

WEC News

April 2017

Principal's Message

With the calendar switching to April, I am counting on the snow to melt and warmer temperatures to arrive. That being said, it is still quite cold out on the playground. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately so they can enjoy playing outside.

From looking at the calendar, April is a busy month at WEC with Primary Orientation, the Book Fair, and Parent Teacher. If you did not receive a copy of the calendar for April, it can be found at www.wec.srsb.ca.

We are pleased to welcome two practice teachers from St. FX to WEC: Robyn Wilson and Whitney Gould.

Report cards were sent home on March 31 and we will be having parent teacher on April 6 and 7. Please call the office and make an appointment to discuss your child/children's progress. We look forward to seeing you.

Please contact me by phone (746-2441) or email (shelley.maclean@srsb.ca) to discuss issues or share ideas.

Shelley MacLean
Principal

School Advisory Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24 at 6 pm. All are welcome.

Important Dates

April 3 – Primary Orientation
April 6 – Parent Teacher (6:00-8:00)
April 7 – Parent Teacher (8:30-11:30) - no school
April 7 – Inservice (no school - afternoon)
April 19 – Eastern Counties Regional Library Mobile Visit
April 24 – School Advisory Council – 6:00 pm
April 28 – Inservice (no school)

Invitation to the School Communities of Bayview Education Centre, Dalbrae Academy and Whycomagh Education Centre to Attend the Third and Final Public Meeting of the School Options Committee (SOC) for the Dalbrae Academy Feeder System

In accordance with the Provincial School Review Policy, the School Options Committee for the Dalbrae Academy Feeder System will hold its third and final public meeting on **Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at Dalbrae Academy, at 7:00 p.m.**

The Dalbrae Academy Feeder System includes Bayview Education Centre, Dalbrae Academy and Whycomagh Education Centre.

The purpose of this public meeting is to present the preferred review scenario and to receive feedback from School Advisory Council members, parents/guardians, students, staff of the schools involved in the review, local community members and other interested parties.

For more information, please access the School Review section of the School Board website at srsb.ca.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at WEC from April 4-6. You will find hundreds of quality books at the Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels. This event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms. We hope to see you there.

April 4 - Class Preview Day (9:00 am -2:00 pm)
- Family Event (2:30 pm-7:30 pm) Everyone Welcome! Come enter a ballot to win books!
April 5 - School Purchase Day (9:00-1:30)
April 6 - Purchase Day
(9:00 am- 1:30 pm/6:00pm-8:00pm)

A Little Drama

Drama Club is off to a roaring start with 33 participants in grades 3 to 8! A highlight so far has been sharing mini-plays created by groups based around a quirky object (an iron, a large plastic spider, a shell...). Students' creativity and team-work skills grow and shine as they present funny and thoughtful plays to their Drama Club friends. Within the next two weeks we will begin working on a dramatic presentation to be shared with our school and community. We will be looking for assistance with props, costumes, make-up and hair as well as some coaching students with learning lines. Please call the school if these are of interest to you and if you have the necessary paperwork for direct work with students. It certainly takes a team to make drama happen!

Thank you to Eryn Sinclair and Connie Jordan for leading the Drama Club.

Badminton

Our Badminton teams have been practicing for the past few weeks getting ready for up-coming tournaments. We will be hosting the JARIS south Regionals at WEC on April 20. Finals will be held on April 25 – location to be determined. Our athletes are going for their 5th straight banner! A big thank you to coaches Lori Shaw and Rick Welton.

How About a Story?

Did you know that reading a story before bed, having books available around the house, reading yourself and just taking time to notice words are some of the keys to helping your child become a reader?

Research shows that the more frequently reading (of all sorts) takes place at home, the more success students experience as readers. When children start school and begin to learn strategies for reading, it is often through home reading each night that these skills are practiced and enjoyed. Plenty of praise for all reading efforts is important along with parent-initiated home reading in

the early years of school until students can take it on more independently.

In grades Primary through Six, all students are asked to do nightly home reading. If they have forgotten to bring a book from school that day, a book, chapter from a novel or other form of reading can be chosen from home. Please keep up your wonderful support of literacy and learning!!!!

Winter Carnival

As usual, both the P-4 and 5-8 Activity Days were enjoyed by all students. The grade 5-8 students also enjoyed some dress-up days as well as a Hawaiian Theme Dance.

Thank you to Lori Shaw and the Student Council for organizing the events and to the staff members who assisted.

Something fishy is going on!

Over the past few weeks, Mr. Turner's grades 3-4 class has been caring for about 200 babies!....baby trout that is. The trout eggs arrived at the school before March Break from the Margaree Fish Hatchery. As part of the 'Salmon in the Classroom' program the class will feed and care for the needs of the brook trout as they grow from alevin to parr. When they are large enough to survive in the wild they will be released in a nearby stream.

In other exciting fish news, stay tuned for the arrival of larger trout in our giant aquarium in the front foyer of the school. These 'teenaged' fish have an interesting group dynamic and it is fascinating to be able to watch them up close.