



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.

As a reminder, proof of full vaccination and a photo/government identification are required for visitors prior to entering our school building during the school day. Volunteers and spectators, including parents and guardians, will also be required to show COVID-19 proof of vaccination along with an additional form of identification when attending extra-curricular activities outside the school day. This also includes students and community members and applies to both indoor and outdoor activities.

During the month of December, as always, we have many wonderful and meaningful gatherings and celebrations scheduled. The Afrikan Canadian Heritage and Friendship Centre will be conducting special Kwanzaa Celebrations throughout the month for our classes.

Other note-worthy December events include the following: . On Dec 1st Grad Photos, December 3rd P-6 Kelso assembly (for students and staff only) and on December 16th, Chartwell's will be holding their annual Christmas Turkey Dinner for \$6.00. Also on December 16th grade 7-12 will participate in consent workshops then on Dec 17th have a presentation from the Youth Project.

It is hard to believe we are in December already with the upcoming Christmas Holiday break around the corner. The last day of school before the Christmas holidays is Tuesday, December 21st. As a special treat, students will be served a pancake breakfast that

morning. Students will be returning to school on Tuesday, January 4th. On behalf of staff and students, we wish you a relaxing and safe holiday season!

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

Reminder to all students that if they wish to have a drink of water, they **MUST** bring their own water bottles. The fountains are now water fill stations not drinking fountains.

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.

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



regular bus.

Written permission must be given to a student when he/she plans to stay after school hours or leave the school. If there is no contact from a parent/guardian, the student will be sent home on his/her

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 Mandi Millar at 533-3609. We are also on Facebook at SchoolsPlus Guysborough County.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

We are very excited to tell everyone that Mrs. Gillis's grade ½ class has been invited to participate in a program called Roots of Empathy. This program teaches children about feelings, their own feelings and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks, Baby Isla and her parent(s) will visit the classroom. A Roots of Empathy Instructor will gather the children in the classroom around the green blanket, and together they watch the baby grow. There are 9 topics that the children will learn about.

These are learned in a pre visit, family visit and a post visit. The class has had their 1st pre visit. They are anxiously awaiting Isla and her family to visit us on November 02, 2021. We will have reports in the newsletter every month with updates on what is happening with Baby Isla and what everyone is learning.

WE Will CHANGE

"The We Will Change Group would like to thank everyone who donated to the Change for Change fundraiser. A total of \$127.55 was raised!!!! All money will be used a reminder that everyone is special and deserves a treat once in awhile. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!"



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day A Grad Photos	2 Day B	3 Day C	4
5	6 Day D	7 Day E	8 Day F	9 Day G	10 Day H	11
12	13 Day A	14 Day B	15 Day C	16 Day D Consent Presentations Chartwell Turkey Dinner  \$6.00	17 Day E Youth Project Presentations	18
19	20 Day F	21 Day G Pancake Breakfast 	22 	23 NO SCHOOL	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 
26	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NEWS YEARS EVE	School Resumes Jan. 4/22 Day H