

Debert Elementary School Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Wow! I can't believe it's March already. The year is just flying by. Our Winter Carnival is scheduled for next week. Check out the separate memo with a schedule of events. We are now permitted to hold a Picture Day at school, so Pridham's Studio will be on-site for school portraits on April 15th. Better late than not at all 😊

I am pleased to announce that we are now a 1 to 1 school, meaning we now have enough devices so that each student has a Chromebook assigned to them for the year. This will allow for greater flexibility in instruction along with improvements in student engagement and collaboration. If we have to move to *At Home Learning (Scenario 3)*, all students will be able to take their device home. We were able to reach this goal through recent school-based technology purchases, the generous donation of 15 devices from *Enter the Bunker*, and a shipment of Chromebooks from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

We are making our way towards spring, but there are still plenty of cold days ahead. Our students are usually outside for at least 25 minutes each day plus some gym classes, so please ensure that they arriving at school dressed for outdoor play with a warm coat, boots, mitts, hats, and ski pants.

A reminder that students traveling to school by car or on foot are asked to arrive at school between 8:10 and 8:25am. We are busy preparing for the day and are not ready to receive students until 8:10am.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar 8-12** Winter Carnival Week
- Mar 15-19** March Break
- March 25** PTA/SAC Zoom Meetings (6:00-7:00)
- March 26** Assessment & Evaluation Day – No School for students
- April 2** Good Friday – No school
- April 5** Easter Monday – No school
- April 6** Term 2 Report Cards emailed home
- April 8-9** Parent Teacher Meetings (phone calls or Zoom meetings)
- April 9** Teacher PD – No school for students
- April 15** Picture Day!
- May 24** Victoria Day – No school
- June 26** Last day of regular classes
- June 30** Report Card Day

2021-22 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Please share this information with families in the community who have yet to register.

Pre-Primary Registration: Parents are asked to use the following link to begin the registration process:

<https://www.ccrce.ca/pre-primary-program>

If you do not do not have access to Wi-Fi or the internet, please contact CCRCE's Pre-Primary Program Manager, Nicki Beck at (902) 890-8413.

Primary Registration: Children who reside in the province of Nova Scotia and reach the age of five (5) years on or before December 31, 2021 are eligible for enrolment in the Primary Program beginning September 2021.

Please click the link to register:

<https://www.ccrce.ca/primary-registration>



FEBRUARY ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to following students for their extraordinary commitment to learning, kindness, and citizenship this month past month.

Primary – Kaya Probert-Davidson

Grade 1 – Sophie Johnson and Joshua Hepburn

Grade 2/3 – Lydia MacLeod and Landon Millet

Grade 3/4 – Jackson Messervey and Ava Tanner

Grade 4/5 – Olivia Burns, Spencer Verge, and Celina Thomas

Grade 5/6 – Keiran Johnson and Megan Crowe

Grade 5/6 Class – Our “Golden Broom Award” winner for making an extra effort to keep their classroom and hallway area tidy!

Thank you to the **2/3 class** for sharing their digital book on Viola Desmond! She was such a courageous African Nova Scotian and Canadian.

PTA/SAC ZOOM MEETINGS

Our next meetings are scheduled for March 25th. The PTA meeting will begin at 6:00 with the SAC meeting following at 6:30. If you would like to attend, please email the office to receive the meeting link.

We are excited to be ambitiously working towards upgrading our school's playground. After some consulting we have applied for a number of grants and are working on fundraising. We still need more support to help make this exciting vision a reality! We would like to approach local businesses or anyone that may be able to contribute. If you have any leads or connections, let us know.

Coming up on March 13 – 14, Katie Devine (a school parent and photographer) is offering mini sessions at the Community Centre. A great opportunity to have your children's photo taken. All proceeds will go towards the playground project. There are still a few openings. If you are interested contact devineke21@gmail.com

A special Facebook page has also been created “Debert Elementary School PTA Playground Initiative” to keep you up-to-date on the playground project. Like and share so you don't miss out.

CAFETERIA NEWS

Toonie Fridays: Will be continuing on March 5th and 12th. Students can enjoy a Garlic slice, cookie & white milk or apple juice for only \$2.00 (\$2.75 with chocolate milk)!!

March 8-12th is Pizza Week! We will be serving a different pizza each day!

Cafeteria Survey: We are looking for feedback, so we can better serve our students. Thank you to the people for completing our survey last month. If you didn't get a chance, the survey is still open. Please click on the link below to complete a brief survey:

<https://forms.gle/Lu7vuZ3XDhUHvgpd8>