



Superintendent's Report

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Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board

From the Superintendent's Office ...

LITERACY COACHES

A literacy coach partners with teachers, from any subject area, to provide in-classroom professional development and support in reading, writing, speaking and listening. This collaborative relationship allows teachers to reflect on student needs, and set meaningful personal goals. Coaches support these goals by co-teaching, modeling effective practices and providing resources and supports for classroom teachers. Because coaching is embedded in the actual context of the teacher's daily teaching, it can be a powerful and personal professional learning experience. This year the two literacy coaches have been very busy in diverse classrooms all over the school board from Primary all the way up to Grade 12, and requests are already pouring in for the next academic school year.

Upcoming Events ...

- ◆ April 6—Regional Science Fair (LCLC)
- ◆ April 12—Embedded CLT Day
- ◆ April 12—Education Committee @ 2:30 pm
- ◆ April 12—Corporate Services Committee @ 5:30 pm
- ◆ April 19—Committee of the Whole
- ◆ April 26—Embedded CLT Day
- ◆ April 26—Regular Board Meeting
- ◆ May 1—In-service Day (no school for students)
- ◆ May 5—Regional Heritage Fair (LCLC)

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATING THEIR LEARNING



Regional Fairs

Regional Fairs fall under the direction of Mary Chisholm, Coordinator for French Second Language Programs, Early Years Initiative and P-6 Programs. The Regional Science Fair is organized by Jane Berrigan (BJSHS) and Chad Frittenburg (BCS). The Regional Heritage Fair is organized by Susan Crowell (BCS) and Tony Eisnor (BES).

Science Fairs

Normally, the Science Fair is held in March however this year, to allow for more preparation time it has been moved from March 30 to April 6 and is scheduled to take place at the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC).

The Regional Science Fair is open to any student from grades 6-12 who has taken part in the development of a science fair project. In previous years, at the National Science Fair, South Shore students have placed in the top three positions in the areas of Applied Chemistry, Biotechnology, Physical Science (Renewable Resources), Health Sciences, Automotive and Engineering, and Environmental Innovation.

We have had many successful years, with numerous students winning bronze, silver and even gold medals. Over the past decade our students have also brought home approximately \$16,000 in cash awards, and \$80,000 in University scholarships.

Heritage Fairs

A heritage fair is a showcase of projects on some aspect of Canadian history created by students from grades 4 to 9.

Students choose a topic ranging from family heritage to national history, research it and present their findings in a medium of their choice to classmates, parents and others at a school fair. After the school fairs, students are invited to take part in a Regional Fair. At these fairs, students are interviewed by judges and take part in engaging activities related to heritage and history.



All of the elements of meaningful projects, inquiries, and historical thinking are encouraged in a Heritage Fair. Heritage Fair awards have been restructured for Canada's 150th Birthday to include a number of substantial cash awards for students in each registered regional fair. The SSRSB Regional Heritage Fair is scheduled to take place on May 5, 2017 at the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC).

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Inspiring students to reach their full potential.

SSRSB Staff Wellness Fair

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SSRSB Staff Wellness Fair
Saturday, February 25, 2017
11:00am - 3:00pm
Hebbsville Academy

On Saturday, February 25, 2017 the SSRSB Wellness Committee led a Staff Wellness Fair at Hebbsville Academy. The committee consists of Donna Halverson, Committee Chair; Jackie Swaine & Sally Tanner, SEIU; Mary Lin Tinney, NSGEU; Sara MaGee, NSTU; and Teresa Steel, Non-Union.

Thanks to the countless hours spent by the Wellness Committee, SSRSB staff were able to attend several wellness based sessions such as: Art Therapy with Teresa Steele; Paddling Yoga with the Cape LaHave Paddlers; African Drumming with Henry Bishop; and Employee Support Programs with the Human Resources department.



Over 16 wellness booths were offered supporting a variety of wellness and health information, activities and education.

Door prizes were given throughout the day which included gift certificates to Harmony Health, EmOcean Spa, Paintings by Teresa Provo and our grand prize draw was given to a lucky staff member who had an opportunity to visit at least 5 of these booths throughout the event -

Selena Verge - won a 6 month membership to LCLC!!

Seminars were very well attended with discussions on mindfulness, neck and back pain, mindfulness in the classroom, balancing your life and anti bullying.

NSTU, SEIU, Non Union, NSGEU and CUPE members were in attendance as well as some members of the public.



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Sally Tanner and Jackie Swaine
Local SEIU Presidents



Drumming with Henry Bishop



Teresa Provo teaching Art Therapy



Shelley Britten, Human Resources Generalist



Grace McNight of GRACE Inspired Living leading a group through a mindfulness exercise



The lunch crew prepared a menu of rice lentil & chicken soup; vegetable chilli; squash & ginger soup.



Celebrating the Accomplishments Of SSRSB Students!

Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Contests

Sadie Junger a grade 5 student at **New Ross Consolidated School**, was recently presented with the Provincial Command Award as Junior Entrant in the grades 4, 5, & 6 level of the Provincial Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Poetry Contest. Her poem has been sent by Provincial Command to the National Dominion Command for national judging in May.

The Literary contests are organized by Legion branches with schools in their area and the winning entries progress through various levels at the Legion with the final entries being forwarded to Legion national headquarters in Ottawa where they are judged and the national winners declared.

Participants are asked to submit an essay/composition or a poem with a Remembrance theme. Submissions are accepted in either French or English and are marked on the basis of originality of thought, expression, presentation, grammar and spelling. More than 100,000 youths from all areas of the country, in both official languages, participate in these



contests.

Pictured from left to right: Ron Langevin, Poppy Chairman; Sadie Junger accepting her provincial award; Darrell Cook, Zone Commander; and Roland Walker, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 79.



Congratulations to the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Poster contest winners at **West Northfield Elementary School!**

Primary Colouring Award Recipients



3rd, Lacy Uhlman
2nd, Rachel Lowe
1st, Amy Maughan

Primary Black & White Drawing Award Recipients



3rd, Oliver McDormand
2nd, Mirissa Hamm
1st, Ethan Lipsett

Junior Colouring Award Recipients



3rd, Mallory Huntley
2nd, Amarra Mayo
1st, Cayden Meisner

Junior Black & White Drawing Award Recipients



2nd, Parker Richards
1st, Reagan Lipsett

The Poster Contests participants are asked to submit their work in either black & white or colour format with the theme of Remembrance and what it represents to them. Similar to the Literary Contests, submissions are marked based on originality, expression and presentation.

Big Tancook Elementary School

School History

The first school on Big Tancook opened its doors on November 1, 1820 in a private home. Thomas Gibson was the schoolmaster.

In 1864 the first schoolhouse was built on the northern side of the island. It was located across the road from the present day building. This school was for grades primary to eleven.

Another school was located on the southern side of the island. This school was for grades primary to grade five. The two schools were named Northwest Cove and Southeast Cove Schools. In 1935 the population of the two schools was 85 students.



The Northwest Cove School was torn down and replaced by the present day one built around 1950. In 1967, grades seven to eleven were sent by ferry to Chester and Southeast Cove School closed its doors forever. Northwest Cove School became Big Tancook Elementary with grades primary to 6. There were two teachers. The school population in 1967 was 33 students. In 1992, the school became a facility for grades primary to five. There was one teacher. Big Tancook Elementary School is one of the last one room schools in Canada. Population averages 10 students. Present teacher and Principal is Elizabeth Sutherland.

The Tancook Ferry

The first ferry was built by Wesley Stevens in 1933 and owned by Willis Crooks, an engineer. It was called the Gerald L. C. and made its first run in 1935. Stanley Mason, a famous Tancook boat builder, built the second ferry. It made its first run in 1939 and could carry 25 passengers. It ran until 1944 and was called S.G. Mason.



In 1944 Stanley Mason built the T.I. Service which could carry 40 passengers, the mail, and a small amount of freight. In 1948 the provincial government bought the vessel and took over the ferry service. The T.I. Service operated until 1961.

In 1961 Dept. of Transportation built the Shoreham. It could hold 75 passengers and was better equipped to handle the growing needs of the islanders. The Shoreham did its last run in June of 1982.

The present ferry, William G. Ernst was built by Georgetown Shipyards in Prince Edward Island. It made its first run in June of 1982. It can hold 146 passengers and 4 crew-members. It is fitted with the most modern equipment, has a steel crane for loading freight, and is very reliable during the winter months.

The History of Big Tancook Island

At about 3 miles long and 1.5 miles at the widest point, Big Tancook Island is the largest of 365 islands in Mahone Bay, Lunenburg County. It is about six miles off the coast of Chester. The only public transportation is a fifty minute ferry ride from the village of Chester by government ferry.

Circa 1759 the island was granted to Patrick Sutherland who failed to develop the island and by 1790 it was given back to the crown. In 1792 both Tancooks and Starr Island were granted to J.H. Flieger and George Grant. In 1829, thirty families of German colonists and French Huguenots who had been brought over by the British government established their homes on the Tancooks.

The island itself is shaped like a fish hook, a symbol of survival for most of its people. Fishing is now the primary industry although at one time most islanders were farmers.

Boat building was once a booming business on Tancook. The first boat was built around 1827 by John Baker and was named Three Brothers. About 1880, Tancook became famous for the construction of the Tancook Whalers and Schooners. These boats were noted for their speed, seaworthiness, and fine lines. The last boat shop owned by Stanley Mason closed its doors in the late 1970's and boat building became a thing of the past.



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