

May 2018

Tatamagouche Elementary School

30 Church Street

www.tata.ccrsb.ca

Telephone: 902-657-6220

Principal: Mr. Brian Holmes



NEWSLETTER

Important Dates



- May 18 ~ Site based PD (No classes)
- May 21 ~ Victoria Day (School Closed)
- May 24 ~ Monthly Assembly @ 11am
- Jun. 1 ~ Annual *Let Me Be Me* Rally
- TBA ~ Bike Rodeo
- Jun. 27 ~ Gr. 6 Amazing Race (8:30am—12pm)
~ Talent Show (1pm)
- Jun. 28 ~ Assessment Day (No classes)
- Jun. 29 ~ Report Card Day

THE AMAZING RACE

- The Amazing Race for the grade 6 class is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., but is dependent on having enough approved volunteers/chaperones.
- Anyone wishing to walk with one of the groups or help out in other ways, please contact Mrs. MacKeen. If you do not yet have a completed Volunteer package on file, please contact the school office to get one.

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.

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.

We are so pleased to welcome Ms. Nicole Church as the covering teacher for the remainder of the 2017-18 year, in Ms. Maybee's Grade One class while Ms. Maybee takes her maternity leave.

We wish Ms. Maybee all the best with the upcoming birth of her baby girl.

Let Me Be Me Rally

Our sixth annual *Let Me Be Me* Rally will be taking place on Friday, June 1st. In celebration of the diversity in our schools and community, students and teachers from Tatamagouche Elementary and North Colchester High School will walk from the community field behind the library, through the library parking lot, continuing along Main Street to the Creamery Square.

Parents, guardians and community members are encouraged to join in the walk and gather with students at Creamery Square to celebrate the differences that make us all unique!

Please mark your calendar and join us from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. for this wonderful celebration!

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:

- **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.
- **Trust** (May 7 - May 11): Trust is believing in someone or something. It is having confidence that the right thing will happen without trying to control it or make it happen. Sometimes it is hard to trust when life brings painful experiences. Trust is being sure, down deep, that there is some good in everything that happens.
- **Moderation** (May 14 - May 18): Moderation is creating balance in your life between work and play, rest and exercise. It is having or doing enough of something—not too much, not too little, but what is just right for you. If you study all the time or play all the time it is not being moderate. Moderation is being in charge of your time and using self-discipline to keep from doing too much or too little.
- **Tact** (May 21- May 25): Tact is telling the truth kindly, with consideration for how your words will affect others. It is knowing what to say and what is better left unsaid. Tact is thinking before you speak. When you are tactful, you don't tease or point out people's differences to embarrass them. You are as careful about others' feelings as you would like them to be of yours.
- **Idealism** (May 28 - Jun. 1): A person with ideals is a person who really cares about what is right and meaningful in life. When you practice idealism, you have beliefs that mean something to you and you follow them. You don't just accept things the way they are. You want to make a difference. Idealists dare to have big dreams and then act as if they are possible.

Winners from the weekly draw on April 13th:

Ava Sikkema for Cooperation
Madden Langille for Determination
Raven Clarke for Perseverance
Kolton Carmichael for Helpfulness
James Minney for Commitment
Danica McAvoy for Respect
Bella MacLeod for Respect
Addienna Halverson for Enthusiasm
Tyler Mingo Amirault for Service
Grace Venno for Helpfulness

Winners from the weekly draw on April 27th:

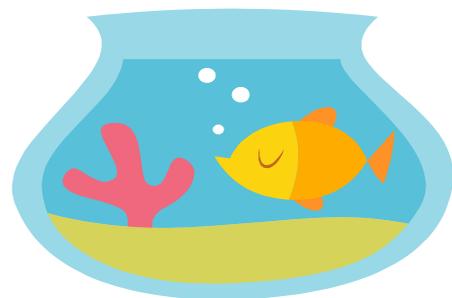
Rori Marchbank for Cooperation
Emily Forbes for Responsibility
Chesney Heighton for Dedication
Keegan MacAulay for Excellence
James Minney for Diligence
Tae McNutt for Excellence
Reese Weatherby for Respect
Kevin Newson for Service
Chelsea Hiltz for Diligence
Grace Venno for Citizenship

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

Grant Carruthers, Gr. 2
Khloe Asselstine, Gr. 3
Kevin Newson, Gr. 5
Genelyn Hunt, Gr. 6

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

Ava Sikkema, Primary
Sarah Crouse, Gr. 1
Abbigale Isnor-Reade, Gr. 2
Brayden Ripley, Gr. 2



Volunteering

Tatamagouche Elementary is very fortunate to be located in a very generous community and we are grateful for the many wonderful volunteers that support us. We have dedicated volunteers who help out in various ways, including serving at our Breakfast Program, providing additional reading support to students, assisting on class trips, and organizing various events such as book fairs.

All individuals volunteering in schools within the Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education must have a completed Volunteer Package on file. This package includes a Criminal Records check and Child Abuse Registry form. If you have not yet completed a Volunteer package, stop into the office to pick one up - it only needs to be completed once!

Students of the Month Assembly

April 2018

Legion Award Recipients

Legion Award Recipients for each class were as follows:
Hunter Legere-Miller, Primary, for kindness and compassion for others.
Kathleen Soeder, P/1, for excellence in math and reading.
Raven Clarke, Gr.1, for courage.
Brayden Ripley, Gr. 2, for hard work and determination.
James Minney, Gr. 2/3, for determination and creativity.
Maxim MacDonald, Gr. 3, for connecting outside knowledge and class work
Layne Duggan, Gr. 3/4, for classroom respect, diligence, and modesty.
Jocelyne Leveille, Gr. 4/5, for her exceptional hard work
Aiden McConnell, Gr. 5, for compassion for everyone.
Ella Ripley, Gr. 6, for dedication to class work and participation

Class of the Month:
Miss Reid's Primary Class

Principal's Choice:
Miss Maybee's Gr.1 Class

Clean Classroom:
Mrs. Lockerby's Class



Back Row, L to R: Malcolm Mattatall, Gordon Hillier, Winnie MacKinnon, Alan Fahey, Frankie Beck

Front Row: Hunter Legere-Miller, Kathleen Soeder, Brayden Ripley, Raven Clarke, James Minney, Maxim MacDonald, Layne Duggan, Jocelyne Leveille, Aiden McConnell, Ella Ripley

Classroom Recognition

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

Ms. Reid's Primary class:

Gabby Boyd
Keir Herbert-Harbottle
Piper Miller

Mrs. MacDonald Martin's Gr. 2 class:

Kolton Carmichael
Ryan Forbes
Brianna Whidden

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

Haylee Mattia, Gr. 3
Donovan Townshend, Gr. 3
Jaylen Spencer, Gr. 4

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

Alissa Scott, Pr.
Madden Langille, Pr.
Lunden MacDonald, Gr. 1

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

Mason Marchbank, Gr. 2
Rori Clarke, Gr. 3
Lily Sikkema, Gr. 3

Mrs. Blaikie's Grade 4/5 class:

Alexander Smith Gr. 4
Johnathan Buckler, Gr. 5
Brianna Cantley, Gr. 5

Miss Maybee's Gr. 1 class:

Emma Allen
Chesney Heighton
Jacob Power-Clough

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

Guard Forbes
Sean Myers

Mrs. Lockerby's Grade 5 class:

Hayden Dowding
Chelsea Hiltz
Ben Ross
Tessa Spicer

Pizza Certificate Winners

Riley Allan, Grade 5
Lucas Stewart, Grade 5
Nate MacLeod, Grade 6
Camden Tucker, Grade 6

Mrs. MacKeen's Grade 6 class:

Amelia Hodder
Allen Langille
Nate MacLeod
Camden Tucker

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!**

Legion Remembrance Day Poster Contest



Congratulations to Amy Rushton, who placed at the Provincial level for the Legion's Remembrance Day Black & White Poster contest. Amy is a grade 3 student at Tatamagouche Elementary and her entry will be sent on to compete at the National level. Way to go, Amy!



Once again our grade 3 students are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the provincial Swim to Survive program. All classes with grade 3 students (Gr.2/3, Gr.3, and Gr. 3/4) will be participating in this great program - details will be sent home once finalized. Swim to Survive is different than swimming lessons and is not a replacement for them.



Swim to Survive teachers just the essentials needed to survive an unexpected fall into deep water. This is an important first step to being safe around water. More information about this program is available at www.lifesavingsociety.ns.ca/index.php/swim-to-survive. The cost of this program is covered by The Lifesaving Society so there is no cost to our students! More information about this group can be found online at www.lifesavingsociety.ns.ca.

TATAMAGOUCHE BIKE RODEO

Colchester Bike Week is June 2nd – 10th this year. To celebrate, Colchester Recreation will once again be hosting a Bike Rodeo at Tatamagouche Elementary, date to be announced. The rodeo is open to children in grades Primary to Gr.6 and is a fun way to learn about safe cycling. Bicycle and helmet are mandatory. If your child does not have a bicycle but wishes to participate, please let us know as soon as possible so we can try to match them up with a bicycle to use.

