

WEC End of Year News

June 29 2018

Principal's Message

I would like to take this time to let all of you know I will not be Principal at WEC for the next school year. Instead, I will be Vice-Principal at SAERC in Port Hawkesbury.

I have enjoyed getting to know all the families and staff of WEC over the past 3 years. Before I came to WEC, I was told it was a wonderful place to work – a fact that certainly proved to be true.

Some of the things I am going to miss the most include:

- the beautiful view from anywhere on the property
- the vibrant Gaelic and Mi'kmaw culture which makes WEC so unique
- the focus on being outdoors and being physically active as well as the focus on drama and music
- the fantastic teaching staff
- all the students and families I have gotten to know over the years

Thank you to all of you who have made my time at WEC so memorable. Have a wonderful summer!

Shelley MacLean
Principal

Almost Ready to Play!

School fundraising initiatives towards our new P-4 playground have been very exciting over the past months. As a community, through local fundraising, grants and pledged amounts we have raised almost \$30,000. With an initial goal of \$40,000 it feels as though we are almost there.

A huge thank you to all families who have supported the cookie/muffin dough fundraiser, Vesey's seed fundraiser, and the picnic table raffle fundraiser. The

tickets for the picnic table have all been created from the pledge sheets which were returned to the school. The draw for the picnic table will happen at the Strawberry Tea during the Whycocomagh Summer Festival.

Over the past week, students in grade 3-8 had the opportunity to express their preferences for a number of different playground structures that are possibilities for our new playground. These included climbing, swinging, balancing, sliding and musical structures. The playground committee will take this information to help choose the most interactive, usable structures for WEC students. It is hoped that this part of the playground can be put out to tender before the end of this year.

Fundraising will continue as we work towards an overall goal of \$80,000 which will allow for replacement of our ageing (but still safe) P-3 playground structures.

Growing in the Greenhouse

This spring we received a grant from the TD Friends of the Environment Fund to reinvigorate our greenhouse and raised beds. New gravel was added to the greenhouse floor, new soil and compost were added to all beds and repairs were made to planting tables and beds. Special thanks to all families who came out to help with these changes.

Grades 3, 4 and 5 students started plants indoors that were transplanted to the greenhouse and raised beds over the past two weeks. These plants will all be watered over the summer in hopes that there will be an abundance of fresh vegetables to be shared within the school in the fall. Looking forward to harvest time!!



WEC Staff for 2018-2019

The Strait Regional Centre for Education is currently going through the yearly staffing process. The following list is our staff to date and is subject to change.

Staffing 2018-2019 (as of June 29, 2018)

**** Subject to change**

Grade P/1 – Posted

Grade 1/2 - Kim Nadasdi

Grade 3 – Lisa MacNeil

Grade 4 – Posted

Grade 5/6 Marion Anstey

Grade 5/6 Connie Jordan

Grade 7 – Shelly Campbell

Math, Science, Tech Ed, Gaelic 4-8)

Grade 8 – Posted

ELA, Social Studies, Art

Principal – TBD

Rick Welton – Vice-Principal (50%) and Grade 7/8

Curriculum Support (50%)

Lori Shaw - P-8 Phys Ed, Grade 7 and 8 Health

Peter MacInnis – P-8 Music (50% WEC and 50% BEC)

Jesselyn Petrie-Mac Donald –

Math Intervention and Grade 5 Math

Posted – Mi'kmaw Language 4-8, Mi'kmaw Student

Success Teacher (shared with Dalbrae)

Lisa Kidd – Youth Services Facilitator

Betsy Jardine – Resource

Aimee Carter (2 days/cycle @ WEC) - Guidance

Secretary – Sadie Fee

Library Tech – Colleen Smith

Building Operator – James Shaw

Cleaners – Janice Bustin and Tanya MacLean

Teacher Assistants

Debbie Chisholm

Amy Leon-MacNeil

Donna MacInnis

Ashley MacLean

Megan Ryan

Canada Day

The Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre will be hosting Canada Day celebrations once again this year. Enjoy music, cake, barbecue, official ceremonies and other family activities. July 1st at 2:00 pm.

The Whycocomagh Summer Festival will be held this year beginning on July 16th. There will be many of the familiar activities throughout the week for the children. This year we will also be including a firework display following the family square dance that Wednesday. Further the parade will start at the school on Saturday at 12:00 noon and end up at the waterfront in front of the Presbyterian church. Here a family street fair will be held with games, music, a barbecue, and plenty more including an arm wrestling competition held by Mark MacPhail for under 18's. We hope the students will join in on the fun. We also encourage their participation in the parade, as we will be celebrating 45 years this year. Keep an eye out for the schedule of events to be sent out soon.

