



# September 2017

**Tatamagouche Elementary School**

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# NEWSLETTER

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# Welcome Back!

## Important Dates



- Sep. 20 ~ Meet the Teacher Night  
~ Scholastic Book Fair
- Sep. 22 ~ Terry Fox Run
- Sep. 26 ~ School Pictures
- Sep. 28 ~ Monthly Assembly @ 11am
- Sep. 29 ~ Site Based PD (No Classes)
- Oct. 5 ~ Picture Retakes
- Oct. 9 ~ Thanksgiving (School Closed)
- Oct. 27 ~ Provincial Conference Day (No Classes)

Registration for 1st Tatamagouche Beaver and Cub Scouts will be **Thursday, September 14th**, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Tatamagouche Elementary School. For further information, please phone 902-657-3300.



 **SCHOLASTIC**

### Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school. Parents will be able to come and buy books for their children on **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, from 6-7:30pm during Meet the Teacher, and children will have another opportunity to buy books during the afternoon on **Thursday, September 21st**.

What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms.

You will find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair, with a wide assortment for all reading levels.

### Forms

Parents are asked to please ensure they have carefully completed all student forms and returned them, with the \$25 Student Supplies fee. The \$25 fee can be paid by cash or cheque, payable to Tatamagouche Elementary, and given to the student's homeroom teacher or paid directly at the office.

The forms include the Registration form (4 sides), After School Plans form (yellow), Unexpected Early School Closure form (orange), Student Travel Form (pink), and the Publishing/Display of Images or Work form (blue).

### Breakfast Program

Just a reminder that our Breakfast Program has started. Our program is staffed by volunteers and much of our food is generously donated to the school in the shape of financial contributions and gifts. We thank all our donators for this.

Please be reminded that children need to be in school between 8:00 and 8:10am to take advantage of this wonderful program.

# 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](http://www.virtuesproject.com)

The virtues we are focusing on the next few weeks are:

- **Perseverance** (Sep. 11 - Sep. 15): Perseverance is being purposeful and steadfast. It is sticking to something, staying committed, no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear to stop you. A good example is the story of the tortoise and the hare. Even though the tortoise was slower than the hare, he won the race because he persevered—he didn't let anything top him or distract him. He kept going.
- **Friendliness** (Sep. 18 - Sep. 22): Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome or to make a stranger feel at home. When you are friendly, you happily share your belongings, time, ideas, and feelings. You share the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.
- **Respect** (Sep. 25 - Sep. 28): Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honoring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman, and child deserves respect, including you.
- **Joyfulness** (Oct. 2 - Oct. 6): Joyfulness is being filled with happiness. It is a peaceful sense of well-being. Joy is inside us all. It comes from an appreciation for the gifts each day brings. Joy comes when we are doing what we know is right, and when we laugh and see the humor in things. Joy is the inner sense that can carry us through the hard times even when we are feeling very sad.

## Check us out Online!

This is a reminder that our full-color newsletter is available to you online on our website at [tata.ccrsb.ca](http://tata.ccrsb.ca) or you can request to be added to our monthly email list by emailing Heidi at [ayleshg@ccrsb.ca](mailto:ayleshg@ccrsb.ca). Photocopied newsletters will continue to be distributed to the youngest child of each family, but the fastest way to obtain a copy is by email! Contact us today to be added to our email list!

### Addressing the complexity of bullying

At the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB), we know the only way to address bullying in all its forms is to start talking about it.

That's why every year we host Stand Up. Speak Out., CCRSB's board-wide day of action promoting social justice, anti-bullying and positive, healthy relationships.

It is important to recognize the complexity of bullying, so in the last couple of years a deeper conversation about social justice has emerged as an important piece of Stand Up. Speak Out. This has proven to be an important topic with our students, and led to the theme of this year's event: *What's Your Story?*

This is a fitting theme because it is through our stories that we know each other; it is through our stories that we build relationships and empathy; and it is through our stories that we can more deeply understand the pillars of social justice. What it all comes down to is that if we know someone's story, we are more likely to treat them with respect and understanding.

What we want to discuss during Stand Up. Speak Out. is how we interact with each other, how we treat one another and how we deal with feelings of anger and unhappiness. By talking about these things, we are helping to create a healthy learning environment for all of our students.

This year's Stand Up. Speak Out. will take place on Sept. 14 at Cobequid Educational Centre in Truro. We look forward to hearing from our students, teachers and community leaders on how we can address bullying, while working together to promote social justice in our schools and towns.

### Volunteering

All volunteers in schools within our School Board must complete a Volunteer Package, which includes a Criminal Records check and Child Abuse Registry form. This only needs to be done once. If you are not a current volunteer and would like to be added to our list, contact the office to pick up a Volunteer Package.

### Tatamagouche Area Minor Hockey

IP, Novice, Atom, Bantam  
Ages 4 - 14

Did you miss registration?

Contact Kelly Tucker at [kellyajcr@gmail.com](mailto:kellyajcr@gmail.com) or by phone at 902-957-2097.