

Chedabucto Education Centre/ Guysborough Academy



Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM OFFICE

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 gr 9-12 report cards going home on November 17th and P-8 on November 21st. Later that week, our first Parent Teacher is scheduled 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. There is a PD session for teachers during the morning of Nov 25th so no school for students 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. Communication is one of the biggest determinants of success or failure! 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.

As for school events, our extracurricular schedule has been very busy over the first two months, with boys and girls soccer and cross country 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. 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! As well, 20 representatives from a number of our school student leadership teams have been very active in preparation for the WE Day event on November 30th in Halifax. Also, an exciting new educational event has been organized by the Dalhousie University and National Film Board of Canada Ocean School Project in connection to the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (EECD) Education Day 2016. The event will bring together 250 students Grade 7 & 8 students and 500 students Grades 9-12 from across the province to engage deeply with the oceans that surround them with this year's theme being **Our Ocean Playground**. We have 3 students attending this; Will Imlay, Nolan Rimney and Dylan Pinkham accompanied by teacher chaperone, Mr. Wilson.

Other events of note upcoming for the month of November include Kelso on Nov 4th, a presentation given by Travis Price on the creation of pink day along with bullying prevention tips for gr 4-12 also on Nov 4th, Graduation Pictures on Nov 16th, and our Regional In-service (no school for students) on Nov 30th. As well, ten Preservice teachers will be joining CECGA on Nov 14th for a five week practicum with various teaching staff.

Our school will also be hosting the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony for our school community on Thursday, November 10th at 11:00 am. The community ceremony will also be held here on Friday, November 11th 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.

Each month in this note, particular attention is always paid to the accomplishments and hard work of our students, and this month is no different. But I would like to especially recognize the hard work of the staff at our school. From the building manager who opens the school each morning, to the custodians who continually work hard at maintaining a clean and safe environment for us all each day, to the secretarial staff who go above and beyond the call of duty, to the bus drivers who bring the students to school every day, to our support staff who work with our students each day, and to the teaching

staff who are working diligently to provide every opportunity for the students of our school ... thank you! As in all professions today, we are being asked to do more to meet the demands of an ever evolving world. The efforts these folks put forth each day is tremendous, and they deserve to be recognized for their efforts. Without everyone (home and school working together), the student success that we see each day would not be possible. 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 PASSES REQUIRING CIVIC ADDRESSES

We have received correspondence from the SRSB Operations Department regarding the importance of care and control around the issuing and driver acceptance of bus passes. **We have been asked to ensure that each and every bus pass includes a civic address for the requested stop** and that bus passes are not given for new stops. 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. Also, please include the date and name of the bus driver on the bus pass note. Please contact the school at 902-533-2288 if you have any questions about bus pass procedures.

Bus Passes for Allan Myers' Bus:

Due to high numbers of students currently on Allan Myers' bus, we can no longer provide bus passes for his bus. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

KELSO ASSEMBLY

The first Kelso Assembly for this year will be on November 4th at 9:00 am. Everyone welcome!



CECGA NOW ON TWITTER

To increase awareness on a variety of school-based, CECGA has launched a Twitter page. Our goal is to 'tweet' information including notable events, messages to parents/guardians, good news stories, class cancellations, to name a few. Please visit our profile and follow us at: <http://twitter.com/@ChedCEGA>.

TRANSPORTING STUDENTS TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As of June 4th, 2014, the SRSB 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.

CANCELLATIONS MADE AFTER STUDENTS COME TO SCHOOL

From time to time, school may be cancelled due to inclement weather, power outages, etc. As well, after school programs may be cancelled such as PACY, yoga, basketball, and so forth. We ask that all parents/guardians have alternate procedures in place for their child(ren) in the event that there is an early dismissal or cancellation. Please discuss with your child the family plan should school be dismissed early or a program/event is cancelled 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.

We will do our very best at this end to make sure things run smoothly, so please make sure you take the time to make these alternate arrangements. The office is very busy at these times; therefore, we request that arrangements **other than phone calls** be made for students to get home in a safe and orderly manner.

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**.

School Advisory Council Membership Information (2016-2017)

Our School Advisory Council is up and running for the 2016-2017 school year. We had two meetings thus far where discussions were held regarding issues pertinent to the school. This body serves a very valuable purpose in setting direction for the school and listening to concerns from the community. Below you will find the members of this committee and their contact information if you have any issues you would like brought forth.

Position	Name	Contact Information
Chairperson/community Representative	Leona Purcell	Leona.Purcell@nshealth.ca
Vice-Chairperson/student	Hannah Kelly (Student)	yellowfairyfiddle@hotmail.com
Vice-Chairperson/student	Spencer MacKeen (Student)	scmackeen@gmail.com
Parent/Guardian/Teacher	Michael Wilson	Michael.wilson@srsb.ca
Parent/Guardian	Allison Grady	guysboroughev@kids1st.ca
Teacher	Derek Macdonald	Derek.macdonald@srsb.ca
Teacher	Caitlin Gallagher	Caitlin.gallagher@srsb.ca
Support Staff (ACHFC Program leader)	Patsy Borden	Patsy.borden@srsb.ca
Support Staff (ACHFC Student Support Worker)	Colleen Pelley	Colleen.pelley@srsb.ca

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SCHOOLS PLUS

Homework Club in the SchoolsPlus Room will be on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 beginning in October 5th.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a few grade 10 – 12 youth to volunteer with the homework club. You would be helping Gr. 3-9 students with their homework. Anyone interested please contact Krista or Liz in SchoolsPlus.

We Will Change Corner

The *We Will Change* is a student-led group made up of grade 7-12 students who have a keen interest in volunteering. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 9th from 12:00 – 12:30 in SchoolsPlus

Pop Tab Campaign: A wheelchair was purchased last year for the school as a result of your pop tab donations! The money raised this year will go towards the cost of the We Will Change Group's projects. **Pop tabs can be dropped off to the Primary-6 classes or to SchoolsPlus**



Mitten Tree: We are collecting gently used mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to decorate our Christmas Tree found in SchoolsPlus deadline for mittens is November 30th. All donations will be given to Guysborough County Operation Christmas Spirit. Please drop off any donations to SchoolsPlus. (beside Guidance)



Facebook: SchoolsPlus Guysborough County now has a Facebook page. It can be found at www.facebook.com/guysboroughtschoolsplus or by looking up "SchoolsPlus Guysborough County". This site will be used as another means of

communicating with families and sharing programming information.

If you have any questions about Homework Club, We Will Change Group, SchoolsPlus programming or the SchoolsPlus Facebook page, contact Krista at (902) 533-3609 or krista.maceachern@srsb.ca



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 visit www.sip.ca for policy & limit information and for more information on how to purchase the optional Gold Plan.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

There are currently students attending **Chedabucto Education Centre** 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!



MEDICAL CONCERNS AND ALLERGIES



Parents/Guardians are asked to contact the school if their child has a medical condition or allergy which we should be made aware of (if you have not already done so). This will allow us to take some proactive measures to ensure the safety of your child. **Please note that no prescription or non-prescription medicine (ie: Tylenol, cough medicine) will be distributed to a student without a completed school medical form.** Please refer to SRSB policy to view the Board's new policy "Administration of Medications and Medical Procedure: IVB-2.

For more information go to our school webpage under Parent/Guardian tab.

GUYSBOROUGH YOUTH TRAVELLERS





Youth Travel Group is starting up a new adventure. Youth from grade 8 to 11 are invited to sign up to travel to London, Paris, Florence and Rome during the March Break of 2018. The Group Leader is Mr. Michael Wilson. There will be a travel meeting on Tuesday November 8th at 7pm in room 123. All interested in joining and current participants should attend.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Day E	2 Day F Take your Kids to Work Day	3 Day G	4 Day H Kelso Assembly 9:00 a.m. 	5
6	7 Day A	8 Day B	9 Day C	10 Day D School-based Remembrance Day Ceremony 11:00 a.m.	11 Remembrance Day 	12
13	14 Day E Parents as Career Coaches (Gr. 9 - 12) 6:30 - 8:30	15 Day F	16 Day G Parents as Career Coaches (Gr. 9-12) 6:30 - 8:30 Grad Photos 	17 Day H REPORT CARDS GO HOME Gr. 9 - 12	18 Day A	19
20	21 Day B REPORT CARDS GO HOME Gr. P - 8	22 Day C	23 Day D Education Day	24 Day E Parent Teacher by appointment 4:30 - 6:30	25 Day F School Based Inservice/Parent Teacher BY APPOINTMENT 12:30 - 2:30	26
27	28 Day G	29 Day H	30 Regional In-service NO SCHOOL We Day	