

## VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## OFFICE HOURS

8:00-12:00

12:45—3:30

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## Chignecto-Central Regional School

## September News

The mission of Valley Elementary is to develop lifelong learners, encourage responsibility, and promote achievement of individual potential.

### Principal's Message:

Although summer seems to pass by very quickly, it is great to see our students again and return to the excitement of learning at school. It has been a delight to greet our returning students and meet our new students. We look forward to another year of guiding our students as they progress both socially and academically.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

ARRIVAL

ENROLLMENT

MORNING ARRIVAL

EMERGENCY DRILLS

FFC FOOD DRIVE

HOME & SCHOOL

LIBRARY

PICTURE RETAKES

ROOM PARENTS

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

SCHOOL CONFIGURATION

TERRY FOX RUN

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Sept. 20, 6pm—School Advisory Council
- Sept. 20, 7pm Home & School
- Sept. 26, 1pm—Terry Fox Run / Walk
- Sept. 29—PD, no school for students
- Oct. 2—photo retakes
- Oct. 9—Thanksgiving
- Oct. 13—Farm Credit Drive Away Hunger Food Drive
- Oct. 27—Conference Day—no school for students

ALLERGEN POLICY: PEANUTS, TREE NUTS, PEANUT BUTTER, TREE NUT BUTTER, EGGS, MAYONNAISE, RANCH DRESSING AND CAESAR DRESSING ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO VALLEY ELEMENTARY. IN ADDITION FOODS WHICH CANNOT EASILY BE DISTINGUISHED FROM THE ABOVE PRODUCTS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE TO SEND TO SCHOOL.

### Morning Arrival

We begin greeting students at 8:05. Our morning announcements and O Canada are at 8:20. Students are expected to be in their classrooms by this time.

We encourage students to come to school on their bus. This helps to minimize vehicles in our yard at the busy time of arrival. There is a “kiss and go” drop off loop at the front of the school. For safety reasons we need to keep vehicle moving through the loop and avoid a bottleneck of traffic on the street. If you need to get out of your car and help your child please park elsewhere. There is a path between the church parking lot and our yard so parents often use the church parking area for this purpose.

Thank you for helping us make sure every child arrives safely at school.

### Terry Fox Run/Walk

**Our annual Terry Fox Walk / Run will be held Sept. 26th at 1pm. Grade Primary and One students will do their walk in the field and the Grade Two to Four students will be in the Nature Loop. Families are invited to join us. We have challenged our students to raise \$500 and earn an extra recess.**

### Library

Mrs. Clyke and Mrs. A’Court have been here on a regular basis to get the library ready for teacher and student use. They plan to have the library up and running before the end of September. At this time we are looking for volunteers to assist during classroom visits. Please call the school if you are interested in helping.

### School Configuration

Due to enrollment changes over the summer and the first few days of school our class configuration from Grade Primary to 2 has been altered. Several children have moved to a new classroom. All parents of the children who moved to a new class have been notified. Our new Grade Primary-2 configuration is as follows:

- Grade Primary—Mrs. Dodsworth  
Mrs. Groves
- Grade One—Mrs. Ferguson  
Mrs. Thiesen & Mr. McInnis
- Grade Two—Mrs. McCarthy  
Mrs. Smith

### Dismissal Arrangements

Please make sure that classroom teachers are aware of any changes to your child’s dismissal arrangements. If you make alternative arrangements it is important to send them to the school in writing and in advance. Last minute requests are difficult to accommodate and may create confusion that can lead to a dangerous situation. **If we are in doubt about dismissal arrangements your child will be dismissed in accordance with his/her regular routine.**

### FCC Drive Away Hunger

For the last several years Valley Elementary has contributed to the Colchester Food Bank by participating in the FCC Drive Away Hunger campaign. On Oct. 13 we will again be accepting donations. Representatives from Farm Credit Canada will come to our school to weigh and collect our donations. Food Banks often are low in supplies in the fall as household heat and electricity expenses rise. We will be sending home specially marked bags to use for donations.

### Emergency Drills

During the school year we are required to hold several emergency drills. These include Fire Drills and Code Blue Lockdowns. These practice drills are important so students will know what to do in the unlikely event of an actual emergency.

### Home & School

Valley Elementary has a very active Home & School which has provided extra playground equipment, classroom supplies, books, etc. to our students. One of the recent purchases is the fire rated curtain on our stage. The VES Home & School has its own Facebook page where you can check for up to date reports and announcements. The first meeting of the year is Wed. Sept. 20 at 7pm. Currently there are executive position available. We are looking forward to another successful year .

### Picture Retakes

Picture Retakes for both Pridham' s and Johanna's will done in the morning of Oct. 2. Johanna's will do photos of siblings together 8:00 –9:00 before regular retakes.

### Join the Valley Youth Band!

Is your child interested in joining the Valley Youth Band? Band Registration Night is scheduled for Monday, September 18th, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Redcliff Middle School. The band program is available to students in Grades 3 and 4 at Valley Elementary School. No experience required and there are many instruments you can try - such as flute, clarinet, trumpet, french horn, baritone, trombone, bass guitar and percussion!. Band practices are held in the gymnasium at Valley Elementary School on Tuesdays (2:15 - 3:00) and Thursdays (6:30 - 7:30). For further information please send an email to [myouthband@outlook.com](mailto:myouthband@outlook.com) or call 902-956-2708 (Elaine MacInnis).

### School Advisory Council

The first School Advisory Council meeting will be held Wed. Sept. 20 at 6pm. There is a parent seat available . If you are interested in being a parent rep please contact the school. An election will be held in the near future.

### Room Parents

Our classroom teachers are seeking volunteers to be Room Parents. Room parents assist the teacher in organizing for special events such as holiday celebrations and Home & School activities. Please let the teacher know if you are able to assist with these. We usually have two Room Parents for each classroom.

**Jazz! for Kids Part 1 with Phil Black**  
**\$60 per Child, \$50 per Child if 2 or more**  
**register 4 weeks: Sept 18 & 25, Oct. 2**  
**and 16, 3:45-4:45 pm for students in**  
**Grades 2-6 (ages 7-12)**

We will sing, dance, play games, learn percussion instrument parts, make up words, and listen: all in the natural groove that is jazz. No instrumental experience is required; however if you do play an instrument we may be able to incorporate it into our songs beginning in week 2. The last half hour on Oct. 16 will be a performance of our work together for any family members and friends who can make it. Stay tuned for Parts 2, 3..

**Afternoon Art Club with Kate Ward**

**Sept 18 - Oct 2 & Oct 9 - 23**

**Mondays 3:30-4:30pm - Ages 6-10**

**Tuesdays: 3:30-4:30pm - Ages 11-14**

\$75 Fee includes all equipment and materials  
 Spark your child's imagination this fall with Afternoon Art Club; a series of art classes exploring different themes and materials for budding artists aged 6-14. The program is designed to encourage creativity and exploration, as well as fostering a lifelong interest in the arts by introducing students to the exciting world of contemporary art. Each module is 3 weeks long and subjects include sculpture, painting, printmaking, portraiture, and drawing to name a few.