



Chedabucto Education Centre/ Guysborough Academy



Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As December begins, it is important for parents to be prepared for any unexpected situations that may arise due to inclement weather. With student safety as our primary concern, *we ask that all parents/guardians have alternate procedures in place for their child(ren) in the event that inclement weather results in early dismissal. Please discuss with your child the family plan should school be dismissed early with no one at home. Children should know alternate locations to go to and/or where the spare key is hidden, contact phone numbers, etc.* Ensuring that your son/daughter is well prepared for unexpected situations will help to ensure their safety in the event of an early dismissal.

If you would like to be notified by text or email of all bus route announcements and/or class cancellation information in the Strait Regional Centre for Education, please click on the "Stay Informed" icon on the SRCE web page and follow the directions to sign up for this useful and informative service provided by the SRCE. Further to this, administration at CEC/GA have the ability to send out a school alert message by text, email, and/or phone. If any of your contact information has changed since the first week of school, be sure to call the school to update this information so that any

school communications go to the correct email addresses and phone numbers.

During the month of December, as always, we have many wonderful and meaningful gatherings and celebrations scheduled. On Friday, December 6th a special Kwanzaa Celebration will take place in the cafeteria in conjunction with our annual Seniors' Tea event at 10:30am. The Afrikan Canadian Heritage and Friendship Centre, and with the support of Guysborough Academy students and staff and Chris West, will be holding a Memorial Service also on Friday, December 6th to recognize the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This service is open to the public and those interested are invited to attend. The service will be held at the Chedabucto Place Performance Centre beginning at 12:15pm.

Our annual Christmas Concert(s) will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Both concerts are open to the general public and admission is \$5.00 per individual attending. All proceeds from this event will go towards the Music program and other school related activities at Chedabucto Place. Grade primary to six students will be performing as well as Band and Choir students. In case of inclement weather, please stay tuned to the radio or check the Strait Regional Centre for Education website. The storm date for this event will be Wednesday, December 18th. It is an expectation that all students participate in both the afternoon and evening concerts. On concert night, students are requested to enter the school through the lower community entrance and proceed to their assigned classroom in the lower high school wing. Students participating in the concert are NOT permitted to sit in the Performance Centre but are to remain in their assigned classroom. *Please note that our concert is a public event and therefore it is reasonable to expect that photographs and audio/video/digital recordings may be taken by those*

in attendance. Therefore, privacy cannot be expected. When events are public, it is reasonable to expect that photographs and/or taping will be taken by spectators, media and schools.

Other note-worthy December events include the following: . We will have our School Advisory Committee Meeting at 2:30 on Dec 3rd in the ACHFC. On Thursday, Dec 5th the Christmas Semi-Formal dance will be held for grades 9-12 in the cafeteria from 8:00-10:00 p.m. On December 11th the Afrikan Canadian Heritage and Friendship Centre will be hosting a coffee house at lunch time for grades 7-12. On Friday, December 13th the Kelso's Choice P-6 assembly will be held in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m On December 18th, Chartwell's will be holding their annual Christmas Turkey Dinner for \$5.00.

The last day of school before the Christmas holidays is Friday, December 20th. As a special treat, students will be served a pancake breakfast that morning. Students will be returning to school on Monday, January 6th. On behalf of staff and students, we wish you a relaxing and safe holiday season!

Barbara Avery
Principal



NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will now be sent electronically. Anyone wishing to have a paper copy of it please notify the office at 902-533-2288

PARENT REMINDER

Just a reminder in order for a student to leave school grounds or be picked up by another parent, the school requires parental written permission.

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.

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.

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.

TRANSPORTING STUDENTS TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As of June 4th, 2014, the SRCE has a new transportation policy in terms of student travel (IV-B-6) to

extracurricular activities. In order to transport students (other than their own children) parent/guardians/volunteers will have to do the following:

1. Completed a Vulnerable Sector Check and a Child Abuse Registry Check. (These are good for three years)
2. Complete a revised J-form, which will require the school have a copy of
 - Driver's license
 - Vehicle registration
 - Proof of insurance
 - Teacher/Chaperone consent form
3. Confidentially Form
4. Volunteer Form

Please feel free to contact the school should you have any questions or need assistance completing the required paperwork.

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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.

KELSO ASSEMBLY

Kelso Assembly will take place on Dec. 13th for this month at 9:00 am.



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.

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, get dropped off at another stop other than his/her regular stop or change buses. **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. Parents are reminded that bus passes will only be issued **upon written request** signed by parent or guardian. These requests are to be brought to the office and given to the secretary **no later than recess**. Students phoning home during the day asking parents/guardians to request a bus pass **IS NOT ACCEPTABLE**. Phone requests from parents/guardians will only be accepted in **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**.

We have received correspondence from the SRCE Operations Department regarding the importance of care and control around the issuing and driver acceptance of bus passes. ***We have been provided with a Bus Pass Request Form, which will have to be used in order to request a Bus Pass.*** Drivers are not authorized to stop anywhere but an existing stop except under emergency situations. Bus drivers are being reminded not to accept a bus pass which does not comply. Please contact the school at 902-533-2288 if you have any questions about bus pass procedures.

WE WILL CHANGE

The We Will Change group will be selling Candy Cane grams (50 cents each) from December 9th til the 13th and will distribute them on the last day of school before the Christmas break (December

20th). All money raised will be donated to our Christmas Toy Drive for families in need within our own community. Also, feel free to bring in your new or gently used toys for the Toy Drive from December 9th until the 13th! We are also accepting donations of money. Monetary and toy donations can be brought to a grade 7-12 homeroom or SchoolsPlus.

"The We Will Change group is collecting gently used or new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves to decorate their Christmas tree in the month of December. Items will be donated to the Naomi Society and the Guysborough Food Bank. Deadline to donate to our mitten tree is December 18th. Please contact Faye, SchoolsPlus Community Outreach Worker for any questions or comments, 902-631-4699."



Open your heart and home to the world by welcoming an international student. Many young people are waiting to come to study in our provincial high schools with the Nova Scotia International Student Program (NSISP). Boys and girls from more than 30 countries including Turkey, Mexico, Spain and China come to Nova Scotia each year to study

and improve their English. Host families come in all shapes and sizes and applications are now being received for February placements in the Guysborough / Canso catchment areas. For full details on how to bring the world home to your family please contact Denise McGee, SRCE NSISP Homestay Coordinator, at (902)870-0250 or email denise.mcgee@srce.ca

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 Faye Fraser at 533-3609. We are also on Facebook at SchoolsPlus Guysborough County.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Day A	3 Day B	4 Day C Universite de Moncton Presentation	5 Day D Semi Gr. 9 - 12 \$5.00/PERSON 8:00 - 10:00 PM	6 Day E Sr. Tea/Kwanzaa 10:30 AM Day of Remembrance 12:15 Gr. 9 - 12	7
8	9 Day F	10 Day G	11 Day H	12 Day A	13 Day B  Kelso Assembly 9:00 a.m.	14
15	16 Day C DECADE DAY	17 Day D Christmas Character Day CHRISTMAS CONCERT 12:30 & 7:00 \$5.00/PERSON	18 Day E TROPICAL CHRISTMAS DAY Chartwell's Turkey Dinner \$5.00 Neptune Theatre Trip Gr. 10	19 Day F Christmas Sweater Day	20 Day G PJ Day Last Day before Christmas break	21
22	23 CHRISTMAS BREAK	24  Twas the Night before Christmas ...	25 	26 BOXING DAY	27 CHRISTMAS BREAK	28
29	30 CHRISTMAS BREAK	31 CHRISTMAS BREAK	First Day back January 6 th Day H			

