

# Chedabucto Education Centre/ Guysborough Academy



Newsletter

November 2018

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Engagement Policy is attached to the newsletter for your reference.

As for school events, our extracurricular schedule has been very busy over the first two months, with boys and girls soccer teams competing. Thanks to the coaches and parents for their efforts and commitment! Our school teams were very competitive in their respective leagues and enjoyed a fun-filled season. Our Junior Girls and Boys had an exceptionally successful season winning their JAGAS league tournaments and bringing home their respective banner, congratulations to players and coaches for all your hard work! Both teams played very well and are to be commended on their efforts. CEC/GA certainly has no shortage of opportunities for students to get involved in a variety of activities and/or committees, and with volleyball and basketball seasons upon us, look for continued success and fun for all involved!

On Nov 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> there will be 600 grade 7 and 8 students, from across the Province attending a day and a half of learning experiences in Halifax as part of STEMfest 2018. The following will be in attendance representing CECGA; Josh Barnett, Anna Cook, Hannah Kamogawa, Kiera Newell, Gianna Pellerin, Brooke Rennie, Elinor Ryves, Mackenzi Sangster and Chloe Surette along with teacher chaperone Michael Wilson. During this event students will engage in ocean/water themed, STEAM-related workshops and activities, organized by EECD consultants and facilitated by a variety of organizations and partners. Students will also participate in the creation of a collective legacy art piece that will be installed at the Halifax Convention Centre.

Our school will also be hosting the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony for our school community on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The community ceremony will also be held here on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Thanks to all of

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that two months have come and gone in the school year already. P-12 Report cards are just around the corner and will be sent home this month on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The following week, our first Parent Teacher is scheduled by appointment for Nov 28<sup>th</sup> with an evening session from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm as well as an afternoon session from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call the school at 902-533-2288 to book an appointment. ***All P-12 students will be dismissed at 12 noon on November 29<sup>th</sup> and there will be no cafeteria service offered on this day.*** These parent teacher sessions are a means of facilitating discussions as to student progress and identify criteria for success, it is vitally important for all of us to use the information provided in those sessions to measure student progress. There are certainly many activities and events happening in our school on a daily basis, but the bottom line has to be the academic success of each student. Regular attendance at school also supports greater student success and achievement. Attendance supports student learning and promotes a sense of responsibility that students will need as they transition from the school system to post-secondary studies and/or the workforce. Information regarding the current Provincial Student Attendance and

those who work so hard to provide such a memorable event as we take the time to honor those who have given so much of their lives to make our world a safer place to be each day.

Other events of note upcoming for the month of November include Kelso on Nov 2nd, Admin and Evaluation Day (no school for P-8 students) on Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, AARAO post-secondary tour in our gym for grades 10-12 on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> as well as Take Your Kid to Work day on this day and Graduation Pictures on Nov 21<sup>st</sup>. As well, nine Preservice teachers will be joining CECGA on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> for a five week practicum with various teaching staff.

Please continue to communicate with the school if there are issues that you would like to see addressed. Together we can make a positive change for all our students.

Barbara Avery  
Principal



**\*\*NEW\*\***  
**BUS PASS REQUEST FORMS REQUIRED**

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. We will be sending some of these forms home with your child in the near future.** 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 Bus Pass Request Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Route #: \_\_\_\_\_

Civic # of Drop-Off Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Individual at Drop-Off Location Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name Parent/Guardian Signature

**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.

**TRANSPORTING STUDENTS TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

As of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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.

**SRCE Student Privacy**

The Strait Regional Centre for Education believes strongly in the need to protect the privacy of all students and recognizes the issues around the publishing of student images and personal student identifying information, especially on the public Internet and social media sites. However, the Regional Centre also believes that the showcasing of students, their work, activities and achievements, is an important part of school life and can be a very positive experience for students. Therefore, it is the practice of the Strait Regional Centre for Education and all schools to have written informed consent from parents/guardians before any student identifying information, including name, grade, school, video/voice/audio recording, images (photos) of students and/or student work, is used in print, online and in social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), and prior to any student media interviews.

In addition, as part of our efforts to celebrate the achievements of our students and to promote the school's various educational, sports and cultural events, media partners are invited to the school from time to time throughout the year to cover these activities so that our good news and success stories can be shared with our school communities. As such, there is a strong possibility that your child(ren) may be identified either by name, grade, school, video/voice/audio recording, images (photos) and/or

student work, in print, online and in social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

There are other times when one of our media partners may contact the school to profile a specific student, program or event that may involve a student(s) being interviewed, photographed, video recorded and/or audio recorded.

Students participating in extra-curricular activities or events where the public is invited (e.g., field trips, school concerts, sporting/team events, school fairs, etc.) may be photographed and/or reported on by the media or the general public. If photography or video recording occurs at these types of events, it is not possible for the school or Regional Centre to control the use of such recordings and therefore privacy cannot be expected at these events. It is important that when taking pictures or recordings, individuals are respectful of the privacy rights of anyone captured in their recording and that they not share them in any way without the consent of the individual or parent/guardian.

**Please complete the *Consent for Publication of Student Personal Information and Student Work* to indicate if you do or do not consent to your child being identified in the manner described above.**

All media requests, and associated contact with students, are carefully considered before being approved. We do our best to ensure that the personal privacy of students is protected and respected.

If you have any questions related to the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**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.

## FLUORIDE RINSE PROGRAM



In order for the **Fluoride Mouthrinse Program** to continue in our school we are in need of volunteers, The entire process takes about one hour and volunteers are trained by the Public Health Dental Hygienist.

If you as a parent, guardian, aunt, uncle, grandparent or community member have time to donate please call me for more information about the program.

Sharon Hearn 902-625-4375

## KELSO ASSEMBLY

Kelso Assembly will take place on Nov. 2nd 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**.

## 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.

## YOUTH HEALTH CENTRE

The Youth Health Centre is a safe space for students in grades 7 to 12 interested in promoting well being within the school and local community. Students are invited to participate in committee work, youth lead initiatives and workshops. The YHC also provides support to students dealing with a variety of health issues that impact daily life (e.g. sexual health, mental health, injury prevention, healthy eating and addictions).

Contact-Joni Mattie, Public Health Nurse/ Youth Health Centre Coordinator at 902-533-2250

Email: [Joni.Mattie@nshealth.ca](mailto:Joni.Mattie@nshealth.ca)

The YHC is open **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** from **9:15-3:15**.

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October 1, 2018

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

A Provincial Student Attendance and Engagement Policy came into effect on October 1, 2017. Please note the following information in regards to the implementation of this Policy at our school:

The Policy recognizes 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 the school system to post-secondary studies and/or the workforce.

### Responses to Student Absenteeism and Chronic Lateness:

A staged approach to responding to student absenteeism and chronic lateness will be followed. Responses to student absenteeism and chronic lateness will vary based on the age, grade, and development of the student, the professional judgment of teachers and principals, and the individual circumstances of the student. Responses may include connecting the student and/or their family with school-based or board-based supports and/or with outside agencies, if needed.

- *Increased connections* will be made after 10 per cent of class time is missed
- *Early interventions* are required when between 10 and 15 per cent of class time is missed
- *Targeted interventions* will be provided when a student has missed more than 15 per cent of class time.

**IMPORTANT:** Calculations determining the percentage of class time missed are based on the following absence codes found in the Parent Portal:

- Absent with notification = AWN
- Absent without notification = A
- Late = L
- Leave Early = LE
- Out of school suspension = OSS
- Absence due to medical reasons = MR

Based on our course schedule, the following thresholds apply for the 2018-2019 school year:

### Grade P-6:

Number of Days	5%	10%	15%	20%
195	10	20	29	39

### Grade 7-9:

Course	Classes/ Cycle	Classes/year	5%	10%	15%	20%
ELA	8	195	10	20	29	39
Math	8	195	10	20	29	39
Science	5	98	5	10	15	20
Social Studies	4	98	5	10	15	20
French	4	98	5	10	15	20
Healthy Living	3	73	4	7	11	15
PE	4	98	5	10	15	20
FST/TechEd	4	98	5	10	15	20



**Grade 10-12:**

Semester	Classes/semester	5%	10%	15%	20%
S1	118	6	12	18	24
S2	119	6	12	18	24
Math 10 (full Year)	236	12	24	36	48

**Loss of Credit for Grades 10 to 12:**

At the high school level, one possible response is the loss of credit at the Grade 10 to 12 level. In order to earn a course credit in high school, students are expected to be present for at least 80 per cent of class time. A teacher can recommend loss of credit when a student has missed 20 per cent of class time due to any absences, and strong efforts have been made to improve the student's attendance, but no improvement has been demonstrated by the student. Upon receiving the recommendation of a teacher, and working in consultation with the teacher and other school staff as appropriate, the principal will make the final decision around loss of credit. The principal is responsible for communicating the decision to the student and family. Students who lose credit(s) due to absenteeism are not eligible for credit recovery for that course.

**Communication**









Communication is an important part of managing student attendance. Recognizing that there are instances where parents/guardians are unable to provide the school with prior notification of a student absence (e.g., illness, injury, etc.), parents/guardians are encouraged to communicate any planned absences with the school well in advance of the absence occurring.

Promoting and supporting regular student attendance is a shared responsibility. All partners, including students, parents/guardians, teachers, principals, school boards, and community partners must work together. This policy is not intended to punish or marginalize students for circumstances beyond their control. The policy provides flexibility by allowing teachers and principals to use their professional judgment to determine when there may be extenuating circumstances affecting a student's attendance. In these cases, the school will work with the student and/or their family to respond with the appropriate incentives and supports, and/or to develop accountability mechanisms that recognize the student's unique situation.

For additional information, you are encouraged to read the Policy and Student Attendance and Engagement Operational Guide available at <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/student-attendance-and-engagement-policy>.

Sincerely,

Barbara Avery  
Principal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Day E	2 Day F 	3
4	5 Day G	6 Day H	7 Day A	8 Day B 	9 Day C 	10
11	12 	13 Day D Administration Day NO CLASSES Pr. - 8	14 Day E AARAO Tour Gr. 9 - 12 9:15 - 10:00	15 Day F	16 Day G	17
18	19 Day H	20 Day A	21 Day B 	22 Day C	23 Day D REPORT CARDS GO HOME (Pr. - 12) 	24
25	26 Day E	27 Day F	28 Day G  4:30-6:30 By appointment	29 Day H  (1:00-3:00) School dismissed at 12	30 Day A	