

WMES May 2025 Newsletter



Dear WMES families:

- Our **May calendar** can be found [here](#).

<https://wms.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/2025-05/May%20Calendar.pdf>

Here are some important highlights for this month:

- **Waverley Memorial Presents: "Just Imagine" - An Original Musical**, written and directed by our staff, and performed by students in Grades 3 to 5. We hope you can join us on May 6th to see the show.

Tickets are on sale now on [SchoolCashOnline](#).

If you've already ordered tickets they are coming home today. Please check backpacks.

New Principal Update:

- We are excited to share that the **new Principal for the 2025-26 school year is Mrs. Kelly Clarke**. Mrs. Clarke has been principal at Beaverbank Kinsac Elementary School for the past 7 years, and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge with her. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Clarke to our WMES family for the upcoming school year.

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.

Important information for volunteers:

- you must current **CRC's** (Criminal Records Check **with the vulnerable sector**) and **CAB's** (Child Abuse Registry check) to volunteer as a chaperone for class trips
- If the documents are not already on file with us they need to have been completed within the last 3 months.
- Once on file they are good for 3 years. If you aren't sure about your paperwork you can check in with Ms. Fizzard (cfizzard@hrce.ca)
- Here are the links to complete the paperwork online:
 - [Criminal Records Check \(with vulnerable sector\)](#)
 - [Child Abuse Registry](#)

Mini Sticks and Lacrosse sticks -

- Some students have been bringing small lacrosse sticks and mini sticks to school. So far students have been very respectful and careful with these items so we have allowed them to be used at recess and lunch.

We do have a few important reminders however, so please review with your child if you are allowing them to bring these items to school:

- We are not responsible for lost or broken items.
- Any adult can ask the students to put the sticks away if they do not feel they are being safe and students are expected to follow the directions of the adult in charge and be respectful (as per our school rules and expectations).
- If students are being disrespectful and not following rules / expectations, they will be asked to leave their sticks at home.
- The mini sticks / lacrosse sticks are not permitted on the bus unless they are in a backpack / bag.
Any bus driver can refuse to allow the sticks on their bus.

Thanks for reviewing these expectations with your child.

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**.

Schools Plus Information for families:

- Please see the **attached flyer** regarding summer camp opportunities. Feel free to reach out to our Schools Plus Community Outreach Worker, Rachel Murray, for more information:

Rachel Murray (she/her)

SchoolsPlus Community Outreach Worker/ Halifax Regional Centre for Education

rachel.murray@hrce.ca

For more information on SchoolsPlus in Nova Scotia, check out: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/schoolsplus/>

2025-26 EXCEL registration

The EXCEL Before and After Program is a recreation based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by Halifax Regional Centre for Education. At each school site where EXCEL is offered, the dedicated staffing teams plan games and activities that suit the needs and interests of all registered students. Since EXCEL began more than 25 years ago, staff

have continually enhanced the program based on experiences and feedback. Today, with more than 4,000 participating students, EXCEL is one of the largest programs of its kind in the Maritimes, providing inclusive and engaging programming for participants.

For more information about registration, fees and programing, please click [here](#).

If you have additional questions, please contact the EXCEL Before and After Program Registrar's Office:

Kimberly Lozon at 902-464-2000 ext. 2787 or excelregistrar@hrce.ca

Gail Hartling at 902-464-2000 ext. 2236 or excel@hrce.ca.

[Celebrating Education Week 2025](#)

Education Week 2025, May 11 to 17, is a special opportunity to acknowledge educators, school support staff and partners for their outstanding work. This year's theme, *Empowering Futures: Innovation in Education*, celebrates educators who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to infuse innovation into their classrooms and schools.

We applaud educators, school staff, and partners who embrace innovation in meeting the evolving needs of students in preparing them for a rapidly changing future.

Thanks everyone. Happy May

Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. van der Weegen

Important dates in May:

May 6th School Musical - "Just Imagine" Tickets on sale now

May 13-23 Grade 3 Provincial Assessments

May 19 Victoria Day - No School