

Chedabucto Education Centre/ Guysborough Academy



Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring has arrived, hopefully warmer days are ahead! And as we begin the stretch drive to the end of the school year, many events and activities are taking place at CECGA! As you can see by our events calendar, our students and staff continue to be very busy and successful on many fronts! This year's Spring Fling will be April 19nd -23rd. Student Council will be sending home a notice with a detailed schedule of theme days and activities planned for that week. We would like to welcome back our Preservice teachers to CECGA for their final practicum of the year with various teaching staff.

Our grade 9-12 report cards will go home on April 21st. Parent Teacher for 9-12 (by appt) is scheduled for April 26th with an evening session from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm as well as an afternoon session from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm on April 27th. These meetings will be over the phone through Google Hangout/Meet so you will be asked to provide a phone number you will be available at during your appointment

time. If you have call display on your phone it will look like an unfamiliar number because of the platform being used. Please call the school at 902-533-2288 to book an appointment or if you have any questions. No school for 9-12 students on April 27th due to in-service in the morning and Parent teacher in the afternoon, there is there is still regular classes for grade P-8 on this day.

We're coming to the end of some activities we've been working on over the last couple of months. Our SchoolsPlus staff in partnership with the Women's Resource Centre have completed consent workshops to all our grade 9 to 12 students, and our Grade 8 Guys and Girls groups will be soon wrapping up their sessions as well. Thank you Schools Plus, Faye Fraser, Amber Beniot (CYCP), Mrs Worth, Mr LeBlanc and Constable Nathan Sparks for leading these sessions, your tremendous efforts in educating our students on important topics is greatly appreciated!

Vanessa Dort's beautiful drawing won her our school's logo contest for our Afrikan Canadian Heritage and Friendship Centre. A huge shout out also goes out to Ainslee Connolly for receiving Honourable Mention. Beautiful work ladies!

Our Sr Girls Curling team represented our school very well March 26th at Regional Play as they brought home the Regional banner once again! Congratulations Brooklyn Jordan, Vanessa Dort, Jenna Dort, Hanna Manthorne, skip Victoria Grady and coach Ms Alicia Mills! Our school sports focus has changed

gears to Badminton as they prepare for upcoming tournaments.

Congratulations also goes out to our Sr Boy's Basketball team who are this year's Antigonish/Guysborough league champions and will be competing in Regional playdowns later this month. Good luck team!

Congratulations goes out to Barb England, our Building Operator, on being nominated for and selected as a recipient of the Strait Regional Centre for Education's Strait to Excellence Awards. This prestigious Award recognizes employees for their outstanding contributions, commitments, and excellence in the workplace. Barb works extremely hard each and everyday at keeping our building in top shape. As soon as something is brought to Barb's attention, she acts on it within minutes! Barb's leadership with our custodial staff helps to keep our building in immaculate shape. The SRCE is hosting a virtual Strait to Excellence Awards ceremony on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m where Barb will be one of the recipients recognized for her wonderful work!

Barbara Avery
Principal



BUS PASSES

Just a reminder that there will be **NO BUS PASSES** issued this year. Each student will be allowed to have one alternate route for the year, which has to be registered with the SRCE transportation office by calling 902-747-3644.

Notice to Subscribers of the SRCE Stay Informed Notification System (Bus Route and Class Announcements by Email and/or Text)

Annual Subscription to the Service Required Effective Immediately

Please be advised that effective immediately subscribers to the SRCE Stay Informed Notification System (Bus Route and Class Announcements) must

now re-subscribe annually to continue to receive notifications by email and/or text.

Over the summer, changes were required to the operation of the system to enhance the efficiency and timely delivery of the notifications. Annual subscription to this service will also ensure that the system contains the most up-to-date subscriber contact information (i.e., email address, cell phone number(s) and service provider).

Subscribers to the SRCE Stay Informed Notification System are asked to please re-subscribe, if interested, to continue to receive bus route and/or class announcement notices by email and/or text.

At the end of each school year, subscriber contact information will be deleted. You may re-subscribe after August 1 of each year.

To renew your subscription or to subscribe for the first time, please look for the SRCE Stay Informed graphic image (included above) on the SRCE website, www.srce.ca, and follow the steps outlined to subscribe or re-subscribe to this service; or click here to access the [SRCE Stay Informed By Email and/or Text](#) page directly.

WATER BOTTLES



As a reminder, our water fountains remain disabled but bottle re-fill stations remain in service. If your child forgets or loses their water bottle please tell them to share this with their teacher so we can make arrangements for them to still have access to drinking water during the day.

Intimate Images and Cyber-Protection Act

The rapid growth of smart phones, social media and the anonymity of the online world has created increasing opportunity for cyberbullying and the unwanted sharing of intimate images. The impacts of these behaviours can be devastating for victims.

Supports are available. For more information please visit novascotia.ca/cyberscan.

Safe Arrival Process for Elementary Schools

Chedabucto Education Centre/Academy and the Strait Regional Centre for Education believe that regular attendance at school supports greater student success and achievement. Attendance supports student learning and promotes a sense of responsibility that students will need as they transition from grade to grade.

Promoting and supporting regular student attendance is a shared responsibility. All partners, students, parents/guardians, teachers, school administration and SRCE staff, must work together.

As a result, the following safe arrival process will be implemented at our school to help us account for any student's unexplained failure to arrive at school:

- Parents/guardians are responsible for notifying the school when their child(ren) will not be in attendance.
- If your child(ren) is going to be late or absent from school, the parent/guardian is asked to contact the school by telephone at 902-533-2288 before 9:30 a.m. An explanation is required.
- On a daily basis, homeroom teachers will complete morning attendance. A list of those students who are absent will be generated.
- If a student is marked absent during first class and we have not been previously notified by parents/guardians, we will call the numbers provided in the student demographic information.
- When direct follow-up contact with parents/guardians cannot be reasonably made, we will then determine appropriate action. This may involve contact with the RCMP.

Communication to Parents/Guardians and Students from Teachers

In accordance with Recommendation #31 of the Report of the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions (April 28, 2017), in an effort to minimize disruptions to student learning and the teaching day,

teachers have up to two business days to respond to emails.

CHEDABUCTO LIFESTYLE COMPLEX

To use the CLC facilities, **CHILDREN UNDER GRADE 6** will need to be accompanied by an adult unless it is a Municipal program such as PACY, However in order to go to the CLC after school written permission is required in the office.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS TAKE NOTICE



We are asking parents and students to take extra caution when packing lunches for your son/daughters. Due to the many allergies that some students have we would like to remind people that Nutella is also considered a nut based product.

Information from Feed Nova Scotia

Being food insecure is challenging at any time, and COVID-19 is creating new challenges for families. Feed Nova Scotia and member food banks and meal programs are here to help.

Food banks and meal programs are safely providing food support

Most of the member agencies are open, with processes in place to safely provide food support. If your family needs food, please call 211 or visit www.ns.211.ca (select 'Food Support' for a listing of other food support services in your community).

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

There are currently students attending Chedabucto Education Centre/Guysborough Academy with severe allergies that can cause an *anaphylactic reaction*. An anaphylactic reaction can be triggered by **ingestion, inhaling or touching** any of the identified allergens



(peanuts, tree nuts and nut products). If an individual is exposed to an allergen, their body triggers an immediate immune response and sends out extra antibodies to fight the

allergen. They can experience very strong reactions including hives, swelling of the eyes, ears, lips, and tongue. This requires immediate emergency care!

PERMISSION NOTES



Written permission must be given to a student when he/she plans to stay after school hours, leave the school, If there is no contact from a parent/guardian, the student will be sent home on his/her regular bus. Permission notes are also necessary to be exempt from participating in Phys. Ed. classes or other school activities.



SCHOOLS PLUS

SchoolsPlus seeks to improve the collaboration and coordination of services and programs for children,

youth and families. The main goal is to bridge the gap between various community organizations and the schools by connecting students and families in attaining timely and effective services to meet their identified needs. SchoolsPlus supports a number of programs within the schools and community. Referrals come from the School Program Planning Teams, Administration, Families and Students as well as outside agencies. SRCE currently has four SchoolsPlus Models. They are located in Guysborough, Antigonish, Richmond and recently Inverness Counties.

You can contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator, Liz MacIntosh by calling 533-4046 or Amanda Millar at 533-3609. We are also on Facebook at SchoolsPlus Guysborough County.



Sunda	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturda
		Parent/Teacher 9-12 Apr. 26 th -4:30 - 6:30 Apr. 27 th - 12:30-2:30 <i>Call 902-533-2288 to schedule appointments</i>		1 Day A	2 GOOD FRIDAY	3
4	5 	6 Day B P-8 Parent Teacher 4:30 - 6:30	7 Day C P-8 Parent Teacher 4:30 - 6:30	8 Day D	9 Day E	10
11	12 Day F	13 Day G	14 Day H	15 Day A	16 Day B	17
18	19 Day C SPRING FLING	20 Day D SPRING FLING	21 Day E Gr. 9 - 12 Report Cards Go Home  SPRING FLING	22 Day F SPRING FLING	23 Day G SPRING FLING	24
25	26 Day H Gr. 9-12 4:30-6:30 Parent/Teacher (By appointment)	27 Day A Gr. 9-12 12:30-2:30 Parent/Teacher (By appointment) NO SCHOOL FOR Gr. 9-12	28 Day B	29 Day C	30 Day D	