

Chedabucto Education Centre/ Guysborough Academy



Newsletter

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Mrs. MacLennan's Candian History 11 class and our ANS students went on a trip to New Glasgow to the Museum of Industry on Feb 26th. During their visit they took part in afrocentric activities and information sessions as well were able to explore the artifacts on display in the museum.

As part of their Physical Education class, grade 7-9 students have been participating in some sessions that focus on the Health Components of Fitness in partnership with the Recreation Department of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough. These sessions have been providing our students a variety of physical activities that have included strength training, yoga and skating. Future sessions plan to include more strength training activities, Pound class, curling and Zumba as well as sessions around healthy snacks. Thank you MODG Rec Department for helping to plan and facilitate these engaging sessions!

We are very fortunate to have a Play-based Learning room (PALSS room) available to our lower elementary students. Play based learning is a very important part of our curriculum. Huge thank you to Ms Hayne and Ms Dort who took the lead on a grant application that provided us with funding to update the playroom as well as revamping the room and creating play based learning kits that teachers can take into their classrooms to facilitate learning. Students are loving the new materials!

A big thank you also goes out to our basketball and curling coaches for another exciting season of play. The JAGAS and Senior boys teams have completed their seasons. We have our Sr Girls curling team participating in Regional playdowns in Pugwash March 3rd & 4th and our JAGAS girls curling team will be participating in an invitational bonspiel on March 5th in Brookfield. Good luck girls! I would like to thank everyone who gave freely of their time and expertise to support our extra-curricular

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hard to believe we are now into March, hopefully Spring is just around the corner!! March Break is March 16th – 20th and will hopefully provide a breather before the final push to the end of the school year. Our March Kelso elementary assembly will be held on March 6th.

CEC/GA has welcomed many classes from neighboring schools during February's African Heritage Month to come and visit the ACHFC and explore the strong African Canadian heritage in our area. These visits will be continuing into March as well. A huge thank-you goes out to our ACHFC Program leader, Patsy Borden, for her endless hours of planning and implementing educational presentations and celebrations to raise awareness of the contributions that have been made by people of African descent.

On Feb 25th our school took part in "Take the Roof Off Winter" that promotes healthy outdoor winter activity in Nova Scotia. Students and staff participated in snow shoeing or skating activities and then were provided with some yummy hot-chocolate from GOALS!

programs, whether it be coaching, chaperoning, driving, organizing etc! With basketball ending, so begins badminton with District play scheduled for March 31st in Antigonish ... never a down time!

A huge congratulations goes out to Mr Martin's and his Drama 10 class on their wonderful performances of Grease on Feb 14th! Due to popular demand, the Drama class put on a sold out encore performance Feb 28th! A show of this caliber does not happen without hard work and commitment from our students and tremendous leadership and high expectations from an amazing director/teacher! Thank you Mr Martins for all your dedication and passion and providing such an unbelievable experience for our students! I would also like to thank those who helped out in any way from stage props, music, lighting, costumes, makeup, etc etc! Thank you all! And stay tuned.....Drama 11 performance of "*The Lion King*" in June!

In 2015-2016 the Minister's Advisory Committee on Student Issues (MACSI) was created to provide the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development with "information and advice on matters relating to the needs and concerns of Nova Scotia's students, as these matters relate to the mandate of the department, including recommendations with respect to new and existing policies, programs and services of the department that target or serve students". MACSI is comprised of 12 to 15 youth, appointed by the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. The committee includes one member nominated by each of the Regional Centers for Education (RCE) and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), from among their student councils. We are very proud to announce that CECGA's Jake Grady has been nominated on behalf of the Strait Regional Centre for Education, to serve on the Minister's Advisory Committee on Student Issues. Congratulations Jake and best of luck with your two year position on this provincial advisory committee!

Our school's Science Fair is taking place Tuesday, March 3rd and the SRCE's Regional Science Fair March 30 & 31st. Classes are also busy working on Heritage Fair projects with our school's fair taking place next month and the SRCE Regional Heritage Fair taking place May 1st. Our local Guysborough Historical Society (GHS) is pleased to announce new Heritage Fair prizes for students participating in the

annual fair at Chedabucto Education Centre/Guysborough Academy. The prizes will be awarded to Heritage Fair projects that cover local history; defined by the society as being within the boundaries of Guysborough County. More information regarding these Heritage Fair awards sponsored by the GHS can be found on page five of this newsletter.

Another important date is Friday, March 6th where we will start the day off with our P-6 monthly Kelso assembly where our Unified Sport team will be introduced. Following this we will be hosting a Guysborough Blue Eagles Unified Sport Basketball Jamboree in the gym (see attached schedule). Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. Having sport in common is just one more way that preconceptions and false ideas are swept away. It will run most of the day in the gym so come and cheer everyone on!

On March 31st we will be having our Primary Orientation. This means there is no school for our current grade Primaries on this day. If you know of anyone in the area that has not already registered their child for grade primary for the upcoming school year, please get them to contact us at 533-2288. Families who have registered or are planning to register their child in Pre-Primary for the 2020-21 School Year are invited to an **Open House on this day from 9:30am-11:30pm.**

March 13th there is no school for P-8 students as this is a marking and admin day for this grade level, there is still regular classes for grade 9-12 on this day. P-8 Report cards will be going home on April 2nd. Parent Teacher for P-8 (by appt) is scheduled for April 7th 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 8th.

Enjoy your March Break!!

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 March 6th 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.



Strait

Regional Centre for Education



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.

Guysborough Historical Society offers prizes for CEC/GA Heritage Fair

Wheels on the Bus

This March Break hop on and hop off our play bus for a day of adventure and fun! Climb aboard and imagine your destination. Where will you go today? Maybe you will work laying bricks or fitting pipe. Perhaps a visit to the post office is next on your list. Don't forget to stop at the grocery store before you shoot some hoops in the park or play a round of golf. There's much to do around town and the *Wheels On the Bus* will take you there!

March 14 to 22, 2020 Regular Museum admission fees apply Open Mon to Sat 9-5 pm Sun 10-5 pm



**Chedabucto Education Centre /
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Unified Sport Tournament- March 6th

Schedule-

10-1040- CECGA vs EAEC

1040-1110- SAERC vs Dr.JH

1110-1140- EAEC v RECA

1140-1210- Teams all have lunch together

1210-1250- RECA vs Dr. JH

1250-120- CECGA vs SAERC

Notes-

Snacks will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Cafeteria services will be available as well. Teams will have lunch together at this tournament.

Games will be two, 10 minutes halves. The 40 minutes budgeted per game is for a 5 minute warm up, short half time, announcing playing names before the game and certificate presentation at end of each game for a leadership award and team spirit award.

The TEC junior high unified sport team will be at this tournament to watch and cheer everyone on!

If you need anything during the day and can't find me, please feel free to text or call me Rachel-6311535.

Thank you all for coming and we can't wait to see you!!!



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The prizes will be awarded to Heritage Fair projects that cover local history; defined by the society as being within the boundaries of Guysborough County. The projects will be judged by Historical Society board members and awarded points based on presentation, knowledge of topic, and research cited.



Prizes will be awarded for first (\$50), second (\$30) and third (\$20) place. A book on local history published by the Guysborough Historical Society will also be given to each winner.

The GHS reserves the right to award no prizes in any given year if projects don't meet the above criteria.

Students may approach the society for access to historical resources if their topic has been approved by their teacher.

The GHS is founding this prize in accordance with its strategic plan and mandate which highlights community outreach and youth engagement.

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Day G	3 Day H Sr. Girls Curling Regionals	4 Day A Sr. Girls Curling Regionals	5 Day B JAGAS GIRLS CURLING BONSPIEL	6 Day C  9:00 am Kelso Assembly 9:00 a.m. Blue Eagles Unified Basketball Tournament	7
8	9 Day D	10 Day E	11 Day F	12 Day G	13 Day H Admin/Marking Day Pr. – 8 NO CLASSES Regular classes for 9-12	14
15	16 March Break	17  March Break	18 March Break	19 March Break	20 March Break	21
22	23 Day A	24 Day B	25 Day C	26 Day D	27 Day E	28
29	30 Day F	31 Day G Primary Orientation 8:42 am – 12:30 pm Badminton Regionals in Antigonish		April 2nd P-8 Report Cards go home	April 7th / 8th P-8 Parent Teacher	