

St. Andrews Consolidated School News from the Eagle's Nest



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ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

We have had a busy fall with numerous events and activities. Congratulations to all for the school and community spirit to make them a success. I would like to thank the parents, staff and students for their support with events such as the Fall Family Fun Night and our Blueberry Fundraiser.

Our breakfast program is now running two days a week thanks to the tremendous support from our home and school members. We had a large turnout for our Halloween parade which was enjoyed by all.

It is now the beginning of November and **seasonal temperatures** will soon be quickly changing. We remind parents and guardians that all students are expected to be dressed to play outside during morning, recess and lunch periods. Please send mittens for your child in the mornings as it is quite chilly at that time and their little hands get cold easily. It is important for all students to get out and play, be active and socialize with one another. It is much easier to do this when you are dressed for the weather and comfortable. Please label items of clothing.

We are asking all visitors to remember to not use the bus loop for parking during events. Buses arrive @ 2:00 p.m. and when vehicles are in the bus loop, the buses cannot line up. Thank you in advance for your consideration with the bus loop.

Kirk Johnstone



Remembrance Day Service



Our Remembrance Day Celebrations will be held on Friday, November 10th @ 10:00 a.m. We hope you can come and spend the morning with us. Each November, Poppies blossom on the lapels and collars of over half of Canada's entire population. Since 1921, the Poppy has stood as a symbol of Remembrance, our visual pledge to never forget all those Canadians who have fallen in war and military operations. The Poppy also stands internationally as a "symbol of collective reminiscence". **Each student is asked to wear a poppy during this program. (we have the poppies at the school).**

Notes from the Music Room



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Our school choir began rehearsals mid-October. Rehearsals take place in the music room with Ms. Dunn MacIsaac each Wednesday at recess. Choir members have been asked to rehearse their music at home between choir rehearsals since our rehearsal time is limited to only a few minutes a week. Students have been shown how to access music/lyrics on Strait-Up for Parents/Guardians (link on www.srsb.ca) and any student who does not have internet access at home was given a CD. Our choir is preparing music for our school's Remembrance Day ceremony on November 10th. Choir members are asked to wear a white shirt and black pants or skirt (or another dark color if black is not available) for their Remembrance ceremony performance. Wearing all black or wearing clothing that is a combination of black and white is also fine.

NOVEMBER BOOK FAIR!! Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school. It will run from Monday, November 27th to Friday, December 1st. A letter with all the exciting details will be sent home with your child along with a flyer with examples of some of the titles that will be available at the fair. Please save the date of November 30th and take the time to come into the Book Fair during Parent/teacher conference sessions and fill out a ballot for the "Family Event" prize. A prize will be awarded to the child of the winning ballot as well as a prize for their classroom teacher. There will also be a classroom "WISH LIST" at the Book Fair. This gives you the opportunity to donate a book to your child's classroom library. Details will be available at the Book Fair.

See you at the Fair!

Ronda Stewart, Library Technician

BEGINNER GAELIC LESSON

Greeting People Through The Day

madainn mhath (mahteen vah)-
good morning

feasgar math (fayskuhr mah)- good
afternoon

lathe math (lahuh mah)- good day
you may also hear people say

madainn mhath dhuibh (ghuhyv)-
good morning to you

feasgar math dhuibh- good
afternoon or good evening to you

tapadh leibh - (tahpuh leeve)-thank
you

Thanks

Brian MacDonald, Gaelic Teacher



Shoe Safety! Parents are asked to reinforce shoe tying with your children at home. Some students are having difficulty keeping their shoes tied while at school and this is a safety concern on playground, in halls and of course in the gymnasium. Please do not send your child to school with laced shoes unless they can tie them up themselves.

**Strait Regional School Board
Culturally Respectful Acknowledgement of
Mi'kmaw Traditional Territory
Effective Monday, November 6, 2017**

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Mi'kmaw Traditional Territory**

On October 4, 2017, the Strait Regional School Board adopted the following Acknowledgement of Mi'kmaw Traditional Territory to be used in its entirety in schools, throughout the school year, during their daily morning commencement address and at all official School Board functions.

We would like to acknowledge that the land on which the Strait Regional School Board operates, for time immemorial, is in Mi'kma'ki (MEEG-MA-GEE), the traditional ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Classroom teachers will be discussing the importance of this Acknowledgment with our students.

Acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, is a way of showing respect for and honouring our shared history and shared Treaty relationship, a relationship based on peace and friendship. It is very important that we continue to recognize our shared history in Nova Scotia.

Implementing the Acknowledgement is an important opportunity for all of us to learn more about our shared history and to increase our cultural understanding and awareness. In addition, the Acknowledgement will further assist in building and maintaining strong relationships with Mi'kmaq students and families. It is also one of many important culturally respectful steps we can take toward reconciliation. The acknowledgement demonstrates a genuine sign of respect.

Historical Context

Mi'kma'ki is the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq, and includes present day Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador and the Gaspé Region in Quebec.

The Mi'kmaq are Nova Scotia's first people. In the 18th Century, Mi'kmaq people and the British Crown entered historic Peace and Friendship Treaties that created treaty relationships within Mi'kma'ki.

In 1982, under agreement, the British Crown transferred the Treaties over to the Government of Canada and to the Province of Nova Scotia. As written in the Constitution Act of 1982, "the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed". Mi'kmaq treaties are not about land, they are about peace and friendship. Land was never signed away to the British by the First Nation people. Treaties reflect the unique relationship between the British Crown and the Mi'kmaq because the Mi'kmaq controlled Mi'kma'ki when Europeans arrived. The Supreme Court of Canada has affirmed this unique relationship for more than 30 years and treaties continue to be "living and breathing agreements".

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Protocol

Following consultation with the Nova Scotia Protocol Office, the **Acknowledgement as noted above in blue shall be read after the national anthem(s) but before the routine school announcements are made.**

Thank you



We would like to thank all who made the blueberry fundraiser such a huge success. With such an enthusiastic response, we were able to offer 4 students (families) a prize for selling the most blueberries. It is thanks to all of you that we were able to have sales of 375 boxes. Not only do you help the school, but you get a very nutritious and tasty berry. Congratulations to Dillion Nixon Parker (Stacey Nixon & Shawn Swinkels), Amaranth & Lucas Gunter (Christine Lomore & Doug Al-Haini), Katie MacDonald (Serena & Craig MacDonald) and Ella & Luke MacDonald (Mary & Jason MacDonald) being our top sellers this year.

We would also like to thank Glenhill Berry Farm (Barb & Sid Taylor) for giving us the opportunity to have this yearly fundraiser.

NOVEMBER IN BRIEF!

Nov. 10—Remembrance Day Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Nov. 11—Remembrance Day-
(Saturday)

Nov. 13—Remembrance Day observed—**No classes**

Nov. 21—School Advisory @ 6:15 pm

Nov. 21—Home & School @ 6:45 pm

Nov. 20—Inservice Day—**No classes**

Nov. 23—Report Cards go Home
PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENT TEACHER WILL BE HELD THE FOLLOWING WEEK on Nov. 30th

Nov. 30—WE Day Event for Grade 6

Nov. 30th—Parent/Teacher sessions from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. & 4:00 to 6:00

Nov. 30th —Inservice —NO CLASSES for students



SchoolsPlus is a comprehensive and collaborative interagency approach to educating and providing service to the whole child and family with the school as the centre of service. The focus of SchoolsPlus is to support students and families by helping them in attaining timely and effective services which meet their identified needs.

We had a great time at the Fall Family Festival! It was so nice to see so many families come out to support the school. We also had a great time running the photo booth. Pictures that were purchased have gone home with students. We would like to thank the photo lab at the Antigonish 5 to a Dollar for the great job on the prints!

We had a blast exploring nature with grade 5/6's and Department of Natural Resources at Beaver Mountain Park for Kids in the Forest Day in October. Thanks to all who made the day run smoothly, especially Ms. Boyle, Mr. Alkerton, and Ms. Shelly, and a big thanks to the students who were all very well behaved and engaged!

The Antigonish Town Library hosts LEGO club every Thursday at 3:00pm and Knitting for kids every Wednesday from 3:00-4:00pm.

Marguerite MacGillivray - SchoolsPlus Facilitator
Tara Hassin- SchoolsPlus Community Outreach Worker



BUNDLE UP FOR WINTER WEATHER

A reminder that with winter weather arriving, students should be prepared when they go to school with **HAT, MITTENS, BOOTS, SNOW PANTS** and **WINTER COAT** and it is **ALWAYS** good to have a spare change of clothes for when you get wet.