

MARINE DRIVE ACADEMY NEWS

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What's Happening in the Classroom

Mr. Odo's grade 7 Social Studies Class built Wigwams.



What's Happening in the Classroom with Ms. Marsha

Gr. Primary Class shares about Orange Shirt Day

Grade Primary class read Pikto'l Goes to Treaty Day and colored the Mi'kmaq Flag.



Mrs. Hawes grade 2-3 class learn, share, and reflect on the meaning of Orange Shirt Day.



Pop/Pull Tab Donation

Mrs. Boutilier's Grade 3-4 classroom was able to collect over 10 000 pop/pull tabs of aluminum cans in just 1 week. They will be donating these to the Sheet Harbour Lions club wheelchair initiative. This has led students to become very motivated in continuing to collect more to see if they (along with the help of other classes) can reach the goal of 1 000 000 aluminum pop/pull tabs before the end of the school year. If you have any donations, please send them in with your child and have your child place the donation in the box outside of Mrs. Boutilier's classroom. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

A big thank you to Mrs. Annette Connors for the donation of scribblers, looseleaf, pocket portfolios and pens to our school.

Water Bottles

Students are reminded to bring a water bottle to fill up at the coolers.



MDA Spirit Wear – order school clothing online at <https://pmgsw.com/Your-Ecommerce-Store-c114165318>

Lost and Found: There are already many misplaced items in our Lost and Found. Please label your child's items so they can be returned to them if they do become misplaced. Please have your child/ren check the Lost & Found table outside the office if your child is missing clothing or other items.

P-12 Parent Teacher Information:

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held Thursday, Nov 23rd from 12:30-2:30 and 6:00-8:00.

Please call Mrs. Levy to book your time with a teacher(s). **Appointments will be booked from November 1-November 22nd - 10:00AM-3:30PM.**

Interviews will be a maximum of 10 minutes, if you require more time, please, connect with the subject or classroom teacher and book a time other than Parent-Teacher Day.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE



Marine Drive Academy uses a video surveillance system as part of our continued efforts to support a safe, positive and effective learning environment. We recognize that the images recorded by this video surveillance system are personal information and, as with all other personal information, we take steps to balance privacy rights with safety and security concerns. The school has the legal authority to collect this personal information under Section 24 of Nova Scotia's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Only designated staff have access to our video surveillance equipment and such access is restricted as required by law. The system is used to enhance school safety and to deter or take action in response to unlawful behaviour.

Homework Hub

The Nova Scotia Homework Hub is now open for tutoring. Grade 7-12 students will have access to tutoring every week, on school nights (Sunday to Thursday), from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. Grade 4-6 students will have access to tutoring every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Homework Hub also provides students with video tutorials, practice exercises, vocabulary flash cards, digital math textbooks and an online graphing calculator.

Students and teachers are automatically enrolled in the NS Homework Hub. Tutors are Nova Scotia qualified mathematics teachers, and this is a free service.



Cold Weather Reminders: As the weather continues to get colder, we remind you that our P-6 students will be going outside for fresh air and exercise during recess and lunch. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather and to be prepared to stay outside for approximately 30 minutes at lunch time. **Please ensure that all outerwear is labeled with your child's name or initials, so it can be returned to the owner if found.** Please put extra pants, socks, and mittens in your child's backpack for wet/snow days! Once the snow comes, students who wish to play in the snow will require snow pants.

Cancellation of School

By 5:30 a.m., staff make recommendations to the Regional Executive Director of Education (or a designate), based on the information gathered and assessments of each area. The Regional Executive Director of Education makes the final decision based on this information. If it is safe to have students and staff on the roads and sidewalks, then schools will be open. If not, classes will be cancelled.



It is our goal to make the decision as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours (please note that the cafeteria will be closed for the day); or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

School cancellation announcements will be made as early as possible on local radio stations, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education's school cancellation line (464-4636), via Twitter at http://twitter.com/HRCE_NS and/or the HRCE website (www.hrce.ca). Also, you may sign up for e-mail or text message notifications at <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/subscribe-notifications>

Occasionally, during bad weather, there are times when the buses will not be travelling on some roads in our school catchment area. If this should occur, please leave a message on the absence line so that your child(ren)'s attendance will be recorded accurately in PowerSchool.

Midday Closure

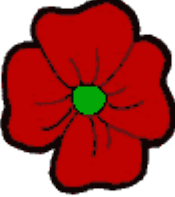


In the event school is closed during the day, it is the responsibility of all parents/guardians to ensure their child(ren) have a safety plan in place. **No alternate bussing arrangements will be made for early closures.** The student will be dropped off at the regular drop off location. If the parent does not wish to have this happen they will need to make arrangements to pick their child up from the school or notify the school of who will be picking up their child.

Staff will make contact with parents/guardians of grades Pre-Primary to 6 students, *prior to dismissal, in the event of a mid-day closure.* Please limit your calls to the school, in the event of a mid-day closure as phone lines will be busy.

Parents/guardians are reminded to ensure that your child(ren) are properly dressed for the weather conditions.

Please inform the office in the event of a change in any home phone number(s) or emergency contact numbers as soon as possible.

Dates to Remember

November 	December 	January 
	Dec 4 th – Prof Learning Day – NO CLASSES FOR PP-12	Jan 2 nd – Classes Resume
Nov 11 th – Remembrance Day	Dec 14 th – School Dance P-6 – 6:00-7:00pm Gr. 7-12 – 7:00-9:00pm	Jan 23 rd – NS Virtual School Assessments
Nov 13 th – Remembrance Day Observed – NO CLASSES	Dec 18 th – Christmas Concert at 6pm – Coin donation or non perishable food donation for the school community pantry	Jan 25-30 - Exams
Nov 17 th – Assessment & Evaluation Day – NO CLASSES FOR PP-12 This is a change for MDA Sr. High Students	Dec 19 th – Snow Date for Christmas Concert	February 1- First Day of Semester 2- Classes resume for grades 10-12
Nov 21 st – Christmas Craft Fair 6:00-8:00pm	Dec 21 st – First day of Holiday Break	
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