

Principal's Message

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you had a restful holiday with family and friends.

We will be going outside to play whenever possible to enjoy the beautiful winter weather. Please ensure your children wear outdoor clothes appropriate for this time of year.

Although next year may seem far away, 2018-2019 Primary registration is coming up shortly. Having registration in January enables the SRSB to plan and staff appropriately. If you know of anyone who has a child starting school next year, please let them know.

As was mentioned at the Christmas Concert, we are looking for parents who are interested in working on additions to our outdoor playground. This will be one of the discussion items at our next SAC meeting on January 15, 6:00 pm.

Please contact me by phone (756-2441) or email (shelley.maclean@srsb.ca) to discuss issues or share ideas.

Shelley MacLean
Principal

Important Dates

January 15 – School Advisory Council – 6:00
January 22-26 – Primary Registration at WEC during regular school hours
February 1 – Inservice Day – No school for students

Eastern Counties Regional Library Rural Visits

Students 12:30-2:30 Public 3:30-7:00

January 10	February 7
March 7	April 11
May 9	June 6

Ways to Stay Informed

If you want to know what is going on at WEC, there are many different ways:

- Monthly newsletter
- Information posted on our website <http://wec.srsb.ca>
- Homework – Each teacher has their own procedures which were communicated in the fall - StraitUp or Google Classroom or a notebook/folder
- ALERT system for special announcements and reminders
- Twitter - Please follow us @WhycocomaghEC.
- All parents/guardians are also encouraged to go to the SRSB website to access Stay Informed. This is most helpful for up-to-date, in the moment information re bussing.

If you wish to contact us, please call the school (902-756-2441 and Ms. Sadie Fee (Secretary) will connect you with the appropriate person.

Fundraising

Christmas Concert - \$802.85 in donations at the door which will go into the music department fund

Frozen Cookie dough/muffin batter- \$862.00 profit which will go into our playground fund. There are still a few cookie dough and muffin batter left if anyone is interested in purchasing.

Christmas Craft Market – \$735.11 collected at the door which will go into our general fund



Donations

Thank you to Stewart United Church and East Lake Ainslie AOTS Men's Club for their donations of hats and mitts, food for breakfast program/snacks as well as money for buying fruit.

Thank you to the local Home Hardware for their donation of winter hats.

Grade Primary Registration (2018-2019)

Primary Registration will be taking place from **January 22-26 during regular school hours** to allow time for school planning and staffing for the 2018-2019 school year.

Children who are 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2018, are eligible to attend primary. Parents/guardians may take advantage of this opportunity for children to attend school, or opt to wait an additional year before having their child start school. Parents/guardians are the best judges of whether or not their children are ready to start school.

Registration may be completed in person at WEC. The registration form may be accessed on the SRSB website or filled out when you come to the school. We will also need to make a copy of your child's birth certificate and provincial health card. Parents/guardians may also begin the registration process by telephone (902-756-2441) and provide the school with the required documentation at a later date.

Parents/guardians requiring assistance with the registration process are encouraged to contact Shelley MacLean, Principal, WEC.

Bus Passes

Please be advised of the following guidelines as developed by the Operations Department, SRSB.

Students are not permitted on a bus unless they are registered on the driver's roster; or they have been granted a bus pass by the School Principal or Designate.

All bus passes must be signed by the School Principal or Designate.

Passes must only be granted if there is room on the bus. Students with bus passes are to be dropped off at an approved/existing stop.

It is very important that all students are on their correct bus route for safety purposes.

"Little Learners" (Ready to Learn)

Family Place Resource Centre will be offering the "Little Learners" program (previously called Ready to Learn) again this year at Whycomagh Education Centre. This is a free program offered to all children starting school in September 2018. The aim of the program is to provide children an opportunity to experience learning through play, prior to their entry into the Primary School program. The program focuses on socializing the children to feel comfortable in a school based setting. Separation from parents/caregivers and positive social interaction with children their own age, makes up a large component of this program experience.

The program will be starting January 22nd and will continue on Monday mornings from 10-12 through to the end of March. A class schedule and registration packet will be sent home with your child after the first session on the 22nd.

Your child will need to bring a recess snack and some indoor shoes to every session.

*If your child is planning to attend the program, please contact Phyllis MacLellan by email or phone as soon as possible to register, as there is a limited number of spaces available. (If you have already contacted Phyllis, consider your child registered). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Phyllis.

Phyllis MacLellan ☺

Phone: 625-1496

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Invitation to Submit Nominations for a *Strait to Excellence Award*

The Strait Regional School Board is inviting nominations for the *Strait to Excellence Awards*, in accordance with [School Board Policy V-B-3, Employee Appreciation and Recognition](#), and [supporting procedures, PRO V-B-3](#).

The *Strait to Excellence Award* is an annual formal recognition to recognize employees who hold a position with the Strait Regional School Board and who demonstrate excellence in the workplace.

Criteria for the Award:

The Strait to Excellence Award will recognize Strait Regional School Board employees for their outstanding contributions and commitment in supporting the Board's Vision Statement, Beliefs and Mission Statement. This includes, but is not limited to:

- student achievement
- staff success
- school performance
- integration of technology
- health and/or safety of students and co-workers
- commitment to students
- excellence in the workplace
- cultural proficiency

Nomination Process

Employees or groups of employees, parent/guardians, school advisory council members and students may nominate employees by submitting a [Nomination Form](#) as contained in [Appendix B of the Employee Appreciation and Recognition procedures, PRO V-B-3](#) by Monday, January 15, 2018. [Nomination forms](#) shall be forwarded to the Director of Human Resources of the Strait Regional School Board.

Selection Process

A selection committee will be Chaired by the Director of Human Resources/designate and be comprised of one representative from each of the Departments of Operations, Finance, Programs and Student Services; one school administrator; and one Board Member.

Awards Presentation and Ceremony

A framed certificate will be presented to 10 – 20

recipients hosted at a School Board Function in the spring of each year. Recipients will be publicly acknowledged through appropriate print and electronic communication vehicles.

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact Darrell LeBlanc, Coordinator of Human Resources/ Information Technology at darrell.leblanc@srsb.ca with questions you may have in regards to this award.

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