

Port Williams Elementary School

April Newsletter

March 31, 2017

School News



Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night taking place on March 31st from 7 - 8 pm. Activities led by PWES' Mr. Pinch! Healthy snacks will be provided by Mrs. Williams. Hope to see you there!



AVRSB Update

Due the high number of storm days, AVRSB has cancelled the remainder of early dismissals for this year. April 6, May 16 and June 16 will now be full days of school. Please update your calendars ☺

Parent/Guardian/Teacher and Open House

African Heritage Month

During Parent/Guardian/Teacher, teachers offer an Open House and Interview opportunity. The "Open House" period is a time for you to bring your child with you to view your child's work. No appointments are necessary for the Open House. Interviews will be by appointment only and will be 10 minutes long. Should you require additional time, please arrange an interview for an alternate date. Childcare will be available in the Library 6:45-8:00. The scheduled times are as follows:

Thursday, April 6 - Open House 6:00 - 6:45, Parent/Guardian/Teacher Interviews 6:50-8:00

Friday, April 7 - Open House 9:00-9:45, Parent/Guardian/Teacher Interviews 10:00-11:15 am

Please phone Ms. McPhee (902-542-6074) between 8:30 - 3:30 p.m. for appointments.

Please note that there is **NO SCHOOL** for students **Friday, April 7**. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to bring students to the Open House in the morning and staff members will be in an In-Service in the afternoon.



AUTISM SPEAKS
It's time to listen.

April is Autism Awareness Month

Saturday, April 1st is Autism Awareness Day. This is the 10th anniversary of World Autism Awareness Day and "Light It Up Blue". This is a global initiative to support and celebrate World Autism Awareness. Throughout the month of April, students will be learning about autism.

Doctors' Nova Scotia - Kids' Run Club

Spring is around the corner so it's time to lace up and run! This is our fifth year of spring running at PWES. Over six Wednesdays, from April 5th - May 10th, PWES Run Club will take eager Grade 2-5 students for a fun noon-time run. There will be fruit snacks after each run and discussion on healthy living too. Permission slips are being sent out and I will look for parent volunteers to help keep the kids safe while we run on the sidewalks and dykes. Running isn't essential and walkers are welcome. I would be happy to answer any questions by either email (sleepyandnumb@gmail.com) or phone (902-542-9600). - Jocelyn Foran, MD FRCPC



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The Sheffield Mills 5km and 1km Fun Run

Join us on April 8th for a 5km (adult, \$15) or 1km (kids 12 and under, FREE) Fun Run or Walk to help raise funds for the Glooscap and Port Williams Elementary Schools for Hokki stools! sagrover4@gmail.com



Time: 10:00 am **Location:** Sheffield Mills Comm. Hall (98 Black Hole Rd., Sheffield Mills)

How Can You Help? Participate as a runner or walker, Cheer on the racers, Make a donation. How can your business contribute to the Sheffield Mills 5km and 1km Fun Run? Donate a draw prize, Donate funds, Cheer on the runners and walkers.

Home & School News

Monthly Meeting

The next PWES Home and School meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend! Grade Five Parents!! Your children will soon make their way from PWES and this requires a little celebration. There will be a meeting on April 19th at 6:00 pm in Library for those who are interested in planning the Grade Five Luncheon.

Community News

Cotton Tale Cafe & Play - Kid Ink Comics and Illustration (Grades 1-5)

Do your children like comic books? Want to learn how to make their own? This is an opportunity for students to learn the process of creating their own illustrative work. Whether they have experience drawing, or want to begin now, these art classes will show students how to use materials such as pen, ink, nib, brush, acrylic, and pencils. Using different techniques, students will work towards completed projects involving full pages, cover work, story boarding, trading cards and more!

Teacher: local artist Patrick Bezanson. Limited spacing - 4 Week Course - Every Wednesday from May 3- 24; 2:45 - 4:30pm \$60. Please call [902-680-1691](tel:902-680-1691) (9185 Comm. St., New Minas)

Hoppy Easter Spaghetti Dinner And Silent Auction

In 2018, a group of students from the Annapolis Valley will be travelling to Ecuador as part of a **Me to We** volunteer service learning trip called, "Supporting Women in Ecuador's Andean Communities" where they will work side-by-side with community members on a development project of the community's choice. On **April 8th** from 5-7 pm, this group of dedicated students will host a "Hoppy Easter" spaghetti dinner and silent auction at the Louis Millett Center in New Minas and they would greatly appreciate your support. There will be great food, a silent auction with over 75 gift cards and products, a draw for a \$100 Easter basket, lots of fun Easter activities for kids of all ages and a very special visit from the Easter Bunny. Advance tickets are \$10 each, \$5 for children under 10, or \$30 per family and are available at Wild Lily, Stirling's Farm Market, The Swimwear Hut and Occasions Gifts and Decor. You may also reserve tickets by emailing us at hoppyeaster8@gmail.com. Come on out for an evening of Easter fun and help these caring teens achieve their goal of helping a community in need.

Canadian Parents for French - Nova Scotia has an exciting summer camp season for 2017. There are week-long overnight camps available that cover a range of French levels and activities. All camps provide a great opportunity for kids to learn and reinforce language skills over the summer. Imagine having all the fun of summer camp « En français »! For more information and application forms, visit ns.cpf.ca or call 902-453-2048/toll free 1-877-273-5233.

Spring/Summer Clothing Give Away

Centreville Baptist Church on 870 Murray Drive (off Hwy #359), Fri., April 21, 8:30 am to 11:00 am
Donations of clean clothing, bedding, towels, and footwear greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off the week prior until April 20th afternoon. For more info, please call Madeline at 902-678-7584 or Ellen at 902-679-6539.

Valley District Soccer Association - Kick Start to Summer Program

- For players born 2004-2010. Get the early jump and competitive edge on this year's summer soccer, as the VDSA, under the leadership of its technical director, Martin Vlck, presents "kick-start to summer" programming for players born in 2004-2010. Each program will be designed as per the long term play development plan for that age group. Fee for Valley United Tryouts, Spring 2017 is \$20. For more information, please call vdsadirector@ns.aliantzinc.ca
- 2009-2010 - Fundamentals: Program will be run once a week on Tuesdays from 5-6 pm - starting on April 4 and will for 4 weeks. Cost is \$50/player
- 2007-2008 - Learning to Train: Program will be run twice a week on Tuesdays from 6-7 pm and Thursdays from 5-6 pm - starting on April 4 and will run for 4 weeks. Cost is \$80/player
- 2004, 2005 & 2006 - Learning to Train: Program will be run twice a week on Tuesdays from 7-8 pm and Thursdays from 6-7 pm - starting on April 4 and will run for 4 weeks. Cost is \$80/player



Come Join Edalene Theatre for an Amazing Summer Intensive Camp!

This year we are doing the amazing Broadway hit- *The Addams Family!* Based on the comic strip and later TV show and movies, this musical by Lippa, Brickman and Elice sees our beloved Addams Family on the brink of change. Camp will be offered for students 10-18 and run from Aug. 7-Aug. 25. During this camp the students will be trained in dance, music and theatre technique while rehearsing for a full scale musical production. All who audition will be accepted. However, if you would like to come to camp and be part of the chorus, no audition is required - just fill out a registration form. If you are interested in auditioning, please email kerri@edalenetheatre.ca or go to www.edalenetheatre.ca for more details.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, March 31	Family Fun Night 7-8 p.m.
Thursday, April 6	Open House & Parent-Teacher (P.M.)
Friday, April 7	Parent-Teacher (A.M.); Inservice (P.M.) - <i>No school for students</i>
Saturday, April 8	Sheffield Mills 5km and 1km Fun Run
Friday, April 14	Good Friday
Monday, April 17	Easter Monday
Wednesday, April 19	Grade 5 Parent Luncheon Meeting (6:00 p.m.) Home & School Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Assembly: April 21

