

February 2018

Tatamagouche Elementary School

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Principal: Mr. Brian Holmes

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates



- Feb. 8 ~ Primary Registration
- Feb. 14 ~ Scholastic Book Fair (6-7:30pm)
- Feb. 19 ~ Heritage Day (School Closed)
- 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

Reminder to Parents/Guardians

Please be reminded that the school driveway is for buses only **between 7:50 and 8:10 am**, when buses are dropping children off and **between 2:20 and 2:40 pm**, when the children are going home on the buses. This is for safety reasons.

Please use the fire hall parking area to drop and pick kids up during these times. You can escort them across the road from here, if necessary.

Thank you.

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!

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!

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.

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Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school on **Wednesday, February 14th**. Children will have an opportunity to buy books at select times throughout the day. Parents and families will be able to come and purchase books during the evening from 6-7:30pm.

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:

- **Self-Discipline** (Feb. 5 - Feb. 9): Self-discipline means self-control. It is getting yourself to do what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You don't lose control of yourself when you are hurt or angry, but you decide how you are going to talk and what you are going to do. With self-discipline, you take charge of yourself.
- **Thankfulness** (Feb. 12 - Feb. 16): Thankfulness is being grateful for what you have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving, and being. It is appreciating the little things around you and within you, every day. It is having a sense of beauty about the wonder of this world. It is being aware of the gifts in your life.
- **Responsibility** (Feb. 20 - Feb. 23): 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.
- **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.

Winners from the weekly draw on December 8th:

Wesley Carruthers for Excellence
Ocean Ross-Heim for Responsibility
Nolan Ripley for Self-Discipline
Cole Forbes for Cooperation
Alex Cook for Service and Kindness
Dannilyn Carmichael for Excellence
Cheyenne Whidden for Listening
Justin Heighton for Service
Chloe Patriquin for Caring
Garrett Tattrie for Respect

Winners from the weekly draw on December 15th:

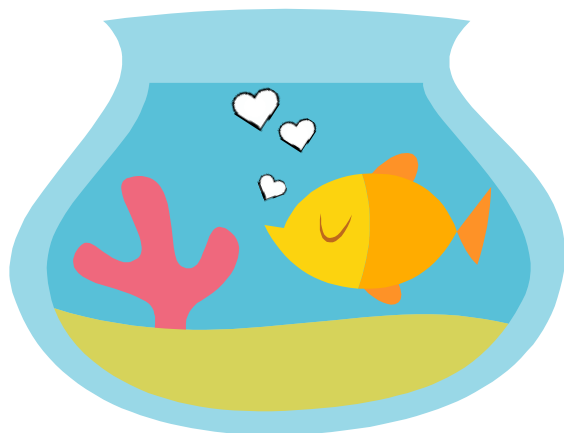
Hunter Legere-Miller for Cooperation
Aidan Foote for Thoughtfulness
Sarah Crouse for Dedication
Gage McGrath for Excellence
Grant Carruthers for Responsibility
R.J. O'Quinn for Excellence
Adrien Hunt for Listening
Justin Heighton for Service
Jade Colburn for Excellence
Olivia Matheson for Efficiency

Winners from the weekly draw on January 12th:

Peyton DeWolfe for Helpfulness
Aidan Foote for Creativity
Maya Scharf for Dedication
Nevaeh Ross-Heim for Patience
Berlyn Heighton for Enthusiasm
Levi Suidgeest for Respect
Sidney Thibodeau for Respect
Foster Whitman for Service
Mataya Venó for Patience
Yuri Margarit for Kindness

Winners from the weekly draw on January 26th:

Waylon Landry for Patience
Cohen Clark for Excellence
Eli Donaldson for Dedication
Blake Lamond for Listening
Lily Sikkema for Enthusiasm
Darwyn Ayles for Excellence
Adrien Hunt for Cleanliness
Alexander Smith for Service
Mataya Venó for Perseverance
Olivia Matheson for Kindness



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

Dacre MacDonald, Primary
Nick Wood, Gr. 2
Hunter Croft, Gr.3
Yuri Margarit, Gr.6

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

Wesley Carruthers, Primary
Jack Wulf, Gr. 2
Justin Heighton, Gr. 5
Jade Colburn, Gr. 5

Students of the Month Assembly

January 2018

Legion Award Recipients

Legion Award Recipients for each class were as follows:
June Tattie, Primary, for kindness and commitment to learning
Ella Black, P/1, for self-discipline and perseverance
Chesney Heighton, Gr.1, for dedication to learning
Tell MacCallum, Gr. 2, for growth in reading and reading comprehension
Berlyn Heighton, Gr. 2/3, for determination and courage
Faith Whidden, Gr. 3, for kindness and dedication to work
Katie Cripps, Gr. 3/4, for bravery, kindness, and helpfulness
Addienna Halverson, Gr. 4/5, for her hard work and determination to succeed
Quinton Good, Gr. 5, for work completion
Shaelyn Matheson, Gr. 6, for dedication and accuracy in math

Class of the Month:

Ms Aitchison's P/1 Class
Ms. MacDonald Martin's Gr.2 Class
Mrs. B. Martin's Gr.2/3 Class
Mrs. MacKeen's Gr.6 Class

Principal's Choice:

Ms. Aitchison's P/1 Class

Clean Classroom:

Miss Maybee's Gr.1 Class



Back Row, L to R: Laura MacMillan, Malcolm Mattatall, Frankie Beck, Gordon Hillier, Bill Thomas, Dennis Tattie

Front Row: June Tattie, Ella Black, Chesney Heighton, Tell MacCallum, Berlyn Heighton, Faith Whidden, Katie Cripps, Addienna Halverson, Quinton Good, Shaelyn Matheson

Classroom Recognition

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

Ms. Reid's Primary class:

Peyton DeWolfe
Faith Mulholland
Ava Sikkema

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

Aidan Foote, Pr.
Alissa Scott, Pr.
Logan Pope, Gr. 1

Miss Maybee's Gr. 1 class:

Dyllan Cook
Oliver Cook
Emma Keatley

Mrs. MacDonald Martin's Gr. 2 class:

Kolton Carmichael
Blake Lamond

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

Taylor Campbell, Gr. 2
Dakota Innis, Gr. 3
James Minney, Gr. 3

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

Bryson MacDonald
Taran Margarit
Lexi Uhren

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

Grayson Heighton, Gr. 3
Reese Weatherby, Gr. 3
Darius Baker, Gr. 4

Mrs. Blaikie's Grade 4/5 class:

Jaelyn Aitchison, Gr. 4
Gracie MacLean, Gr. 4
Justin Heighton, Gr. 5

Mrs. Lockerby's Grade 5 class:

Desarae Jardine
Axton McKay
Chloe Patriquin

Mrs. MacKeen's Grade 6 class:

Vanessa Bowser
Sophie Forward
Kasson Tedford

Pizza Certificate Winners

Brianna Cantley, Grade 5
Quinton Good, Grade 5
Gage Stewart, 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!

Winners from the 2017 Remembrance Day Poster and Essay Contest



Back Row, L to R: Laura MacMillan, Malcolm Mattatall, Frankie Beck, Gordon Hillier, Bill Thomas, Dennis Tattrie

Front Row: Ryan Forbes, Scarlett Hathaway, Faith Whidden, Amy Rushton, Josey Forbes, Owen McNutt, Shaelyn Matheson, Brooklynn Tattrie, Grace Venó

Posters

Primary (Gr. 1-3)

Colour

1st Place Faith Whidden (Gr. 3)
2nd Place Ryan Forbes (Gr. 2)

Black & White

1st Place Amy Rushton (Gr. 3)
2nd Place Scarlett Hathaway (Gr. 2)

Junior (Gr. 4-6)

Colour

1st Place Kaden Purdy-MacKenzie (Gr. 6)
2nd Place Shaelyn Matheson (Gr. 6)

Black & White

1st Place Nate MacLeod (Gr. 6)
2nd Place Josey Forbes (Gr. 6)

Essay

Junior (Gr. 4-6)

1st Place Grace Venó (Gr. 6)

Poetry

Junior (Gr. 4-6)

1st Place Brooklynn Hayman (Gr. 6)
2nd Place Owen McNutt (Gr. 6)

Congratulations to all our winners!



Show off your wonderful Nova Scotia community!
Host families needed for Junior & Senior High School students for local schools.

Have you considered hosting?
Why not give it a try?

- You have a willingness to share your culture and your community.
 - Families do not need to have children at the school.
 - Students have their own spending money and health insurance.
 - Tax free monthly stipend (\$575) provided to the host family.
 - Families have support of school board staff.
 - 5 month students (Sep -Jan)
 - 10 month students (Sep - Jun)
- Various short term placements (1-3 months)
May 2018 - 10 day placements



<https://www.nsisp.ca/become-host-family>
902-956-3648

PRIDHAMS STUDIOS

Attention Parents!! You can still order those school photos even if you missed the date!
Call us or come into the studio!
Call 902-895-1694
Email Pridhamsrobj@eastlink.ca
or Visit www.pridhamsstudio.com



“There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.” ~ Thomas Aquinas