

# Port Williams Elementary School May Newsletter

April 27, 2017

## SCHOOL NEWS



Guest Speaker Cowboy Harrison

Presenting for Autism Awareness Month



Owen and Cate reading at assembly



Mrs. Delaney's class preparing for

Hop for Muscular Dystrophy

A reminder that the AVRSB Regional Inservice day that was originally scheduled for Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> has been changed to **Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no school for students that day, staff will be involved in professional development.

## Volunteer Appreciation Assembly/Reception

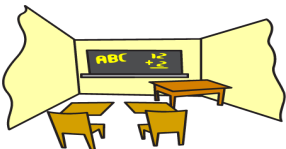


*'We sometimes take for granted in the rush of all we do, and forget to say a special thanks to volunteers like you! So we say 'thanks' to tell you how much all you do means. Your gifts of time and of yourself are special ones indeed.'*



Please plan to attend our Special Volunteer Assembly on Friday, May 19 at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served in our Library at 8:00 a.m. **prior** to the Assembly. Hope to see everyone there! Love, PWES Staff & Students

## Class Placements 2017-2018



Our goal is to create classes that are balanced and equitable in terms of academic abilities, behavioral/emotional needs, student leadership and gender. We also consider learning styles, friendships, health needs and interests. If you have information about your child(ren) that may assist us as we work through the class formation process, you may contact Mrs. Burns.

## HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

The **Grade 5 Luncheon Committee** will meet on Thursday, May 4th at 7pm (originally it was the 2nd). If you were not able to attend the first meeting, please join us for this one! We need your ideas, enthusiasm and support to help make this luncheon memorable and exciting for our grads. If you cannot attend, information will be going home with students in May. Alternatively, you can contact Lia, at 902-680-5331.



Plans are now underway for Home & School's biggest fundraiser of the year! **Spring Fling takes place on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8pm!** This year, we are counting on our tried & true favourite events with a few twists for some added fun. What's new you ask? A bouncy castle for the little ones and a **dunk tank** for the big kids! Having said that, if your child does want to sit on the hot seat, chances are he/she will get wet! Please bring a towel and a change of clothes.

**Classroom help is not needed this year but we do need volunteers for Ticket Sales, Canteen, and on the BBQ** board has been placed in the entrance of the school, or you can contact **Karen Rovers** at [sod-man@hotmail.com](mailto:sod-man@hotmail.com) and sign you up. A half hour of your time would be greatly appreciated.



## Spring Fling Items Needed.



- Cakes/Cupcakes for the Cake Walk. Nothing fancy or home-made is required. (Note: If your cake is for the Silent Auction, please make sure that is noted when you drop it off).
- Chips (Chip Walk), Candy bars (Bingo) and Suckers (Sucker pull)
- Tattoos, dollar store/fast food prizes for Fish Pond'



**The fabulous Silent Auction** plays a big part in the success of our Spring Fling and your donations in the past have been outstanding! These items need not be expensive or even store-bought – donating your time to make/deliver dinner, garden, or babysit can be placed on a bid sheet.

Popular items from past years are: Any themed basket ie: summer/travel/child/creative/local edibles ....so many options! Last year, some fierce competition took place over cookies, gourmet cakes and sports paraphernalia. Flowering baskets are also popular. **If you would like to donate an item, or if you need some ideas, please contact Lia at [liahennigar@gmail.com](mailto:liahennigar@gmail.com) (902-542-9648) or Breanna Williams MacIntosh at [bl.williams@ymail.com](mailto:bl.williams@ymail.com)**



**And for those new to PWES**, the evening is capped off with ... Staff vs. Students! The stakes are as high as the crowd is loud. What will this year's battle be? Only Mrs. Williams knows and ... she isn't telling!



**In closing, THANK YOU to the PWES Staff** - past and present who help Home & School put on such an exciting Spring Fling each and every year. We do appreciate teacher, EA and all staff support and simply could not do this without you!

## AVRSB News

Recently, the provincial Council to Improve Classroom Conditions reviewed and made revisions to a draft *Student Attendance and Engagement Policy*, created by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Members of the public have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft policy until May 9, 2017. A final policy will be in place for the upcoming school year. The draft policy can be found here:

[https://www.ednet.ns.ca/sites/default/files/docs/student\\_attendance\\_and\\_engagement\\_policy\\_draft\\_for\\_discussion.pdf](https://www.ednet.ns.ca/sites/default/files/docs/student_attendance_and_engagement_policy_draft_for_discussion.pdf)

The link to provide responses is: <https://goo.gl/forms/E3SutRM4wPsmqD2x1>

Feedback can also be sent to: [attendance@novascotia.ca](mailto:attendance@novascotia.ca) or

Student Attendance Policy – Feedback

Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Strategic Policy and Research Branch, 2021 Brunswick Street

P.O. Box 578, Halifax, NS B3J 2S9

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Annual 9<sup>th</sup> Valley Youth Fun Run - Ages 5-15: 2km & 4 km, 1 km family fun loop

Date: Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Location: 14-Wing Greenwood Fitness Trail. Race Day Check-In: 9:30am-10:30am  
Race Start Time: 11:00am; Entry Fee: \$10.00 (for 2km & 4km) Please contact the school office for registration forms.

### Victory Taekwondo

Victory Taekwondo has now moved to the County Fair Mall. Come check out our new permanent home on Sundays and Thursdays next to Blue Notes. We currently have a great team and new members are always welcome. This is a fun, dynamic sport and our classes promote a positive team atmosphere. The first two classes are free so anyone can try it out. For more details, please contact 902-670-7897 or [tkdvictory@hotmail.com](mailto:tkdvictory@hotmail.com).

### Piano Lessons (Kim McLeod, Port Williams) ([musicstudio.kim@gmail.com](mailto:musicstudio.kim@gmail.com))

Pre-register now for piano lessons starting in September. Noon hour lessons are available. Register early – space is limited ☺

**Ross Creek Centre for the Arts** Community Arts, Open House, Camp Day!

Please join us on Saturday, May 6 from 1-5 pm. Delicious community supper at 5 pm (\$10 pp). [www.artscentre.ca](http://www.artscentre.ca)

**St. Joseph's Stage Prophets** presents its 15<sup>th</sup> production, Anne & Gilbert, based on the books by Canadian author, Lucy Maud Montgomery. Touted as one of Canada's newest musicals, it marks the first time that it is being performed in Nova Scotia. It is an inspiring story with themes of love and the importance of family, friends and our communities. This show is one that will surely get your toes-tapping as the State Prophets cast and crew bring this story to life. Anne & Gilbert begins in the beautiful countryside of Prince Edward Island. Anne is now an independent-minded young woman about to begin her first job teaching at a one-room schoolhouse. Romantic complications unfold when childhood sweetheart Gilbert Blythe proposes marriage-- and he's not her only suitor. Troubled by her orphan past, Anne doubts if she can love anyone. But as Anne discovers the truth about her parents, a path to future happiness is revealed. Award-winning songs, memorable comedy and drama, and a message of enduring love, hope and friendship make Anne & Gilbert unforgettable family entertainment. Six performances take place from May 18 - 21st with shows each evening at 7 pm and Saturday & Sunday matinee's at 1:30 pm. at the Festival Theatre Wolfville. Tickets are available on-line [www.boxoffice@acadiau.ca](http://www.boxoffice@acadiau.ca), at Acadia Box Office, Box of Delights and Occasions Gifts and Décor Kentville.

**Dance Camp**

Cadance Academy in New Minas will be offering several dance camps this summer for students aged four and up. For more information, visit [www.cadanceacademy.ca](http://www.cadanceacademy.ca) or contact the office by email: [info@cadanceacademy.ca](mailto:info@cadanceacademy.ca) or phone: 679-3616.

**The Booker School**

The Booker and Wild Spirits Forest Schools are offering a public 7-week outdoor learning program for children ages 3-12 on the Booker School campus. The program will be on Tuesdays, commencing May 9 and will run through until Tuesday, June 27. Hours are 9:30-2:30. The cost is \$325.00. Early Registration is Sunday, April 30 between 12:00-2:00pm at the Booker School, 1341 Belcher Street, Port Williams. Online registration will be accepted at [admin@bookerschool.com](mailto:admin@bookerschool.com) after April 30. Cheques and e-transfers are payable to The Booker School. \* For more information about Wild Spirits Forest School go to: [www.wildspiritsfns.wixsite.com/wsfns](http://www.wildspiritsfns.wixsite.com/wsfns) or visit them on Facebook at: [wildspiritsforestnatureschool](https://www.facebook.com/wildspiritsforestnatureschool). For more information about the Booker School go to:

[www.bookerschool.com](http://www.bookerschool.com) or visit them on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/bookerschool](https://www.facebook.com/bookerschool) \*Note: tax receipts are available.

**Family Art Day – Sunday, April 30th**

Join us for Family Art Day at the Booker School. All ages are invited to drop in between 10:00-2:00 for an afternoon of art, design and craft making. There is no fee for the program but free-will offerings will go towards art supplies and materials.

**Valley Read** (Angela Campbell, Certified Level III SpellRead Instructor and Owner) Learn to Read Effortlessly. *SpellRead* is an internationally acclaimed reading program that is built on science and guarantees success! For more information, and to get started, please visit [www.valleyread.ca](http://www.valleyread.ca). Valley Read – 21 Parkview Rd., Kentville; 902-692-0235; [valleyreadclinic@gmail.com](mailto:valleyreadclinic@gmail.com)

***DATES TO REMEMBER***

Thursday, May 4	Grade 5 Parents – Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 6	Fun Run – Greenwood
Monday, May 8	Regional Shut Down Day – No school for students
Wednesday, May 10	New Primary Parent/Guardian Orientation (6:30 p.m.)
Thursday, May 11	Primary Orientation (No school for Mrs. Fuller's & Ms Nichols'/Ms Rand's classes)
Friday, May 12	"Spring Fling" - sponsored by Home & School (5:30 – 8:00)
Wednesday, May 17	Home & School Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 19	Volunteer Assembly (Reception in Library prior to Assembly @ 8:00 a.m.)
Monday, May 22	Victoria Day - Schools Closed
Monday, May 29	Grade 6 Orientation to Evangeline Middle School (For our Grade 5's) EMS Parent/Guardian Orientation (7:00 p.m.) – more information to follow

**Volunteer Assembly: May 19<sup>th</sup>**

