



November 2017

Tatamagouche Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

Available online at tata.ccrsb.ca - check us out!

Important Dates



- Nov. 10 ~ Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Nov. 13 ~ (In Lieu) Remembrance Day (School Closed)
- Nov. 17 ~ Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes)
- Nov. 28 ~ Report Cards sent home
- Nov. 30 ~ Student of the Month Assembly (11am)
- Nov. 30 ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences (6 - 7:30pm)
- Dec. 1 ~ Site Based PD (am) - No classes
- Dec. 1 ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences (12-2pm)
- Dec. 6 ~ Christmas Dinner (Free to all students)
- Dec. 13 ~ Christmas Concert (Storm date Dec. 14)

Reminder to Parents regarding Morning Arrival

Mornings are very busy with teachers handling attendance, sorting out after school plans, receiving lunch and snack orders, etc.

Having students arrive late is very disruptive to classroom and school routines and we appreciate your efforts to ensure your child arrives at school by the time the bell rings at 8:10 a.m.

If your child must arrive late, you must come into the office to sign them in and let your child make their own way to their classroom.

If your child needs assistance going up to their classroom, we will help. Having parents escort their child to the classroom after class has started is very disruptive to classrooms. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Fall Fling Fundraiser. Congratulations to Joanne Bellevue who won the cake raffle that was generously donated by the Tipperary Café. We also wish to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations and contributions:

- Derados Pizza
- Tatamagouche Foodland
- Tatamagouche Fire Department
- Bella Vista Farms
- Dexter's Butcher Block
- The Tipperary Café
- Amanda & Jonny Weatherby
- Student Volunteers from NCHS

The winning ticket from our 50/50 draw is #0159993 - the \$50 prize is still unclaimed!

Reminder to Parents/Guardians

Please be reminded that the school driveway is **only** for **Staff** and **buses** between **7:50 and 8:10 am**, when buses are dropping children off and **between 2:25 and 2:45 pm**, when the children are going home on the buses. This is for safety reasons.

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

Thank you.



Show off your wonderful Nova Scotia community!
Host families needed for Junior & Senior High School students for local schools.

- Students require their own bedroom.
- You provide regular meals.
- You have a willingness to share your culture and your community.
- Families do not need to have children at the school.
- Students have their own spending money and health insurance.
- Tax free monthly stipend (\$575) provided to the family.
- Families have support of school board staff.

5 month students

(September - January / February - June)

10 month students

(September - June)

Various short term placements (1-3 months)



<https://nsisp.ca/become-host-family>
or call 902-956-3648

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:

- **Peacefulness** (Oct. 30 - Nov. 3): Peacefulness is an inner sense of calm. It comes especially in quiet moments of reflection or gratitude. It is getting very quiet and looking at things so you can understand them. Peacefulness is a way of approaching conflict with others so that no one is made wrong. It is being fair to others and yourself. Peace is giving up the love of power for the power of love. With peacefulness, everyone wins.
- **Courage** (Nov. 6 - Nov. 10): Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing, Courage is the strength in your heart.
- **Honor** (Nov. 14 - Nov. 17): Honor is living with a sense of respect for what you believe is right. IT is living by the virtues, showing great respect for yourself, other people, and the rules you live by. When you are honorable, you don't have to feel ashamed of who you are or what you are doing. You are worthy of respect. You set a good example.
- **Compassion** (Nov. 20 - Nov. 24): Compassion is having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is caring deeply and wanting to help, even if you don't know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you.
- **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.

Winners from the weekly draw on October 13th:

Parker Minney for Excellence
Vela Howse for Creativity
Johnathan Ross for Dedication
Ryan Forbes for Excellence
Wyatt Baird for Cooperation
Maxim MacDonald for Dilligence
Avery MacCallum for Respect
Seth Skoke for Excellence
Tyler Mingo-Amirault for Excellence
Genelyn Hunt for Responsibility



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

Waylon Landry, Pr.
Amy Rushton, Gr.3
Danney Casson, Gr.5
Christena MacLean, Gr.5

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

Leah Rushton, Pr.
Dyllan Cook, Gr.1
Berlyn Heighton, Gr.2
Keiver Matheson, Gr.3

Breakfast Program

Did you know...

- **our Breakfast program is run completely by volunteers?** Each morning our wonderful volunteers come in early and prepare a variety of healthy food choices for our students!
- **our Breakfast program is available every morning from 8:00 to 8:10 a.m.?** Because of the generous support we receive from individuals and local businesses, we have been able to offer our Breakfast program every morning! Fresh fruit, yogurt, and cereal trailmix are available every morning and hard boiled eggs or toast are served weekly.
- **we served, on average, over 60 students every day during the month of October?!** These numbers tend to be even higher during colder months!

Along with Board funding, we have received a President's Choice Children's Charity School Nutrition Grant this year, as well as food and financial donations from local businesses and parents! If you would like to help out, please call Heidi at 902-657-6220!

Students of the Month Assembly

Legion Award Recipients

Legion Award Recipients for each class were as follows:
Wesley Carruthers, Primary, for citizenship.
Madden Langille, Gr. 1, for diligence in academics.
Nolan Ripley, Gr.1, for enthusiasm.
Ryan Forbes, Gr. 2, for improvements made in reading.
Lily Sikkema, Gr. 3, for dedication, perseverance, and excellence.
Danica McAvoy, Gr. 3, for being a leader in math and science.
Keirsten Hunt, Gr. 4, for her artistic ability and focus during creative tasks.
Carson Langille, Gr. 4, for exceptional hard work.
Nicholas Peterson, Gr. 5, for leadership.
Terry Jollymore, Gr. 6, for thoughtfulness and consideration towards others.

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Class of the Month:
Miss Maybee's Gr. 1 Class

Principal's Choice:
Ms. MacDonald Martin's Gr. 2 Class

Clean Classroom:
Ms. Laking & Mr. Smith's Gr. 3 Class



Back Row, L to R: Laura MacMillan, Edna Veno, Winnie MacKinnon, Frankie Beck, Gordon Hillier, Bill Thomas, Dennis Tattrie
Front Row: Wesley Carruthers, Madden Langille, Nolan Ripley, Ryan Forbes, Lily Sikkema, Danica McAvoy, Keirsten Hunt, Carson Langille, Nick Peterson, Terry Jollymore

Classroom Recognition

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

Ms. Reid's Primary class:
Hunter Legere-Miller
Rori Marchbank
June Tattrie

Mrs. A. Martin's Gr. 2 class:
Ayla Delorey
Scarlett Hathaway
Blake Lamond

Ms. MacIntosh's Gr. 3/4 class:
Courtney Cameron, Gr. 3
Bella MacLeod, Gr. 3
Hayden Lepper, Gr. 4

Ms. Aitchison's P/1 class:
Drew Forbes, Primary
Declan Nicholson, Primary
Marty Margarit, Gr. 1

Mrs. B. Martin's Gr. 2/3 class:
Grant Carruthers, Gr. 2
Berlyn Heighton, Gr. 2
Ellie Tattrie, Gr. 2

Mrs. Blaikie's Grade 4/5 class:
Jocelyn Leveille, Gr. 4
Peyton MacDonald, Gr. 5

Miss Maybee's Gr. 1 class:
Dyllan Cook
Oliver Cook
Ali Peterson

Ms. Laking/Mr. Smith's Gr. 3 class:
Christopher Burris
Brooklyn Legere-Miller
Amy Rushton

Mrs. Lockerby's Grade 5 class:
Jade Colburn
Aiden MacConnell
Jonathan White

Mrs. MacKeen's Grade 6 class:
Josey Forbes
Luca Langille
Hailey Purdy

Pizza Certificate Winners

Sidney Thibodeau, Grade 4
Johnathan Buckler, Grade 5
Bryson Ripley, Grade 5

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!



Once again, AA Munro Insurance provided each of our grade 2 students with a smoke detector to take home! Pictured in the back row, behind our grade 2 students are local volunteer firefighters Sandy Cole, Adrian Mac-Callum, Jonathan Weatherby, Travis Tattrie, and Ken Newcombe, as well as Tara Heitkemper of AA Munro Insurance.

Nova Scotia Children's Oral Health Program - Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is eligible for the Nova Scotia Children's Oral Health Program?

A. All children 14 years of age and under with a valid MSI health card number are eligible for the Nova Scotia Children's Oral Health Program.

Q. What does MSI cover for children's dental care?

A. MSI currently covers some basic dental care services for children from birth up to the end of the month in which they turn 15. Once a year, the program covers:

- One routine dental exam
- Two routine x-rays
- One preventative service – for example, brushing and flossing instruction, and/or cleaning

Fillings, necessary extractions and nutritional counseling are also covered by the program.

In some cases, MSI also covers fluoride treatments. Check with your dental office to see if your child qualifies for a fluoride treatment paid for by MSI.

Q. If my family has private insurance, is my child still covered under the program?

A. Yes. The Children's Oral Health Program is a universal program that covers certain dental services provided in Nova Scotia. All children, age 14 and younger who have a valid MSI health card number are covered under the program.

Q. How does it work if I have private insurance?

A. The program is the payer of last resort. This means that your private insurance will be used first and MSI will cover the difference up to the regulated fee amount.

If your private insurance covers the regulated fee, then MSI will not provide any additional top up.

Under the program, your dentist cannot charge you any 'out of pocket' expenses for any additional amounts.

Q. Under the program, am I responsible for paying the difference above what MSI covers?

A. No. If your child is eligible for the program, your dentist should not charge you any additional expense for those services that are covered. Your dentist should bill MSI directly and they will receive payment based on the regulated fee. You are not responsible for the difference for costs that are covered under the program.

Q. My dentist asked me to pay the office for my child's dental visit. How do I get reimbursed for services covered by the Children's Oral Health Program?

A. Mail your invoice with your child's MSI health card number to Green Shield Canada:

Children's Oral Health Program
 PO Box 1671
 Windsor, ON N9A 0C6

You will be reimbursed for services covered by the program up to the regulated fee.

Q. What is a regulated fee?

A. A regulated fee is what MSI covers for a specific service under the program. A list of regulated fees is available at <https://www.novascotia.ca/Just/regulations/regs/hsidental.htm>.

Q. What if my child visits the dentist more than once a year?

A. Your child is eligible for one routine exam, one preventative service, and two routine x-rays per year, as well as fillings, which are not limited. If any additional services are received throughout the year, the dentist may charge you up to their own private rate.

Q. Where can I learn more about the MSI Children's Oral Health Program?

A. For more information view the dental fact sheet: [Nova Scotia's MSI Oral Health Program](#), also [available in French](#). Or call toll-free 1-888-711-1119.