

South Woodside Elementary School



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Principal's Note

We have had a great start to the 2022-2023 school year. We would like to welcome all our families both returning and new to our school community. It was wonderful to see so many families at Curriculum night and the Ice cream social. Thank you for your support in making the beginning of the school year a smooth one. We look forward to what this year brings, getting to know our students and connecting with families!

Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather. Wearing layers helps as the mornings can be chilly.

Sincerely,
Divya Haase MacLeod and Lisa Greenwood

Upcoming Events

- September 2** – Curriculum Night, Ice cream social
- September 7** - First Day of School
- September 8** - Stand-up Against Bullying Day (pink shirt day)
- September 19** – No school
- September 28** - SAC Meeting
- September 29** – Orange shirt day
- September 30**- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
- October 4** – School photos
- October 10** – Thanksgiving (no school)
- October 28** – PD Day (no school)

2022-2023 Welcome New Staff

Gr. 5/6 **Ashlinn MacNeil**
Core French **Heidi Weaver**

Child & Youth Care Practitioner **Lisa Berkman**
Schools Plus Assistant Leader **Kate MacDonald**



Safety & Security

Just a reminder that students should not be on school grounds before 8:30am as there is no supervision at this time. Students may enter the building from 8:30-8:45am. Students arriving after 8:50am are asked to check in with the office.

Thank you for using the SchoolMessenger safe arrival system. Remember, you can call the toll free number (1-833-582-6940), log on to the website <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> or use the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices to report absences 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you need any assistance, please let us know. More information can be found at <https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival> .

Lockdown Drill

Breakfast Program

Our school breakfast program gives students access to "grab and go" healthy options to help students have a strong start to their day. This is available to all students.

Reminders

We are a nut sensitive school. Please refrain from bringing any nut products to school as some members of our school have life threatening allergies. Also, a reminder that any student needing medication to be taken at school must have a signed medical form (available from the school).

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The SAC is an advisory body to individual school principals, as well as the regional centres for education (RCEs). They provide recommendations on a variety of issues related to their local school and the overall school system. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please give the school a call.

Curriculum Sharing

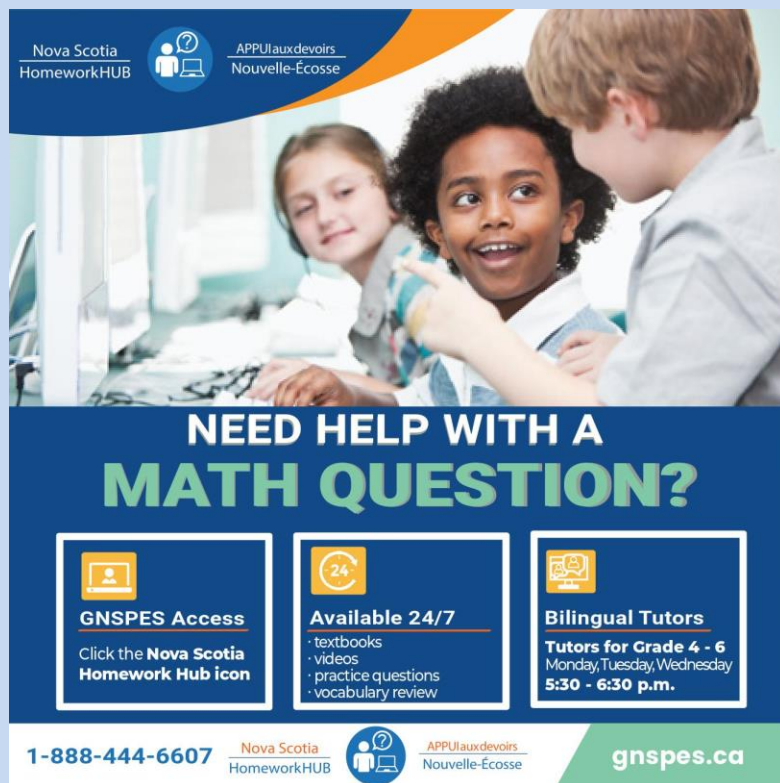
Curriculum Sharing is a follow up to our Curriculum Night held earlier this month. Teachers will be sending home information about your child's curriculum and other details pertaining to their learning during the week of September 19th.

Hold and Secure Drill

One of the procedures our school will be practicing during September is a hold and secure drill. At this time, classroom doors are secured, students remain inside the room and continue with their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is allowed to enter or exit the building.

We will also be practicing a lockdown drill. During a lockdown drill, classroom doors are secured and the students remain inside the room positioned for safety until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is allowed to enter or exit the building.

Please be assured that staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of these procedures with students prior to having these drills. There will also be time afterwards to remind students that it was only a practice and there was no danger. Please take the time to speak with your son/daughter about these procedures and reinforce their importance. We practice these drills to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning.



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