



Chedabucto Education Centre/ Guysborough Academy



Newsletter

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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 with 9-12 sent home November 18th and P-8 November 22nd. Our first Parent Teacher is scheduled by appointment for Nov 24th 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 November 25th. Please call the school at 902-533-2288 to book an appointment with an in person or phone call option for parents. No school for All PP-12 students on November 25th due to in-service in the morning and Parent teacher in the afternoon. 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.

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 had an exceptionally successful season winning their JAGAS league tournament and bringing home a 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, basketball and unified sport seasons upon us, look for continued success and fun for all involved! Just a reminder, as per Provincial Proof of Vaccination Protocol, volunteers and spectators, including parents and guardians, will 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.

Our school will also be hosting the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony for our school community on Wednesday, November 10th at 11:00 am. Thanks to all of 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 Take Your Kid to Work day for gr

9's on Nov 3rd , grade 7 & 8 immunizations Nov 4th, Kelso on Nov 5th (school-based only), Admin and Evaluation Day (no school for PP-8 students) on Nov 12th, Reality Check session for gr 10-12 Nov 12th, as well as Picture retake and grad group photo day on Nov 19th and Individual Graduation Pictures on Dec 1st. As well, ten Preservice teachers will be joining CECGA on Nov 15th 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



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.

SCHOOL INSURANCE PROGRAM

Every eligible child attending public school in Nova Scotia is automatically insured by the School Insurance Program's Basic Plan student accident coverage. This coverage is provided without deductible and at no cost. Basic Plan coverage can cover things such as physiotherapy, dental and medical equipment expenses, up to policy limits.

However, if parents/guardians wish to purchase additional coverage, the Gold Plan increases the time that your child is covered to 24/7 including summer vacations. Many of the specific loss accident payments are triple those of the Basic Plan. Please refer to the [School Insurance Program \(SIP\) Accident Insurance Policy brochure](#) or visit www.sip.ca for more information.

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



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

November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Day E	2 Day F	3 Day G	4 Day H  Gr. 7 & 8 Immunization	5 Day A	6
7	8 Day B	9 Day C	10 Day D  School Remembrance Day Service Students & Staff Only	11 Remembrance Day 	12 Day E NO CLASSES FOR PP - 8 STUDENTS	13
14	15 Day F	16 Day G	17 Day H	18 Day A  9-12 Report Cards Go Home	19 Day B Picture Retakes And Group Grad Photo	20
21	22 Day C  P-8 Report Cards go Home	23 Day D	24 Day E Parent/Teacher 4:30 - 6:30 By appointment only	25 AM Inservice PM Parent/Teacher By appointment NO SCHOOL P-12	26 Day F	27
28	29 Day G	30	Dec. 1st Individual Grad Photos			