has two accessible playgrounds, committee member Janet Langille said this will be the first in Sackville.

The accessible playground will serve younger students and

will be built on the back side of the school.

"It will be accessible to the entire community, whether it be students and community members or people with strollers," Langille said. "It will have a ramp and be accessible to those with strollers, canes, wheelchairs, or walkers and to people of all ages and physical capabilities and challenges."

Activity stations with a variety of manipulative parts will be set at varying levels so they can be easily reached by those in strollers or wheelchairs. The play structure's side will also be accessible via the ramp.

"It's so people don't have to be lifted up and down stairs. These are all things we looked at ahead of time," Langille said.

Harvey came bearing more good news. HRM agreed to set aside \$30,000 in this year's budget to replace playground equipment at the front of the school that had reached its maximum years of use.

"When you come back in September for a new school year, you won't recognize the old place," Harvey said.

A playground on nearby Chapois Drive that serves the neighbourhood around Caudle Park is also being replaced because it has also reached its safety date limit.

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Caudle Park kids  
have been big  
helpers in the  
community over  
the years.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, when Fultz House was established, six community partners came together to form the Fultz Corner Restoration Society. Each group had something different to offer. Our PTA stressed the educational component.

The Caudle Park PTA was only involved for a short time, but our involvement helped to convince the community and government for the need to have a museum and heritage centre in our community.



# In 2010, students from Caudle helped with the Friends of First Lake program

## Students give up summer day to help clean lake

BORRIL-LYNN HALL  
THE WEEKLY NEWS

**LOWER SACKVILLE** – Last week nearly 20 Grades 2 to 4 students from Caudle Park Elementary school in Lower Sackville, along with their parents and teachers, donned their rubber boots and gloves to assist in a stenlog installation – used to absorb pollutants and block debris from entering the water system – and a clean up of their lake, First Lake.

Residents of Judy Ann Court in Lower Sackville have been trying to create a safe and fun environment for their children to play in, but haven't had much luck. In recent years they've worked to have new playground equipment installed only to see it vandalized and ultimately burned down.

The equipment has been replaced, but is located next to an area of First Lake that isn't necessarily safe.

However, these residents are not going to sit around and wait for someone to fix the problem for them, they're going to do something about it, and this time the clean street team is led by the children themselves.

"We don't want our street to smell," said nine-year-old resident Ben McCugh. "We want it to look nice and not clogged with garbage and alcohol bottles."

According to Ben's mother, Jill McCugh, the beach wasn't always like this.

"There was swimming and a street funded dock," she said. "It was a real beach for our community."

The children's involvement came after a lecture given to the students by Walter Scott, their Fish Friends Education Co-ordinator. He spoke about the First Lake Community Remediation Project and when he was finished several students who lived on the Judy Ann Court side of the lake asked how they could help clean up their lake.

Larry Bell is CEO of Water Research Associates Inc. and a proponent of the First Lake Community Remediation Project. According to Bell, Scott has managed to instill a sense of environmental awareness in young people at an incredibly young age.

"This is a tremendous experience of environmental stewardship," said



Nathaniel Smith, a Caudle Park Elementary student drains his boots as he finishes up during a clean up at First Lake in Lower Sackville. DARRELL OAKE

The eager group had three goals: to clean up the recreational beach, to conduct streamside water chemistry tests and to install the stenlog. Bell's Youth Conservation Corp team was in charge of the water chemistry station and the installation. The clean up was left to the kids.

The day turned out to be a huge success and the students involved were happy to give up a day of their summer vacation to help clean up for the fish. Nine-year-old Drew Briand

wish he wanted to send out this message:

"Can you please stop polluting the lake because we're trying to clean it so the fish keep coming back," he said.

For more information on the First Lake Community Remediation Project contact Friends of First Lake Chair Bob Taylor at [taylorro@access.wave.ca](mailto:taylorro@access.wave.ca) or Larry Bell, CEO Water Research Associates Inc. at [lbell@water-associates.com](mailto:lbell@water-associates.com).

Ask your school for information on the Fish Friends program.

# In 1998, we started recycling at CPE



Donald Glenross Photography

Ashley Blackburn, left, and Lauren MacDonald learn the basics of recycling at Caudle Park Elementary School, Lower Sackville.

## Stewards of environment

By CAROL DOBSON  
Special Features Writer

The 310 students at Caudle Park Elementary School in Lower Sackville have an exciting day planned for Earth Day, April 22. They'll be attending a variety of workshops designed to give them a better idea of the world around them.

The Earth Day conference is one item that has arisen from the school's site-based planning program. This has included the development of several thrusts that the school will follow over the next few years — establishing a volunteer program within the school, technology, recycling and student partnering/peer leadership.

"We have a major focus on recycling," principal Kevin Power said. "This year is year one and we're concentrating on recycling paper, and as the program progresses we'll be moving into total recycling in the school.

regarding garbage and recycling has meant that there's a whole new way for the school to operate," Debbie Babin, a parent at Caudle Park, adds.

"So, on Earth Day we're beginning our full recycling program. It's also the day we're holding this conference with 22 sessions on the environment."

Just before Easter, the students, from Grades primary to six, chose the sessions they will attend on April 22. There's a lot to choose from — from a meteorologist discussing El Nino to environmental games and crafts, to Debbie Nielson — the compost chef from Clean Nova Scotia — demonstrating how red wiggler worms can turn food scraps into compost. Also on the agenda that day is a "litterless lunch."

"We the students to take the information gathered here



In 2010, with Mrs. Baird and Mrs. MacAskill, grade 2 and 3 students used what they learned from a guest speaker, and created a business that raised money for charity.

Now, Mrs. Fougere teaches entrepreneurship skills and lessons with the grade 5s.

## Elementary students become compassionate entrepreneurs

By BONNIE-LISS HULL  
THE WEEKLY NEWS

This year Caudle Park Elementary School teachers Gail Baird and Amy MacAskill taught their Grade 2 and Grade 3 year students how to mix compassion and business by helping them design and market a product that would be sold to benefit two worthwhile charities. Much to everyone's surprise the chewing gum package the children ended up designing turned out to be a huge hit and "Chew Your Way to Health and Peace" became a profit maker over night.

"We produced 1,000 units and sold them all," said Baird. "It was amazing."

The project was part of an entrepreneurial program the children were participating in.

"We had a local businessman come in and talk with the students about owning a business and designing a product," said Baird. "The class was divided into four teams, logo, design, publishing and advertising."

The students brainstormed product ideas, names and packaging designs, and had several business meetings. Eventually after lengthy discussions and a class vote the designing of a gum package was chosen as their project. They even decided on the flavour of the gum. They decided to sell the gums at \$2 a pack.

When it came time to decide on what to do with the \$1,000 profit, once again the decision



Caudle Park Elementary school students Justin Hudgins (from left), Lauren MacLellan, Angéleah O'Reilly, and Alexa Goodwin show off some packages of gum they sold with fellow classmates in Lower Sackville to raise money for the IWK, and the Pennies for Peace organization that helps build schools in impoverished countries. DARRELL OAKE

was left up to the students.

They were given a list of potential charities. They chose The IWK and Pennies for Peace, a program Baird had learned about while reading the book *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time*.

The book's co-author American Greg Mortenson, had attempted to climb K2 (the second highest mountain on earth) in his sister's memory, but he didn't make it and he became ill.

Through this program children learn that while a penny is virtually worthless to us, in impoverished countries a penny buys a pencil, and despite their tender age, Grade 2 students Justin Hudgins, Lauren MacLellan and Angéleah O'Reilly understand the importance of helping others.

Hudgins sold 50 packages of gum, the third highest number in the class. He's spent time in the IWK and thinks both charities are equally as important.

"What we're doing is really nice," he said. "I hope the kids in the IWK get better stuff and kids in Afghanistan and Pakistan need money for stuff too. We're lucky to live here."

Lauren MacLellan agreed.

"I think we put in a lot of effort," said MacLellan. "I like sending money to Pennies for Peace because they need help because sometimes they had to write in the dirt."

Baird was proud to share an email sent to the students from Pennies for Peace.

"Please let the students know we appreciate their outstanding support. Their coins will be used to purchase school supplies, pay teachers and assist with new school construction. They have provided an opportunity for many children to attend school."

"He ended up in a small town in Pakistan where he was nursed back to health," said Baird. "He wanted to repay the people and when he realized there were no schools he decided he was going to find a way to build one."

Soon his story got out and schools across the U.S. decided to collect pennies to help him with the project. Now, thanks in part to those pennies, schools are being built in Afghanistan and Pakistan in villages where children need them most.

We're lucky to have some people who went to Caudle Park still active members of the Caudle Park community.

These next 2 pictures are class pictures from the late 1990s. Can you find Mrs. Whitlock or Mr. Sears in these pictures? They're there! You might recognize some of the other kids as parents, aunts, and uncles of current Caudle Park kids.

The teacher was Janice McKay who taught at Caudle Park for many years.



CAUDLE PARK  
SCHOOL  
GRADE 4-5M  
1996-97



Most years, Caudle put on a play or had concerts



In 2002, we did Guys and Dolls, a famous musical.



### Guys and Dolls

Students from Caudle Park Elementary School rehearse for their upcoming performances of Guys and Dolls, June 18 and 19, at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

# Thank you

A special thank you to Michael Smiley at Fultz House Museum for the newspaper articles.

A special thank you to Holly Clark and Michael Chiasson for pictures.

A special thank you to John Spence for kicking off our anniversary conversations.

The next several  
pictures are from  
the late 1980s and  
early 1990s

See what you notice about these  
pictures.

What is the same to how the  
school is now?

What is different?

Can you recognize your  
classroom?

**CAUDLE PARK  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
LOWER SACKVILLE,  
NOVA SCOTIA  
1987-1988**







**CAUDLE PARK  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
LOWER SACKVILLE, N.S.  
1989-1990**







**CAUDLE PARK  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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1990-1991**











And now some  
more recent  
photos!









The Welcome sign  
on the side of the  
building was made  
by students in 2022  
and put up in 2023



Caudle Park is a  
great school and  
we're lucky to be  
here.

Let's continue making Caudle a  
great place to learn, play, and make  
friends for 50 more years!

# School Chant – Once upon a time, we had a school chant.

Let's bring it back! (The Grade 5's and Ms. Smeltzer will help)

**Everywhere we go**

(Everywhere we go)

**People always ask us**

(People always ask us)

**Who we are**

(Who we are)

**And where we come from**

(And where we come from)

**So we tell them**

(So we tell them)

**We're the Caudle Park kids**

(We're the Caudle Park kids)

**The mighty Caudle Park kids**

(The mighty Caudle Park kids)

Gooooooooooooooooooooo Caudle Park-----!!!