



April 2018

Tatamagouche Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

Important Dates



- 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)
- Apr. 26 ~ Monthly Assembly @ 11am
- May 18 ~ Site based PD (No classes)
- May 21 ~ Victoria Day (School Closed)
- May 31 ~ Monthly Assembly @ 11am

Volunteer Reading

Volunteer Reading has resumed at Tatamagouche Elementary School on the same schedule as before March Break.

Current volunteers who are interested in making changes to the day or time they read, please call Donna at 902-324-3269 or Heather at 657-2216. If you are interested in volunteering to read with our students and have never completed a volunteer package, please contact Heidi in the office at 902-657-6220.

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.

Clothing Labels

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 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.

If you are looking for a particular missing item, you are welcome to come look through our ever growing Lost & Found collection. Alternately, you could write a note in your child's agenda asking the teacher to remind your child to look for the missing item.

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:

- **Loyalty** (Apr. 3 - 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.
- **Assertiveness** (Apr. 9 - Apr. 13): Being assertive means being positive and confident. It begins by being aware that you are a worthy person with your own special gifts. When you are assertive you think for yourself and ask for what you need. You have the self-confidence to tell the truth about what is just.
- **Commitment** (Apr. 16 - Apr. 19): Commitment is caring deeply about something or someone. It is the willingness to give your all to a friendship, a task, or something you believe in. It is the ability to make decisions and follow through on them. It is keeping your promises.
- **Diligence** (Apr. 23 - Apr. 27): Diligence is working hard and doing the best job you possibly can. When you are diligent, you take special care to do things step by step. You think and move carefully to make sure things will turn out right. Being diligent is being industrious, giving all you have to give to whatever you do.
- **Gentleness** (Apr. 30 - May 4): Gentleness is acting and speaking in a kind, considerate way. It is using self-control, in order not to hurt or offend anyone. You can be gentle with people and animals in the way you touch them and the way you speak to them. You handle things carefully so they will not break or be hurt. When you think gentle thoughts, it makes the world a safer, gentler place.

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 from the weekly draw on April 6th:

Lexi Burris for Determination
Wesley Carruthers for Service
Drew Forbes for Diligence
Alissa Scott for Clever thinking
Rowan Cripps for Dedication
Sarah Crouse for Self-Discipline
Keegan MacAulay for Cooperation
Nevaeh Ross-Heim for Cooperation
Eva Jollymore for Excellence
Liam Black for Helpfulness
Darwyn Ayles for Excellence
Andre Armas for Excellence
Avery MacCallum for Respect
Katie Cripps for Respect
Peyton MacDonald for Enthusiasm
Cohen Halverson for Enthusiasm
Graison Purdy for Helpfulness
Quinton Good for Consideration
Kasson Tedford for Diligence
Hailey Purdy for Helpfulness

