

May 2022 Newsletter



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**A reminder to always
call the office if your
child will be absent**

HAWAIIAN CHICKEN KABOBS

- 3 tbsp soy sauce
- 3 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- ¼ tsp ground ginger
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- 8 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into 2 inch pieces
- 1 (20 ounce) can pineapple chunks, drained
- Skewers

In a shallow glass dish, mix the soy sauce, brown sugar, sherry, sesame oil, ginger, and garlic powder. Stir the chicken pieces and pineapple into the marinade until well coated. Cover, and marinate in the refrigerator at least 2 hours.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat.

Lightly oil the grill grate. Thread chicken and pineapple alternately onto skewers. Grill 15 to 20 minutes, turning occasionally, or until chicken juices run clear.

Message from the Office

As the weather continues to improve, there are more and more students riding bicycles and scooters to school. Students doing so should be wearing an approved helmet and once they arrive at school their bikes and scooters need to be parked. As always, I encourage you to monitor your child's academic progress and communicate regularly with the classroom teachers.

Mount Edward Administration Team

NO PARKING

Please be advised that no vehicles are to be driving on the school grounds at any time during the day. This includes dropping off and picking up students from Excel at the end of the building and parking in the school driveway that is for emergency/authorized vehicles. We appreciate your support in respecting these parking rules to keep our students safe. Please share this information with anyone who may be dropping off or picking up your child. We also remind you to obey the no parking signs in front of the school. When cars are parking in the no parking areas, it is difficult for the buses to maneuver around them safely to get to the school. We have also had concerns with parents/guardians parking in neighboring driveways. This is not permitted at any time as they are private property.

HAVE A HEART, GIVE A HEART

Thank you to Lauren Keeping, with the assistance of Ms. Tillett, for organizing this fundraiser to help with the efforts in Ukraine. Together as a school community, we were able to raise \$900 which has been donated to Doctors Without Borders.

Excel 2022-2023

Registration for the 2022-23 EXCEL Before and Afterschool Program will start the week of April 25th for Parents/Guardians with children currently enrolled and the week of May 2nd for New Parents/Guardians. Visit their website for more details: https://www.hrce.ca/excel_registration

Dates to Remember

- May 5th - Grades 5 & 6 Field Trip to Prince Andrew to see Reggae Artist Jah'Mila
- May 12 - Grades Primary thru 6 Field Trip to Prince Andrew to see Young Performers' Collective presentation of The Lion King
- May 23 - Victoria Day—No school

DID YOU KNOW.....

**It's impossible to sneeze
with your eyes open.**





Introducing SafeArrival by SchoolMessenger **A New Way for Families to Report Student Absences**

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring all students arrive to school safely each day. Parents/guardians of students who attend our school now have the option to report their child's absence in advance using a toll-free number, the PowerSchool Parent Portal or the SchoolMessenger app!

SchoolMessenger SafeArrival – an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for families to inform their child's school if they will be away – powers all three of these options.

If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

- **Toll-Free Number**—Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.
- **PowerSchool Parent Portal**—Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- **SchoolMessenger App**—Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address).

For more information about reporting your child's absence and a list of frequently asked questions, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/safearrival>

Volunteer Opportunity

Mount Edward Elementary School community, we are in search of volunteers to assist us with the construction of our food gardens. If you are interested in helping out with this project we will be requiring support on the following dates:

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH – 9AM-1PM:

CONSTRUCTION OF RAISED GARDEN BEDS

Some tools will be provided; however, we would greatly appreciate if volunteers could come prepared with their own hammers, mallets and/or drills with drill bits.

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH – 9AM -1PM:

FILLING THE RAISED GARDEN BEDS WITH SOIL AND THE GARDEN PATHS WITH PEA GRAVEL

Some tools will be provided; however, we would greatly appreciate if volunteers could come prepared with their own shovels, rakes, buckets and/or wheelbarrows.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office at 902-435-8459 to have your name added to the list. We will provide beverages and light snacks for our volunteers on both days.

