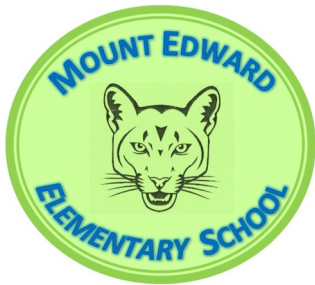


# May 2023 Newsletter



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Please call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system or by the SchoolMessenger App or login to PowerSchool.

## LIFE SKILLS FOR FAMILIES

As adults, we know a lot about consequences. But for children, it is more complicated. If they don't want to wear their coat, their parents or teachers might make them, and the child doesn't learn that it's cold out, which is why they needed the coat! Or, if an older child forgets their lunch, homework or gym shoes, and Mom or Dad runs them up to school every time, they aren't learning the lesson that bringing their belongings to school is their responsibility.

Children learn best through natural consequences. Whenever possible, allow your child to experience the natural, or logical if natural is not safe or appropriate, consequences of their actions. If they leave the cap off of their markers, they are dried up for next time. Don't replace the toy that is left out in the rain and ruined. Help children learn about what happens when they do not follow rules or aren't responsible for their belongings.

One of your most important tasks as a parent is to raise independent, resilient children who can venture into the world and solve their own problems. With some forethought and planning, you can help nurture your child's growing independence!

## 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.

Our students had a great time during their recent field trips. Students in grades 5 & 6 went to CFB Curling Club learning to curl and grades P to 4 had an amazing time at the Discovery Centre. Thank you to the Home and School for paying for the busses for these trips. Classes will be having year end trips so if you are hoping to volunteer as a chaperone, we encourage you to get your required checks into the office. Follow the link for more information on volunteering with HRCE schools: <https://www.hrce.ca/volunteer>

As always, I encourage you to monitor your child's academic progress and communicate regularly with the classroom teachers.

Lori Bartkiw, Principal

## HOME & SCHOOL

The H&S hosted a very successful Crafters Market on April 1st and were able to raise over \$900. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make this event successful. Next year they hope to add additional tables to the venue and get more advertising out to the surrounding communities.

Our Home & School Association continue planning for the Annual Spring Fling which will take place on Saturday, May 27th from 11:00am to 2:00pm. As with any event, lots of volunteers are needed in order to make the event successful. If you have a valid Criminal Records Check and Child Abuse Register Search on file at the school and you are willing to help out with this event, please contact the school. Notices have been sent home to all families looking for volunteers (before, during or after the event) as well as donations for the Summer Fun Cooler and cakes/cupcakes for the Calk Walk.

A reminder that Mount Edward Elementary

has an account at Bluenose Bottle Exchange. If you want to donate your profits from your recyclables, they can add the money directly to our school account.

## 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 permit-

## SAFEARRIVAL BY SCHOOLMESSENGER 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 are asked 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>

## COMMUNITY NEWS



The poster is for a soccer event organized by United DEC. It features a blue and green color scheme. At the top right is the United DEC logo, which includes a soccer ball and the text 'UNITED DEC'. The main text 'Come Try Soccer' is in large, bold, blue and green letters. Below this, there are two photos: one of a group of children and adults on a soccer field, and another of a group of children and adults standing together. To the right of the photos, the event details are listed: 'SUNDAY MAY 7TH', 'U3-U5 9AM-10AM', and 'U6-U8 10AM-11AM'. Below the photos, the location 'East Coast Varsity Dome' is indicated with a green location pin icon. At the bottom, it says 'Free soccer event open to all children ages 2-8!' and 'Register at [udfc.ca](http://udfc.ca)'.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, May 3rd -----Home & School Meeting—6:30 pm

May 15th—May 26th -----Grade 3 Assessments (More info to follow)

Monday, May 22nd -----Victoria Day (No School)

Friday, May 26th -----Theme Day—Beach Day (no bathing suits allowed)

Friday, May 26th -----Ice Cream Sandwich Sales \$1.00

Saturday, May 27th -----Spring Fling (11 am—2 pm)

Thursday, June 29th-----Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School for Students)

Friday, June 30th -----Last Day of Classes

