

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe it is the month of May. The school year is quickly coming to an end and these next few months are always busy. Please remind your child/children to keep doing their homework/home reading...there is still lots of learning left to happen!

During the month of April, Primary Orientation was held at WEC. Fourteen new Primaries came for a visit and had a wonderful morning. If you know of anyone who has a child turning 5 this calendar year who has not yet registered, please ask them to call the school.

Other events which occurred during April include the Gaelic class attending a presentation at the Inverness Centre of the Arts and the whole school participating in a drumming workshop with Keith Mullins.

Our Breakfast Program continues to be well attended. Thank you to the Ecumenical Holy Week Services for their generous monetary donation (\$ 992) to our Breakfast/Lunch Program.

We would also like to thank the Whycocomagh Lions Club for their generous donation of a box of books to the school.

As always, my door is open. Please contact me by phone (746-2441) or email (shelley.maclean@srsb.ca).

Shelley MacLean
Principal

Important Dates

May 5 – Grade 7/8 Mi'kmaq Class to Eskasoni
May 16 – Highland Village Presentations @ WEC
May 17 – District Track and Field Meet @ Dalbrae
May 18 – STFX Chem Presentation @ WEC
May 26 & 27 – Track and Field Regionals @ CBU

Spring Cleaning – Looking for Toys

If you have any of the items listed below and would like to donate them to the school, we would love to take them off your hands!

- board books for young children (eg. nursery rhymes, ones with different textures/things to feel, ones that make noises, Sandra Boynton, etc.)
- peg puzzles that make noise when pieces are put in (eg. animals, vehicles)
- cause-effect toys such as pop-up toys (something pops up when you push a button)
- DVDs of "The Wiggles"
- small musical instruments for young children (eg. xylophone, egg shakers, etc.)
- puppets
- visually stimulating toys for young children – those with colour and/or movement

Summer Soccer Registration

Whycocomagh Summer Soccer Registration takes place on **Tuesday, May 9th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** at WEC. Soccer will run through June and July with U4 to U8 (ages 4-8) meeting on Wednesday evening and U10 to U12 (ages 9 - 12) meeting on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Following May 9th registration will be dependent on available space. Please register on this evening or (if you are not able to attend) contact Cathy Kennedy (ages 4-8) at clgillis@nstu.ca or 902-756-3444 or Eryn Sinclair (ages 9-12) at eryncsinclair@gmail.com or 902-756-2329. Time to play!

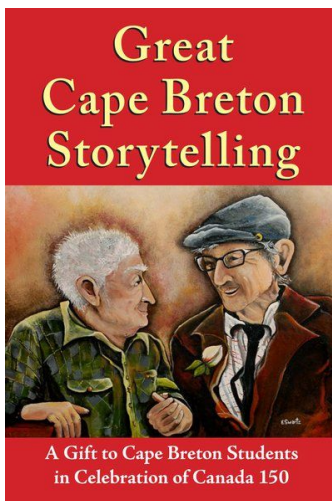
School Advisory Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Suas Leis a' Ghàidhlig

A gift to Cape Breton students in Celebration of Canada 150. Great Cape Breton Storytelling is a free digital eBook for all of Cape Breton—part of the “Isle of Story Festival” hosted by the Cape Breton Regional Library. Made possible with partial funding from Canada 150, it is part of the weeklong "Isle of Story Festival" hosted in 2017 by the Cape Breton Regional Library in collaboration with local organizations including the Cape Breton Regional Library, Breton Books, Cape Breton's Magazine CENTRE, Cape Breton University's Beaton Institute, the Centre of Sound Communities—Cape Breton University, Membertou Heritage Park, and Parks Canada.

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JARIS Badminton

On Tuesday, April 25th Whycomagh Education Centre hosted the JARIS Regional Badminton Tournament.

- 1st – Whycomagh Education Centre
- 2nd – Bayview Education Centre
- 3rd – East Richmond Education Centre
- 4th – NDA

This was the fifth straight year that WEC has won the badminton banner! Congrats to all the players:

Noel Doucette, Joshua Smith, Kai Ellis, Keir Jordan, Charlize Hart, Rheanon MacLeod, Stephen West, Luke Gould, Nikolas Wilcox, Jayden Shaw, Mya Bernard, Savannah Covin, Auralee deBont, Amber MacDonald

Thank you to coaches Rick Welton and Lori Shaw!

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.

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