

WMES April 2025 Newsletter



Dear WMES families:

- Our **April calendar** can be found [here](#).
wms.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/2025-03/April%202025.pdf
- **Report Cards** were emailed home earlier today (**Monday, March 31st**)

Here are some important highlights for this month:

- **Student Progress conferences** with teachers will take place on Thursday, April 3rd from 1-3pm and 6-8pm.

You can sign up for a conference by going to this [link](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/waverley). <https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/waverley>
The link will close at noon on the 3rd. After that you will need to contact the teacher to make an appointment.

There is no school on April 3rd.

- **World Autism Awareness Day**

Recognizing and celebrating World Autism Awareness Day in our schools fosters inclusion, understanding, and support for those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). On April 2 and every day, we strive to raise autism awareness among peers and educators, celebrate accomplishments and promote acceptance for those with ASD. Join us in creating a positive community where all students can thrive and learn about each other's diverse experiences.

- **Head Lice Prevention:** [How to Prevent, Find and Treat Head Lice handout](#)
- **Measles prevention in Nova Scotia**

We are sharing the following on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health:

- Measles cases are rising in Canada. Measles is a virus that spreads easily and can cause serious complications. **The best way to prevent measles is vaccination.**
- Nova Scotia offers free vaccines to eligible people. These can be given by primary care providers, pharmacists and Public Health.
- Parents are encouraged to check their family's vaccine records and get the measles vaccine if missing doses. Check your vaccine records at vaxrecords.nshealth.ca.

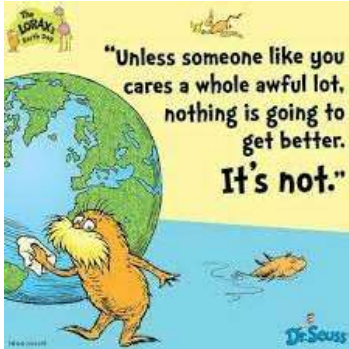
Who should get vaccinated?

- Anyone born in or after 1970 should get **two doses** of vaccine, typically given at 12 and 18 months. If missed, children and adults can catch up for free.
- Adults born before 1970 are generally considered immune but can get a single dose if travelling.

- Infants 6-12 months old can get a single dose if travelling but still require two doses after their first birthday to complete the series.

Find out more about measles vaccination: www.nshealth.ca/measles.

- **Earth Day is April 22nd! We can all make a difference!**



- **Literacy and Math in Grade 3 Provincial Assessments (LM3)**

- Provincial Assessments for our Grade 3 students will be taking place on May 13, 14, 15 and May 21, 22, and 23rd. If you have a child in Grade 3 please see the **attached Parent Information pamphlet** for more information. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

- **Supporting literacy at home**

Did you know? Teachers use the [Six Pillars of Effective Reading Instruction](#) to support students' learning.

- Reading is best learned when children get clear and structured support in key skills: listening, recognizing sounds in words, learning letter sounds, building vocabulary, reading smoothly and understanding what they read. These skills work together and when you strengthen one, it helps improve the others.
- Good reading instruction includes learning how letters and words work and practicing reading in books. The goal is for children to understand what they read, enjoy reading and learn new things from books.

The links below may help you support your children with reading at home:

- [Ideas for parents to help children to practice their reading and writing skills](#)
- [10 Ideas to Raise A Reader](#)

- **Staffing for the 2025-26 school year starts now!**

- **Are you moving?** If you know that you are moving out of our school area for the upcoming school year please email kwolfe@hrce.ca asap so that we can account for these moves in our system.
- **New Registrations?** Do you know someone moving into our school area, or who has a student starting next year who has not registered yet? Please ask them to register asap.

- **Class Placement requests for next year.**

- Class configurations for next year will **begin** in May. We **do not** take teacher requests, however, if you have a concern / friendship issue that we need to know about when making lists please email kwolfe@hrce.ca **before May 16th**.

- **Purple Tag Program reminder**

- Just a friendly reminder that children in Pre-Primary to Grade 2 who use school transportation must have a purple tag on the left side of their backpack. This is to ensure they are not left alone at a bus stop. If your child doesn't have a purple tag or needs a new one, please reach out to the main office. Children who use special needs transportation do not require a purple tag.
- To learn more about the Purple Tag Program, watch [this short video](#) or visit HRCE's website [here](#) and click on *Purple Tag Program*.

- **Retirement Announcement:**

I wanted to let you, our Waverley Memorial family, know that I will be retiring at the end of this school year. After 32 years with HRCE, as a substitute teacher, classroom teacher, Vice Principal, and for the last 16 years as a Principal in 3 different HRCE schools, I have decided it's time to give some energy to a few other important areas in my life. The last 7 years here at WMES have been very rewarding and I have loved being a part of this amazing school community.

I felt that it was the appropriate time to let you know as the job of Principal here at WMES will most likely be advertised in the next few weeks. I hope to be able to introduce you to the new Principal for the 2025-26 school year in our May newsletter.

Thanks for your support and kindness over the past 7 years.

Mrs. Wolfe

Thanks everyone. Happy April.

Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. van der Weegen

Important dates in April:

April 3	No School - PD in am / Student Progress Conferences afternoon and evening
April 18	Good Friday - No School
April 21	Easter Monday - No School
April 30	Professional Development day for staff - No School for students

Upcoming dates in May:

May 6th	School Musical - "Just Imagine"
May 13-23	Grade 3 Provincial Assessments
May 19	Victoria Day - No School

February was Registration Month for the 2025-26 school year.

- If you have a child starting Pre-Primary or Primary, who has not attended school this past school year, please visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to **enrol your child today** through PowerSchool Enrollment! Staffing for the 2025-26 school year begins in April so it is very important to register early so that we have accurate numbers.
If you know that you are moving and your child will not be attending WMES in the Fall - please reach out to the office to let us know. Thanks.