



March 2018

Tatamagouche Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

Important Dates



- Mar. 9 ~ Winter Carnival
- Mar. 12-16 ~ March Break (No classes)
- Mar. 23 ~ Assessment Day (No classes)
- Mar. 30 ~ Good Friday (School Closed)
- Apr. 2 ~ Easter Monday (School Closed)
- Apr. 4 ~ Report Cards go home
- Apr. 19 ~ Parent/Teacher Conferences in evening
- Apr. 20 ~ Site based PD in morning (No classes)
- Apr. 20 ~ Parent/Teacher conferences in afternoon (No Classes)

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.

Absences

Parents are reminded that if their child is going to be absent, they need to call the school at 902-657-6220 that morning and leave a message to let us know.

Please include your child's first and last name, the name of their homeroom teacher, and the reason for their absence. This will ensure that your child is marked excused for the day and will assist us in monitoring and reporting sickness to the Department of Health.

Clocks move ahead on March 11th!



To Spring Ahead! 

Winter Clothing & Extra Mittens



Please ensure that your children come to school each day with appropriate clothing for winter - this includes not only a warm jacket, snowpants, snowboots, a hat and mitts, but also extra pairs of mittens. Most of our children go through **three or four dry pairs of mittens every day!** Even when mittens are placed on the register to dry, they are rarely dry enough for the next outing - students are expected to be outside playing at least three times each day - in the morning after arrival until the bell rings for the start of the day, at recess, and at lunchtime. Wet mittens do not keep hands warm, so please ensure your child packs extras. It is also helpful if you make sure your child's name is on their belongings - especially snowpants! Snowpants tend to all look the same, especially black ones! Ensure your child's name is written on theirs and check regularly to ensure the ones they have brought home are their own!

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:

- **Justice** (Feb. 26 - Mar. 2): Practicing justice is being fair in everything you do. It is seeing with your own eyes and not judging something or someone by what other people tell you. Being just is standing up for your rights and the rights of other people. It is taking responsibility if you make a mistake and making amends. Justice means that every person's rights are protected.
- **Enthusiasm** (Mar. 5 - Mar. 9): Enthusiasm is being inspired—full of spirit. It is being cheerful and happy. It is doing something wholeheartedly, with zeal and eagerness—giving 100% to what you do. Being enthusiastic is being excited about something, looking forward to it. It comes from having a positive attitude.
- **Reliability** (Mar. 19 - Mar. 22): Modesty is having self-respect. When you practice modesty, you are not showy or boastful. Modesty comes when you have self-acceptance and quiet pride. Modesty is to value yourself and to have a sense of respectful privacy about your body. Modesty is also accepting praise with humility and gratitude.
- **Modesty** (Mar. 26 - Mar. 30): Being responsible means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses. When you are responsible, you keep your agreements. You give your best to any job. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably. It is a sign of growing up.
- **Loyalty** (Apr. 2 - Apr. 6): Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals—when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. When you are a loyal friend, even if someone disappoints you, you still hang in there with them. Loyalty is staying committed.

Winners from the weekly draw on February 9th:

Rhys Foote for Helpfulness
Aidan Foote for Patience
Lucas Byers for Focus
Jack Wulf for Responsibility
Gareth Denning-Crouse for Excellence
Haylee Mattia for Listening
Peyton MacDonald for Helpfulness
Desarae Jardine for Cleanliness
Olivia MacLean for Helpfulness

Winners from the weekly draw on February 23rd:

Veronica Tattrie for Excellence
Marty Margarit for Excellence
Jacob Power-Clough for Self-discipline
Kolton Carmichael for Responsibility
Alex Cook for Generosity
Lexi Uhren for Excellence
Dylan Hiltz for Cleanliness
Malachi Tattrie for Service
Marcus Millet-Hunt for Reliability
Nate MacLeod for Helpfulness

Winners from the weekly draw on February 16th:

June Tattrie for Creativity
Adam Mattatall for Self-Discipline
Sarah Crouse for Dedication to Reading
Scarlett Hathaway for Cooperation
Ellie Tattrie for Responsibility
Andre Armas for Excellence
Avery MacCallum for Respect
Riley Allan for Helpfulness
Sawyer Donaldson for Helpfulness
Yuri Margarit for Helpfulness

Winners from the weekly draw on March 2nd:

Parker Minney for Thankfulness
Marty Margarit for Politeness
Johnathan Ross for Excellence
Hannah Byers for Cooperation
Izzy McNutt for Service
Max MacDonald for Respect
Hayden Lepper for Cooperation
Emma Purdy for Service
Cohen Cameron for Courtesy
Nate MacLeod for Responsibility

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

Scarlett Hathaway, Gr. 2
Hayden Lepper, Gr. 3/4
Addienna Halverson, Gr.4/5
Caius MacDonald, Gr.5

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

Hunter Legere-Miller, Primary
Marty Margarit Gr. P/1
Emma Keatley, Gr. 1
Guard Forbes, Gr. 3



Students of the Month Assembly

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Legion Award Recipients

Legion Award Recipients for each class were as follows:
Peyton DeWolfe, Primary, for citizenship.
Marty Margarit, P/1, for commitment to learning and improvement in writing.
Draven Lockyer-Keay, Gr.1, for his enthusiasm for learning.
Gage McGrath, Gr. 2, for reading and reading comprehension.
Ellie Tattrie, Gr. 2/3, for excellence and enthusiasm.
Chris Burris, Gr. 3, for creativity and perseverance.
Bella MacLeod, Gr. 3/4, for kindness, compassion, and willingness to learn.
Lucas Tolboom, Gr. 4/5, for his mature approach to his work.
Mataya Veno, Gr. 5, for always doing her best.
Garrett Tattrie, Gr. 6, for leadership with his peers

Class of the Month:

Mrs. B. Martin's Gr. 2/3 Class
Mrs. Lockerby's Gr. 5 Class

Principal's Choice:

Mrs. Blakie's Gr. 4/5 Class
Mrs. MacKeen's Gr. 6 Class

Clean Classroom:

Miss Maybee's Gr.1 Class



Back Row, L to R: Gordon Hillier, Bill Thomas, Dennis Tattrie

Front Row: Peyton DeWolfe, Marty Margarit, Draven Lockyer-Keay, Gage McGrath, Ellie Tattrie, Chris Burris, Bella MacLeod, Lucas Tolboom, Mataya Veno, Garrett Tattrie

Classroom Recognition

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

Ms. Reid's Primary class:

Zola Innis
Veronica Tattrie
Owen Yantzi

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

Declan Nicholson, Pr.
Alissa Scott, Pr.
Kathleen Soeder, Gr. 1

Miss Maybee's Gr. 1 class:

Ali Peterson
Johnathan Ross

Mrs. MacDonald Martin's Gr. 2 class:

Hannah Byers
Nevaeh Ross-Heim

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

Eva Jollymore, Gr. 2
Alex Cook, Gr. 3
Rylan Patriquin, Gr. 3

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

Andre Armas
Khloe Asselstine
Gareth Denning-Crouse

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

Avery MacCallum, Gr. 3
Haylee Mattia, Gr. 3
Layne Duggan, Gr. 4

Mrs. Blaikie's Grade 4/5 class:

Rowyn Tucker Gr. 4
Kevin Newson, Gr. 5
Malachi Tattrie, Gr. 5

Mrs. Lockerby's Grade 5 class:

Caius MacDonald
Tyler Mingo Amirault
Ria Suidgeest

Mrs. MacKeen's Grade 6 class:

Luca Langille
Owen McNutt
Sarah Patriquin

Pizza Certificate Winners

Tyler Mingo Amirault, Grade 5
Kevin Newson, Grade 5
Chloe Patriquin, 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!



Winter Carnival Day 2018!

March 9th

Our winter carnival will take place the last Friday before March Break! The dress up theme will be decided on in each individual classroom! Each class may also plan additional activities throughout the day.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. ~ Gr. P- Gr. 3 Skating*

11:30 - 12:00 p.m. ~ Gr. 3/4 - Gr. 6 Disco in gym

Hot Chocolate served at lunch!

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Gr. P-3 Disco in gym

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ~ Gr. 3/4 - Gr. 6 Skating*

*Students will be walking to the North Shore Rec Centre to skate in two groups – The first group (Ms. Reid's Primary, Ms. Aitchison's P/1, Miss Maybee's Gr.1, Ms. MacDonald Martin's Gr. 2, and Ms. Laking/Mr. Smith's Gr. 3) will go from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. The remaining classes (Ms. Morgan's Gr. 3/4, Mrs. Blaikie's Gr. 4/5, Mrs. Lockerby's Gr. 5, Mrs. MacKeen's Gr.6) will go from 1-2 p.m.

Skates must be contained in a suitable bag (no grocery bags!) or must have skate guards. All students MUST wear a helmet!



New School Update

As the new school building, Tatamagouche Regional Academy, is nearing completion, we wanted to let you know that despite being very close to final completion, it has been decided that in the best interests of the students, we continue to wait for a 'moving-in' date.

After the most recent inspection of the new school building took place it was felt, that in its current state, moving in immediately after March Break was not a viable option.

Whilst we acknowledge that there have been a few completion deadlines that have not materialized, we must remember that we only want to move in **when the school is ready**.

The building is extremely impressive and modern, one that will serve your children and families for many years to come. With such a well-designed building, one can imagine the detail that has gone into the design, planning and construction phases.

Two things are for certain, we will only move when the school is ready and your children and families will be in a learning environment, which they deserve and will serve them for many years to come.

For obvious reasons, even though we are getting down to the final phases of completion, any moving into a new building has to consider that it be "fully functional" and "operationally safe" before any 'take-over' of the building or moving in, occurs, which makes absolute common sense.

We still do not know the final date yet, this will be determined by further inspections that will take place over the next few weeks and through consultation with CCRSB, ourselves, the construction company and the DTIR.

B. Holmes
Principal