

WEC News

June 2017

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we are once again at the end of another school year. As always, the students, staff and community of WEC have been wonderful. I am pleased to be returning next year as Principal.

May flew by with all the happenings at WEC:

- The arrival of some fish in the big tank
- Grade 3 Swim to Survive
- Grade 8 Orientation at Dalbrae
- Track and Field Meets at Dalbrae and CBU
- Celebration of Gaelic month
- Performance by Mi'kmaw students at NSSBA AGM

June is going to be just as busy with year-end school trips and the Grade 8 Year End Celebration to name a few.

While we have not had many hot days yet, I am sure they are coming. We have a new water bottle filling station, so students are encouraged to bring in a water bottle.

I would like to thank all staff and parents who helped make this year a success at WEC. Your contributions of time and talents are appreciated.

I'm looking forward to working with you all again next year. Please contact me by phone (756-2441) or email (shelley.maclean@srsb.ca).

Have a wonderful summer!

Shelley MacLean
Principal

School Advisory Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12 at 6 pm. We will be discussing staffing as well as other Topics pertaining to next year. All are welcome.

Important Dates

June 3 and 4 – Track and Field Provincials,
June 12 – School Advisory Council – 6 pm
June 14 – Alice in Wonderland – 7 pm
June 14 – ECR Library Mobile Visit
June 19 – Pre-Primary Fair
June 23 – Grade 8 Year End Celebration
June 28/29– Administration Days – no classes
June 30 – Last Day for Students

Staff for 2017-2018

While the staffing process is not yet complete, the following assignments have been confirmed.

P/1 – Carrie LeBlanc
1/2 –
Grade 3 – Eryn Sinclair and Debbie MacKay
Grade 4/5 – Vicky MacLellan
Grade 4/5 –
Grade 6 –
Grade 7/8 - Shelly Campbell (Math and Science)
Grade 8/7 – Rick Welton (ELA and SS)
PE/Health – Lori Shaw
Music –
RR – Eryn Sinclair
Resource – Debbie MacKay
Literacy Mentor/Resource – Betsy Jardine
Math Mentor/Math Intervention
– Jesselyn Petrie-MacDonald
YSF – Lisa Kidd (currently on parental leave)
Mi'kmaw Student Success Teacher– Miranda Gould
Vice Principal – Rick Welton
Secretary – Sadie Fee
Library Tech – Colleen Smith
Building Technician – James Shaw
Janitorial – Janice Bustin, Lisa Crighton
TAs – TBD



Canada Day

Celebrate Canada Day at the Waterfront Centre on July 1st. We will be meeting at 9:00 am for a hike on the Trans Canada Trail then at 2:00 pm we will be having celebrations of food, music, children's events and more. Music will be hi-lighted by Keith Mullins. Come out for a great day of celebrating how awesome it is to be a Canadian!

Track and Field

The WEC Track & Field team have been busy working hard, practicing and competing. The Inverness/Richmond District Track meet was held Tuesday, May 23rd at Dalbrae Academy. 28 team members competed on a rainy, cold, windy day. Despite the weather, top 9 athletes in each event moved on to Regionals.

On May 26th and 27th, 26 WEC track & field athletes traveled to CBU for the NSSAF Regional Track & Field Meet. The weather was horrendous: COLD, non-stop rain and wind on Friday; cold, drizzle and wind on Saturday. WEC had a great showing and many great results. Our Junior Girls finished second.

In each event, the top 4 athletes will compete at the NSSAF Track & Field Provincials at Beasley Field in Dartmouth on June 2nd and 3rd. Track Provincials is the largest sporting event in the province with over 600 athletes competing. It is quite an accomplishment to make it to provincials in itself. The following WEC athletes will be competing in Dartmouth ...

Joshua Smith 4x400m (4th).
Landon Jenkins 4x400m (4th)
Kai Ellis 4x100m (3rd)
Nikolas Wilcox 4x400m (4th), 4x100m (3rd)
Keir Jordan - 4x100m (3rd), 4x400m (4th)
Charlize Hart 4x100m (4th), 4x400m (2nd)

Mya Bernard Triple Jump (4th), 4x100m (4th), 4x400m (2nd)

Amber MacDonald 400m (1st), 200m (2nd), 4x100m (4th), 4x400m (2nd)

Auralee duBont -100m (1st), Shot Put (1st), Javelin (1st)

Luke Gould - Javelin (1st), 400m (2nd), Long Jump (3rd)

Jayden Shaw - Triple Jump (1st), Long Jump (2nd), Javelin (2nd), 4x400m (2nd), 4x100m (4th)

We are very proud of all our athletes. They had many top 10 finishes and new personal bests. Best of luck at Provincials!

GO WEC GO!

Alice in Wonderland!

The WEC Drama Club will present an adaptation of Alice in Wonderland on Wednesday, June 14th. A final dress rehearsal will be held in the afternoon for WEC students to enjoy and the community performance will take place at 7 pm that evening. Entrance is by donation towards student programs at WEC.

Come join Alice as she meets some wonderful, strange and entertaining characters in her adventure down the rabbit hole. There are a few surprises as the members of drama club have adapted the play to work for our large and enthusiastic cast. Come follow Alice and the white rabbit to meet Lewis Carroll, the Cheshire cat, the Mad Hatter and his tea mates, a flock of strange birds, the caterpillar, our rainbow of storytellers, the Queen and King of Hearts, the Cards, the roly polly hedgehog and a host of wonderful characters.



See you in Wonderland!!

**Volunteers/Chaperones
Criminal Record Checks/Child Abuse Registry**

Looking ahead to next year – we would love to have more parent/grandparent/guardian chaperones! If you are planning on doing any chaperoning next year, whether it be driving for sports teams, end of the year class trips, helping in the classroom or volunteering of any kind, you need to have your Criminal Records Check and your Child Abuse Check done. These checks are good for 3 years once they are completed. Please stop into the office to pick up the necessary documents.



**Bring the World into Your Home by Hosting an
International Student
Attention TEC School Community**

Imagine sharing the beauty, history and culture of Canada with a young student from abroad. The International Student Program, in the Strait Regional School Board, continues to grow with an increased number of students coming to NS to experience what our host families and our education system has to offer.

As the program grows in our communities, so does the need for more host families. Hosting an International Student offers your family the chance to broaden their experience with other cultures, while sharing the Nova Scotian way of life with a young person.

Students from the Nova Scotia International Student Program come with health insurance and their own spending money. Host families receive a stipend to cover additional costs. You provide a room, three meals a day and the experience of a lifetime.

To learn more about the Nova Scotia International Student Program (NSISP) and this wonderful opportunity to become a host family, please visit www.nsisp.ca and contact:

Shelley McGee-Wilson
NSISP Assistant Program Manager
[902-747-3670, ext. 2223](tel:902-747-3670)/902-631-0822 (cell)

Create Friends for Life!

Suas Leis a'Ghaidhlig

EXPRESSION: Cha bhi e fada a-nis (Ha vee e fata a-nish) - It won't be long now (until the end of school)!

PROVERB: `S i a' làmh a bheir a gheobh. - The hand that gives will receive.

DID YOU KNOW?: That Cape Breton is a hot bed of Gaelic Music in the summer. Check out camps at the Gaelic College and Highland Village. Take in an all ages dance in Glencoe, West Mabou or during Whycocomagh Summer Festival. Places like the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, Red Shoe, Glenora Distillery, Civic Centre, Blues Mills Fire Hall, Glendale Taigh an t-sagairt all host regular ceilidhs. These events and much more help the Gaels celebrate their music and attract many tourists to our areas. Suas !!

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Help Your Child Read This Summer!

Dear Parents,

Summer reading—it's important! Research shows that kids who read four or more books over the summer are better prepared for the coming school year and do not go down the 'summer slide'—the loss of reading and learning skills during the summer break. Reading over the summer months really does make a difference to your child's learning.

Here are five easy ways you can help your child reduce summer reading loss:

Make reading important.

Be a role-model for reading. Let your child see you reading throughout the day and use daily routines as reading opportunities. Cooking, reading TV listings, looking for information on-line, reading directions, or following a map all provide authentic reading experiences.

Give your child the power of choice.

Having reading materials available is key to helping kids love to read, and the reading materials kids choose themselves are best. In fact, 92% of children and teens say they are more motivated to read and are more likely to finish a book they have picked out. Help your child find texts that appeal to his or her interests, yet are age appropriate and 'just right' in difficulty.

Set aside time to read every day.

We know that the more kids read, the better they become at reading and the more they will enjoy reading. During the summer, encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes per day. Make reading 'down-time'—an opportunity for family members to read together, either aloud or quietly to themselves. Keep track of progress by recording book titles, pages read, and minutes spent.

Talk it up.

Talking about books during and after reading helps improve comprehension. Encourage kids to share their ideas and opinions by asking open-ended questions. Talk about what you read to let them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you—soon they might start doing the same.

Be part of a reading challenge.

Most local libraries have summer reading programs that help engage and motivate readers. Kids set a goal, track books they read, and receive incentives for achieving goals. Summer programs also promote reading club opportunities where children can discuss and share books with others, either on-line or in person. You can even create your own family reading challenge.

Have a great summer, and happy reading!