



2023 Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

The past few weeks at school have brought some uncertainty to our students with support staff away and the wildfires. The teaching staff have taken extra time in circle discussions, allowing students to express their thoughts and feelings. The office is always open for students to come to take a break, share and work on problem solving strategies. We know that many families are feeling this uncertainty at home as well with concern for friends and extended family. Some of you may have taken others into your home. Continue to reach out to teachers with changes in family routines and if you are in need of any support. Our school counselor, schools plus facilitator and social worker are all available to offer support.

Talking to Children About Wildfires The IWK has provided guidance on how to talk to children and youth about an emergency or traumatic event. Please [click here](#) for more information.

PLANT / WOODS SAFETY

Our wooded areas of the playground will remain closed for the time being. The students have been exploring flowering plants and berries on the grounds with the warmer weather. Please have conversations at home about personal safety and why it is important not to taste / eat plants no matter how appealing they may look. During outdoor play at school, students are learning about the importance of leaving plants and little critters in nature as they all have a purpose within the environment.



SUNSCREEN

We ask parents to apply sunscreen before coming to school or take time to teach children how to adequately and independently apply sunscreen to themselves. They should be aware that they are never to share sunscreen with other students, as it may cause an allergic reaction. **Do not send aerosol sunscreen** to the school as it is an eye safety risk. Teachers are **not** expected to apply sunscreen to students.

CARING SCHOOLS

Our theme for June is happiness. This living value is something that many children and adults seek throughout their lives. Two key components of happiness are:

The balance of emotions: Everyone experiences both positive and negative emotions, feelings, and moods. Happiness is generally linked to experiencing more positive feelings than negative ones.

Life satisfaction: This relates to how satisfied you feel with different areas of your life including your relationships, work, achievements, and other things that you consider important.

Happiness can be found in helping others! During our circle discussions, the students seem to sympathize most with the impact on the animals from the wildfires. We would like to **collect funds to support the SPCA** during their rescue

mission. They are looking for funds rather than items at this time so they can direct them specifically to the area of need. **This week, we will collect loonies, toonies and bills in our collection jar in the office.**



PTA/SAC

Thank you to the PTA for hosting the incredible Spring Fling last weekend. We appreciate all the volunteers who stepped up to assist us that day...we had support from parents, teachers, CPES students, Millwood and Sackville High students, the Knights of Columbus and the PTA committee. It was a very successful event. Stay tuned for more information from the PTA.

The SAC has also been busy behind the scenes. They have supplemented the technology within the school as well as the P.Hys. Ed equipment. This filtered into a very successful playground equipment sign out system. We appreciate the Day of Caring where Scott MacMillan donated his time to build the scooter shed that is out front of the school. The SAC is also supporting the purchase of classroom tools for the new classroom next year.

We cannot express enough appreciation for these committees and their members. The care and concern for our students is a priority for them and their action speaks volumes!

PRIMARY ORIENTATION

We hosted our primary orientation on May 23rd. Welcome to our new primaries! It was great to see you on that day and we can't wait till you start at our school! Remember to come to the school to play on the playground over the summer months so that you are comfortable with your new school. Summer is a great time to practice keeping track of your belongings and being independent. You can do it!

A copy of our Slideshow is posted on the website for anyone who could not make it on the day:) Primary teachers will be calling families before the first day of school to make first day plans!

GRADE 5 CLOSING

As we welcome our grade primaries, we say farewell to the grade 5's. We hope the transition meetings were helpful in preparing for the big change. Don't forget to help your children coordinate their walking route and friends. Sometimes we get so caught up in buying supplies and clothes that we forget to plan the best route to walk:) Be sure to check [bussing information](#) prior to school start.

STAFFING UPDATES

We are currently in the process of staffing for next year with some changes ahead. We say farewell to Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Boudreau, Ms Balcom, Mrs Darling and Mr Munroe who are all venturing to another school. Welcome to Terry Sutton, Rachel Kelly and Jodi Gordon.

HOMEROOM CLASSES FOR 2023

Primary Daigle / Slauenwhite

Primary Imlay

One Tynes

One / Two Kelly

Two Zinck

Three Gordon

Three/Four Sperry

Four/Five Whitlock

Five Fougere



SCHOOL HOURS FOR 22-23

8:10 doors open / breakfast program available

8:30 Classes commence

10:15 Recess
 11:30 Lunch
 12:30 Classes commence
 2:30 Dismissal

Please aim to have students at school on time each day. Classes start straight away with math and literacy instruction. Late comers often miss important instruction and practice.

We have lots of end of year festivities coming up:

June 21 Indigenous Day
 June 22 Grade 5 Afternoon of Awesomeness!! Location TBE
 June 23 Field Day
 June 29 No School for students
 June 30 Last Day (ends 10am) Grade 5 Closing 9-10am

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items will be on display at the gym exit doors for the students to browse. Parents are welcome to stop by the school at arrival and dismissal to take a look themselves.






SCOOTER SHED



We now have a scooter shed located next to the bike rack at the front of the building. Scoot on over to school each day!!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The PTA worked hard to raise funds to purchase the bulk of school supplies for the 23-24 school year. The items below are the **only supplies** that students will need to purchase for next year:

 <p>1 pack of 24 Crayola crayons</p>	 <p>24 pack of Crayola colored pencils</p>
 <p>1 package of Crayola markers (24-pack, unscented)</p>	<p>Headphones (can buy at Dollarama)</p>  

The books indicated below are classroom specific. Teacher's will indicate whether these are required the first week of school in their initial correspondence.	
Writers Notebook- any color (Can buy at Dollarama) 	1 Art Sketch Pad (Can buy at Dollarama) 
Backpack, lunch bag, recyclable cutlery, water bottle and Indoor sneakers Optional: Covered pencil sharpener, pencil box/ case, large Ziploc bags, Note: These items can be recycled from previous years. They do not need to be new	



Spring Fling

