

December 2017

Tatamagouche Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

Important Dates



- Dec. 1 ~ Site Based PD (am) - No classes
- Dec. 1 ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences (1-3pm)
- Dec. 6 ~ Christmas Lunch (Free to all students)
- Dec. 13 ~ Christmas Concert (Storm date Dec. 14)
- Dec. 21 ~ Last day before Christmas Break
- Jan. 3 ~ School Resumes

Check out Page 4 for a list of community events this month!

Christmas Lunch

Our annual Christmas Lunch will be taking place on Wednesday, December 6th, in the school gym. This is a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and is free for all students. If your child does not want turkey dinner that day, please ensure you send a packed lunch. Lunches will be staggered to accommodate all our students.



Clothing Labels

Our Lost & Found collection is forever growing!

We understand that it is easy to lose track of children's sweaters, changes of clothes, and personal items that get left behind at school. In order to assist us in successfully returning your child's belongings, please ensure you are writing their name on all personal items including shoes, sweaters, jackets, lunch cans, etc. Children, especially the younger ones, often times do not recognize their own items and careful labeling will ensure we don't have to rely on them to claim items. Multiple times throughout the year, unclaimed items are donated to the local clothing bank.

Dressing for the Weather

Please ensure that your children dress properly for the cold weather.

Unless it is raining heavily, students are expected to go outside at recess and at noon time each day, as well as first thing in the morning before the bell rings for school to start.



Hats or hoods, mittens, proper footwear, warm coats, and snowpants are essential in cold weather, even if there is no snow!

Reminder to Parents/Guardians

Please be reminded that the school driveway is for buses only between **7:50 and 8:10 am**, when buses are dropping children off and **between 2:20 and 2:40 pm**, when the children are going home on the buses. This is for safety reasons.

Please use the fire hall parking area to drop and pick kids up during these times. You can escort them across the road from here, if necessary.

Thank you.

Message from Terry Fox Foundation

"On behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation, we would like to say a huge thank you to the students, staff and school community of Tatamagouche Elementary for participating in the 2017 Terry Fox School Run. Your very generous donation of \$1,601.95 for cancer research, along with the donations raised from the other 8500 schools across Canada, will help us come closer to finding a cure for this disease. Thank you so very much for 34 years of participation. We feel honored and inspired by your dedication to Terry's dream."

Best,
Lacey Johns
School and Events Coordinator

Virtues

We are continuing our Virtues program in school to highlight and help children see the value of character, integrity, honesty and humanity as well as other qualities that are so essential in our world today. For many parents, you will recognize this program from last year and we hope to continue teaching the children in our school how important it is to care and respect ourselves and the environment and all of those who live in our community and beyond.

For more information about this project, you can go to www.virtuesproject.com

The virtues we are focusing on the next few weeks are:

- **Generosity** (Nov. 27 - Dec. 1): Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or a gift in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is seeing a chance to give what you have and then giving just for the joy of giving. It is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.
- **Joyfulness** (Dec. 4 - Dec. 8): Joyfulness is being filled with happiness. It is a peaceful sense of well-being. Joy is inside us all. It comes from an appreciation for the gifts each day brings. Joy comes when we are doing what we know is right, and when we laugh and see the humor in things. Joy is the inner sense that can carry us through the hard times even when we are feeling very sad.
- **Service** (Dec. 11 - Dec. 15): Service is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in their lives. It is looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked. The needs of others are as important to you as your own. When you work with a spirit of service, you give any job your best effort. You make a real contribution. People who want to be of service can change the world.
- **Thankfulness** (Dec. 18 - Dec. 21): Thankfulness is being grateful for what you have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving, and being. It is appreciating the little things around you and within you, every day. It is having a sense of beauty about the wonder of this world. It is being aware of the gifts in your life.

Winners from the weekly draw on November 3rd:

Waylon Landry for Cooperation
Vela Howse for Concentration
Ali Peterson for Self Discipline
Jessy McGrath for Kindness
Mason Marchbank for Courtesy
Maxim MacDonald for Respect
Victoria Lepper-Belliveau for Helpfulness
Jaelyn Aitchison for Service
Cohen Cameron for Helpfulness
Emmitt Wall for Helpfulness

Winners from the weekly draw on November 10th:

Rori Marchbank for Respect
Cohen Clark for Enthusiasm
Maya Scharf for Dedication
Cole Forbes for Responsibility
Lily Sikkema for Helpfulness
Lexi Uhren for Excellence
Jayden Ives for Listening
Gage Stewart for Service
Graison Purdy for Perseverance
Emma Purdy for Helpfulness
Yuri Margarit for Helpfulness



Winners for the monthly canteen voucher draw at the monthly assembly:

Peyton DeWolfe - Primary
Lucas Byers - Gr. 1
Alex Cook - Gr. 2/3
Malachi Tattrie - Gr. 4/5

Winners for the monthly hot lunch voucher draw at the monthly assembly:

Jayden Brown - P/1
Gage McGrath - Gr.2
Gareth Denning-Crouse - Gr. 3
Graison Purdy - Gr. 5

Winners from the weekly draw on November 24th:

Rhys Foote for Excellence
Madden Langille for Critical Thinking
Eli Donaldson for Self-Discipline
Gage McGrath for Reliability
Dakota Innis for Helpfulness
Gareth Denning-Crouse for Excellence
Avery MacCallum for Respect
Peyton MacDonald for Service
Jade Colburn for Orderliness
Terry Jollymore for Thoughtfulness

Primary Registration

Primary Registration for the 2018-19 school year will take place on **Thursday, February 8th**. If you, or someone you know, have a child who will be registering for school for the first time in September 2018, please contact the school to advise of the child's name and date of birth.

Registering students will need to have their **health card and birth certificate** with them at registration. Children must be five years old by December 31, 2018, to be eligible to enroll for the 2018-2019 school year.



Students of the Month Assembly November 2017

Legion Award Recipients

Legion Award Recipients for each class were as follows:
Parker Minney, Primary, for helpfulness, kindness & commitment to learning
Vela House, P/1, for perseverance and enthusiasm in school work
Taylor Ives, Gr. 1, for dedication to learning
Nevaeh Ross-Heim, Gr. 2, for hard work and determination!
Jack Wulf, Gr. 2/3, for perseverance
R.J. O'Quinn, Gr. 3, for improved math skills and class participation
Dylan Hiltz, Gr. 3/4, for always being enthusiastic & prepared for learning
Kylie-Anne Minney, Gr. 4/5, for her enthusiasm and hard work
Graison Purdy, Gr. 5, for mental math skills
Kaden Purdy-MacKenzie, Gr. 6, for good oral critical thinking skills

Class of the Month:
Ms Reid's Primary Class

Principal's Choice:
Mrs. MacKeen's Gr. 6 Class

Clean Classroom:
Ms. Morgan's Gr. 3/4 Class



Back Row, L to R: Frankie Beck, Malcolm Mattatall, Gordon Hillier, Bill Thomas, Dennis Tattrie

Front Row: Parker Minney, Vela Howse, Taylor Ives, Nevaeh Ross-Heim, Jack Wulf, R.J. O'Quinn, Dylan Hiltz, Kyli-Anne Minney, Graison Purdy, Kaden Purdy-MacKenzie

Classroom Recognition

Students who received classroom recognition for the month are as follows:

Ms. Reid's Primary class:

Gabby Boyd
Rhys Foote

Ms. Aitchison's Gr. P/1 class:

Adam Mattatall, Pr.
Leah Rushton, Pr.
Lunden MacDonald, Gr. 1

Miss Maybee's Gr. 1 class:

Rowan Cripps
Johnathan Ross
Logan Rushton

Mrs. MacDonald Martin's Gr. 2 class:

Kayden Farrell
Cole Forbes
Lily Hunt

Mrs. B. Martin's Gr. 2/3 class:

Zada Baker, Gr. 2
Brooke Whidden, Gr. 2
Konnor McNutt, Gr. 3

Ms. Laking & Mr. Smith's Gr. 3 class:

Darwyn Ayles
Dannilyn Carmichael
Levi Suidgeest

Ms. Morgan's Gr. 3/4 class:

Katie Cripps, Gr. 3
Adrien Hunt, Gr. 3
Avery MacCallum, Gr. 3

Mrs. Blaikie's Grade 4/5 class:

Lyla Baird, Gr. 4
Cohen Halverson, Gr. 4
Lucas Tolboom, Gr. 5

Mrs. Lockerby's Grade 5 class:

Sawyer Donaldson
Marcus Millett-Hunt
Mataya Veno

Mrs. MacKeen's Grade 6 class:

Olivia Matheson
Sarah Patriquin
Ella Ripley

Pizza Certificate Winners

Seth Skoke, Grade 4
Allen Langille, Grade 6
Sophie Forward, Grade 6

Each month at our Student of the Month Assembly, names of three students are drawn for a 12" Grecoworks pizza. These gift certificates are generously donated by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #64, the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and Ocean Lanes Bowling.

**Congratulations
to all our
winners!**

Christmas Events in Tatamagouche!

Friday, December 1st

- 4:45 p.m.** Sharon United Church is hosting a cookie decorating and caroling service
- 5:30 p.m.** Tree Lighting with carols and apple cider at the Post Office
- 6:00 p.m.** Lantern procession from tree lighting to Fraser Cultural Centre
- 6:30 p.m.** Festival of Trees Opening Reception at Fraser Cultural Centre

Saturday, December 2nd

- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Annual Festival of Trees at Fraser Cultural Centre
- 6:00 p.m.** Christmas Light Parade on Main Street

Sunday, December 3rd

- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Craft Sale at Legion

Saturday, December 9th

- 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Christmas Open House at the Library
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Christmas Scavenger Hunt starting at the Elementary School (\$10 per car, prizes to be won, proceeds for the Oddfellows)

Sunday, December 10th

- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Family Movie Afternoon at Sharon United Church (*The Polar Express* - by donation only—proceeds to The Food Bank)

Wednesday, December 13th


- 1:00 p.m.** afternoon performance of Tatamagouche Elementary School's Christmas Concert at Sharon United Church (donation to Tatamagouche Elementary's music program)
- 6:00 p.m.** evening performance of Tatamagouche Elementary School's Christmas Concert at Sharon United Church (donation to Tatamagouche Elementary's music program)

Saturday, December 16th

- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Santa visits at the Fire Hall
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Skating Party at the North Shore Rec Centre (NSRC). Prizes for best dressed boy/girl/family (by donation only—proceeds to Tatamagouche Elementary School's Breakfast Program.)
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** Movie Night at the NSRC (*The Santa Clause* - by donation only—proceeds to Tatamagouche Elementary School's Breakfast Program.)

Sunday, December 17th

- 7:00 p.m.** Tatamagouche Area Singers Christmas Concert at Sharon United Church



For further information, call Amanda at 902-890-6733 or Leanne at 902-890-7204.

Tatamagouche Elementary is again collecting for the **Christmas Index**, organized by our local chapter of The Oddfellows (Liberty Lodge). Below is a list of non-perishable items that we are collecting.

Stovetop Dressing	Canned tuna
Canned Cranberry Sauce/Jelly	Cereal
Rice	Crackers
Pasta, Kraft Dinner, and Hamburger Helper	Tea and Coffee
Pasta Sauce	Sugar and Honey
Peanut Butter, Cheeze Whiz, and Jam	Juice
Canned vegetables and canned fruit	Cookies and Christmas Candy
Canned soup and canned beans	Turkey Bucks

Items can be dropped off at the front entry of the school until December 14th!