

Chedabucto Education Centre/ Guysborough Academy



Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM OFFICE

Even though it still feels still like winter, Spring has arrived, and hopefully warmer days are ahead! As we begin the stretch drive to the end of the school year, there are many upcoming events and activities taking place at CECGA!

P-8 Report cards went home March 31st with gr 9-12 report cards going home on April 20th. Parent Teacher for P-12 is scheduled for April 6th with an evening session from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm as well as an afternoon session from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm on April 7th. There is a PD session for teachers during the morning of April 7th so no school for students on this day.

On April 5th we will be having our Primary Orientation. This means there is no school for our current grade Primaries on this day. If you know of anyone in the area that has not already registered their child for grade primary for the upcoming school year, please get them to contact us at 533-2288. Also, on April 7th we will be holding our STEP program (Pre-Primary) registration at the school starting at 8:30am.

Our school sports focus is on badminton with Districts, Regionals and Provincial Play to occur this month. We wish the team the best of luck with these

competitions. A big thank you to our coach for again volunteering her time to lead our student athletes in these activities.

Each year at this time, the anxiety and pressure that comes along with year-end drawing closer. Please take advantage of the many resources available at our school if you are feeling the crunch and finding that things are getting a little overwhelming. Feel free to contact our guidance office, Youth Health Centre or SchoolPlus staff if you need someone to talk to, regardless of the topic. By working together we can help alleviate any concerns that may be mounting, and hopefully allow for students to be as successful as possible in all areas of student life.

For this year`s graduates, the end of your high school career is coming very quickly. Be sure to maintain a strong commitment to your academic performance, and please be mindful of the many notices that are coming out regarding scholarship opportunities and post-secondary deadlines. Contact Mrs. Worth in the guidance office if you have any concerns around these items, and be sure to attend grad meetings as decisions on year end activities will be unfolding very quickly!

Barbara Avery
Principal CECGA



KELSO ASSEMBLY

Kelso Assembly will take place on April 6th for this month at 9:00 am.



CECGA NOW ON TWITTER

To increase awareness on a variety of school-based, CECGA has launched a Twitter page. Our goal is to 'tweet' information including notable events, messages to parents/guardians, good news stories, class cancellations, name a few. Please



visit our profile and follow us at: <http://twitter.com/@ChedECGA>.

TRANSPORTING STUDENTS TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As of June 4th, 2014, the SRSB has a new transportation policy in terms of student travel (IV-B-6) to extracurricular activities. In order to transport students (other than their own children) parent/guardians/volunteers will have to do the following:

1. Completed a Criminal Record Check and a Child Abuse Registry Check. (These are good for three years)
2. Complete a revised J form, which will require the school have a copy of
 - Driver's license
 - Vehicle registration
 - Proof of insurance
 - Teacher/Chaperone consent form
3. Confidentially Form
4. Volunteer Form

Please feel free to contact the school should you have any questions or need assistance completing the required paperwork.

CANCELLATIONS MADE AFTER STUDENTS COME TO SCHOOL

From time to time, school is cancelled due to inclement weather, power outages, etc. As well, after school programs may be cancelled such as PACY, yoga, basketball, and so forth.. We ask that all parents/guardians have alternate procedures in place for their child(ren) in the event that there is an early dismissal or cancellation. Please discuss with your child the family plan should school be dismissed early or a program/event is cancelled with no one at home. Children should know alternate locations to go to and/or where the spare key is hidden, contact phone numbers, etc. Ensuring that your son/daughter is well prepared for unexpected situations will help to ensure their safety in the event of an early dismissal.

We will do our very best at this end to make sure things run smoothly, so please make sure you take the time to make these alternate arrangements. The

office is very busy at these times; therefore we request that arrangements **other than phone calls** be made for students to get home in a safe and orderly manner.

PERMISSION NOTES



Written permission must be given to a student when he/she plans to stay after school hours, leave the school, get dropped off at another stop other than his/her regular stop or change buses. If there is no contact from a parent/guardian, the student will be sent home on his/her regular bus. Permission notes are also necessary to be exempt from participating in Phys. Ed. classes or other school activities. Parents are reminded that bus passes will only be issued **upon written request** signed by parent or guardian. These requests are to be brought to the office and given to the secretary **no later than recess**. Students phoning home during the day asking parents/guardians to request a bus pass ***IS NOT ACCEPTABLE***. Phone requests from parents/guardians will only be accepted in ***EMERGENCY SITUATIONS***.

SCHOOLSPLUS

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SchoolsPlus
A COLLABORATIVE INTERAGENCY APPROACH TO
SUPPORTING THE WHOLE CHILD AND FAMILY

Strait Regional School Board
Excellence in Lifelong Learning

SchoolsPlus seeks to improve the collaboration and coordination of services and programs for children, youth and families. The main goal is to bridge the gap between various community organizations and the schools by connecting students and families in attaining timely and effective services to meet their identified needs. SchoolsPlus supports a number of programs within the schools and community. Referrals come from the School Program Planning Teams, Administration, Families and Students as well as outside agencies. SRSB currently has four SchoolsPlus Models. They are located in Guysborough, Antigonish, Richmond and recently Inverness Counties.

You can contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator, Liz MacIntosh by calling 533-4046 or Community Outreach Worker, Krista MacEachern at 533-3609.

STUDENT SAFETY

With the ongoing concern for the safety of children, **all visitors to the school must report to the administrative office upon entering the school.**

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

There are currently students attending **Chedabucto Education Centre** with severe allergies that can cause an *anaphylactic reaction*. An anaphylactic reaction can be triggered by **ingestion, inhaling or touching** any of the identified allergens (**peanuts, tree nuts and nut products**). If an individual is exposed to an allergen, their body triggers an immediate immune response and sends out extra antibodies to fight the allergen. They can experience very strong reactions including hives, swelling of the eyes, ears, lips, and tongue. This requires immediate emergency care!



MEDICAL CONCERNS AND ALLERGIES



Parents/Guardians are asked to contact the school if their child has a medical condition or allergy which we should be made aware of (if you have not already done so). This will allow us to take some proactive measures to ensure the safety of your child. **Please note that no prescription or non-prescription medicine (ie: Tylenol, cough medicine) will be distributed to a student without a completed school medical form.** Please refer to SRSB policy to view the Board's new policy "Administration of Medications and Medical Procedure: IVB-2."

For more information go to our school webpage under Parent/Guardian tab.

WE WILL CHANGE CORNER

Here is an update of the projects the group is currently working on:



- **Easter Care Packages:** The *We Will Change* group is putting together packages for 3 local families in need. The packages will include Easter related items such as Easter candy, teddies, non-perishable food,

books, colouring books, games, and home items.

- If you have anything you'd like to donate to the cause, there will be a box outside of SchoolsPlus until **Tuesday April 4.**

- **Pop Tab Campaign:** Pop tabs are still being collected in the P-6 classes and outside of SchoolsPlus. In June the classes will have their next weigh-in for their chance to win a great prize! All money raised from recycling the tabs goes toward future projects of the *We Will Change* group. Money from the December weigh-in is going towards purchasing items for the Easter Care Packages.
- **Silent Auction:** Members of the *We Will Change* group have created paintings to be auctioned off at some point in the next two months. All money raised will go to help others. Stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, take a look at the beautiful creations on display in the SchoolsPlus conference room.






Phone Krista at (902) 533-3609/(902) 631-4699 or email at Krista.MacEachern@srsb.ca for more information.

SchoolsPlus

Homework Club takes place in SchoolsPlus every Wednesday from 2:30-3:30.




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APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Day A	4 Day B	5 Day C Primary Orientation	6 Day D Parent Teacher 4:30 – 6:30 Kelso Assembly 9:00 a.m. 	7 Day E STEP Registration Inservice /Parent Teacher NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher 12:30 – 2:30	8
9	10 Day F	11 Day G	12 Day H	13 Day A	14 GOOD FRIDAY .	15
16 	17 EASTER MONDAY	18 Day B	19 Day C	20 Day D  9 – 12 Report Cards Go Home	21 Day E SPRING FLING 	22
23	24 Day F	25 Day G	26 Day H  Pre-Service Teachers Last Day	27 Day A	28 REGIONAL INSERVICE	29
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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day G	2 Day H	3 Day A	4
5	6 Day B	7 Day C	8 Day D	9 Day E	10 Day F Kelso Assembly 9:00 a.m. 	11
12	13 March Break!!	14 March Break!!	15 March Break!!	16 March Break!!	17  Happy Saint Patrick's Day	18
19	20 Day G	21 Day H	22 Day A	23 Day B	24 Day C	25
26	27 Day D	28 Day E	29 Day F	30 Day G	31 Day H <i>P-8</i> REPORT CARDS GO HOME 	

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