



"DR.W.A.MACLEOD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL" "NEWS"



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Parents/Guradians;

September has been VERY busy at Dr. W. A. MacLeod. The beginning of the year is always hectic but everyone has already started to settle into our school routines.

This month, our grade six students will participate in the writing of ELA and Math provincial assessments.

These assessments demonstrate if the student is meeting curriculum outcome expectations. Results will be sent home to parents/guardians in a few months' time.

The students have worked hard at preparing and I also want to acknowledge the effort all staff has put forth in order to prepare and guide our students through this process.

Our clubs, choir, band and sport teams are now in full swing and students have been encouraged to take the opportunity to try something new. Most club activities take place during our lunch break and our sport teams practice and compete throughout the county. We are very proud of our

students who represent our school well in all areas and most appreciative to staff and parent volunteers who give their time so these events can take place. Dr. W.A. MacLeod's School Advisory Council and Home and School have also conducted their first meetings. I would also like to acknowledge these members for their dedication to our school. Our Home and School have started plans for two Christmas activities and more information regarding these events will be sent home when made available.

Volunteers will be needed during these times so please help out if you can!

Thank you for all your support throughout the month of September and I look forward to the month of October!

Lee Ann Stacey, Principal

Alpha Awards September 2017

6	Claira Hughes
7-1	Mallory Matlock
7-2	Maggie Hughes
7-3	Aidan Smith
7-4	Gemma Simpkins-Ross
7-5	Jada Stewart
8-1	Mary Gillis
8-2	Isabel Kermack
8-A	Ava Gennoe
8-B	Olivia Fitt
8-3	Nadia Lewand
8-4	Cameron MacKinnon
8-5	Sydney Swain
Phys Ed 6	Nick Gillis
Phys Ed 7	Aiden Turnbull
Phys Ed 7	Emma MacLeod



IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 9	Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL
Oct. 10-20th	RW6 Provincial Assessments
Oct. 9th-13th	Fire Prevention Week Visit from Fire Dept.
Oct. 12 (TBA)	Halloween Dance 6:30 – 8:30 pm Gr.6-8
Oct. 19	Home&School 5:15pm
Oct. 27	Provincial Conf. Day (NO SCHOOL for students)
Oct. 30	SAC Meeting 5:00 pm
Oct. 31	Halloween Party P - 6 Orange & Black Day 7-8
Nov. 13	Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL
Nov. 29	Report Cards go home
Dec. 1	PD/Parent Teacher NO SCHOOL

'Terry Fox Fundraiser'

This month our school participated in the Annual Terry Fox Walk Fundraiser. Although, we had to postpone our walk on Sept.28th due to the rain, we managed to get our walk on Monday, Oct. 2nd. Once again, the parents, families, and community supported this very important cause by making donations totaling \$560.45. This donation has been sent on to the Terry Fox Foundation in Halifax in the name of our school. Thank you to everyone who made donations!

NOTICE

ALL VISITORS (including parents and guardians) **MUST** register at the office. If parents wish to contact their child, the student will be called to the office or the message will be delivered by a staff member. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom.

Emergency Preparedness

As part of our Occupational Health and



Safety plan, we will continue to make preparations for emergencies. We have been doing required fire drills and practiced the evacuation of our students. These exercises help staff ensure that everyone is adequately prepared in case of an actual emergency.

SIP

Please take note all students are covered by the Basic NS School Insurance Program. If you wish to purchase extra coverage please go to the website www.sip.ca for more information.

BUS PASSES

Arrangements for bus passes/alternate stops must be made in the morning. A written request (with the civic address and bus number) from parents must be presented to the teacher (P-6) first thing in the morning and they will permit the student to come to the office for the pass. Permission for bus passes is dependent on there being room available on the bus.

Change of Plans?



Please Note:

If you have made alternate arrangements for your child after school or if you are planning to pick up your child **PLEASE send a note to your child's teacher.** The Homeroom teacher will complete a sign out slip

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and send your child to the office for the requested time. Because of the limited space in our office, we are asking parents /guardians to please wait in the entry way once you advise us you are here to pick up their child.

IMPORTANT -

If you do not supply a written note your child **WILL** be sent home by their regular bus route.

If you have a bus concern, please call the bus garage at 485-7995.

Number
One
Safety
Rule!



Always make sure the bus driver can see you!

Waiting for the Bus:

- Always be on time.
- Never run to the bus, always walk.
- Stand back from the road.
- Before crossing the road always stop, look both ways, and listen for traffic.
- Don't push when getting on the bus.
- If the bus doesn't show up, do not take a ride from a stranger. Call your school for instructions.

When Riding on the Bus:

- Stay in your own seat.
- Place your bag on your lap and not in the aisle.
- Don't distract the driver.
- Don't yell or talk loudly.
- Always listen to the bus driver.
- Be kind to others.
- Always keep arms and hands inside the bus.
- No Food or Drink on the bus

When getting off the Bus:

- Hang on to the railing.
- Don't push other students.
- Always make sure the driver can see you.
- Make sure that you are at least 3 meters in front of the bus when crossing the road.
- Stop and look both ways before crossing the road.

Reminder to Parents/Guardians:

If you are leaving with your child at bus time, please allow the busses to proceed as they leave the bus circle - Please do not merge with the buses. The busses must have the right away as they exit the bus circle.

"Colder Weather"

Parents and Guardians should be aware that students do not enter the building until 8:15 am. As the weather has turned chilly it is really important to ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Golf

Cole Battist, Thatcher Keay, Owen Chabassol, Luke Hayman represented our school well at the Jr. Golf Tournament in Truro. Thank you to Ms. Ferguson for supporting our golf team.

Girls Soccer

The girls' soccer team is coached by Norman Ferguson and Tonya Gennoe. This 15 member team has been very competitive and represents our school very well.

Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team is being coached by Mike McPherson and Kory Avery. There are 16 members on the team who work hard and play with grit and determination.

Thanks for the boys for representing our school so well!

The season for both girls and boys finishes by the end of October.

Cross Country

The DWAMC Cross Team is comprised of students from grades 7 & 8 coached by Mr. Michael McPherson. Grade 4, 5 & 6 will participate in two Cross Country events this month at Frank H. MacDonald and Trenton Park. Mr. McPherson is currently looking for interested students to participate. The team participated

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in various meets. Thanks to Mike McPherson for his dedication and support of our Cross Country team.

Halloween

During the afternoon of Monday, October 31st the P-6 teachers will be

having Halloween celebrations with their students in their classrooms. Costumes aren't to be worn on the busses or in the classrooms during the morning. The students will have an opportunity to change into their costumes before their afternoon begins. Grades 7 & 8 will have an orange and black day!

**Gamers' Club**

Dr. W.A. MacLeod Consolidated has a Gamer Club who meet on Friday's at lunch time in Mr. Milbury's Room. Please listen to announcements for those meetings. Thanks to Mr. Milbury for providing this opportunity for students.

Dance Committee

The Dance Committee meets regularly to plan and prepare for our school dances. Members meet in Mr. Milbury's room and should listen to announcements for times and dates.

Youth Special Olympics

A program for children ages 5-12 who have any issues that makes it difficult to participate in regular sporting opportunities such as children with Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and children who are on an IPP at school. Program runs on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm at AG Baillie School, New Glasgow and one a month at the Heather Bowling Lanes. No cost or equipment needed. Program begins on Wednesday, October 11th. For more information contact Crystal Cameron: e-mail john.crystal@ns.sympatico.ca or cell (902)396-8717.

Trenton Parks & Recreation Children's Skating Programs

Anyone interested in registering for skating programs may register at the Trenton park office 119 Park Rd. on Wed., Oct. 4th between 11:00 am and 7:00 pm or contact Robyn Meyer, Recreation Programmer (902)752-1019 Email:

robyn.meyer@trenton.ca
Facebook.com/Trenton Parks And Recreation

Two concurrent programs offered: *Groups Sessions* (5-12) and *Parent & Tot Sessions* - parent accompanies skater on ice. CSA helmets and skates are mandatory.

Mariposa- East Skating Centre Canskate "Skating for ALL AGES"

Where:

Pictou County Wellness Centre,
New Glasgow

When: Oct. 18th - March 7th

4:50-5:40 pm

Contact:

www.skatemariposaeast.com

Pre-Register Online

Email:

info@skatemariposeast.com

Facebook: @MariposaEastSkatingCentre

Bluenose Curling Club Youth Curling at Bluenose Curling

(234 Park St., New Glasgow)

Little Rock Program for ages 5-12 (Grade P-6) Fridays from 5:00-6:00 pm starting on Nov. 3.

Junior Curling for ages 12-18 (Grade 7-12): Thursday from 4:30-6:00 pm starting on Nov. 2nd.

Registration on Wed, Oct. 18th, Minimal equipment needed.

More information can be found at: WWW.BLUENOSECURLING.CA or contact Crystal Cameron at john.crystal@ns.sympatico.ca or (902)396-8717

Free Flu Vaccine



Free influenza vaccine will be offered to all Nova Scotians again this year! This vaccine will protect against strains of the seasonal influenza that are predicted to circulate this season. In some people, **especially children under 5 years of age**, pregnant women, adults over age 65 and people with chronic

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illnesses, influenza can cause severe illness, hospitalization and death. **Vaccines are available at all Pharmacies as well as your Family Physician's office.**

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Mi'kmaq Heritage Month

Our school is observing Mi'kmaq Heritage Month with various activities and guest speakers during the month of October.

Pictou County Chapter Silent Witness Nova Scotia

"Barb's Bench Dedication Ceremony"

&

2nd Annual Walk to Remember
October 21st, 2017
(Rain Date - Oct. 22nd, 2017)
1:00 pm
Walk to Remember
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

New Glasgow Riverfront Gazebo

More information:

<https://www.facebook.com/silentwitnessPC/>

Professional Development Sessions

Staff attended a PD session on the use of our school's new Breakout EDU kits. Breakout EDU games are based on the escape room game concept. Teams of students have to solve puzzles, follow the clues, and crack the code to 5 different locks before breaking into the locked box to find a reward. Games are created by teachers and made specifically for certain subjects and curriculum topics. Breakout EDU games develop skills in critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication. Excitement is building for future games!



**PD Sessions
at
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