

Debert Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From Mr. Fultz

As we begin 3rd term, student report cards will be emailed home on March 26th. Following this, on March 27th and 28th, our school will be hosting student-led conferences. Unlike the traditional student progress meetings held at the end of 1st term, these conferences have a different format.

During a 20-minute session, teachers will take a supportive role as your student leads the discussion, showcasing examples of their learning from this term. This approach not only empowers students but also enhances their communication, reflection, and goal-setting skills.

Student-led conferences foster parental engagement and partnership while celebrating student achievements. They also play a pivotal role for students in developing life skills such as independence and organization, as well as cultivating a growth mindset essential for future success.

Look for a Google Form from the office this week so you can sign-up to attend a conference on Wednesday (5:30-7:30) or Thursday (9:00-11:00). We look forward to these enriching sessions and the opportunity for collaborative reflection on your child's educational journey.

Our next PTA and SAC meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th in the school staff room. Parents and guardians are always welcome to attend. It is a great way to stay informed and help out.

Please do not drive into or park in the school parking lot and bus loop from 8:00-8:40 and 2:00-2:40. We want to keep this area free of traffic congestion to maintain a safer space for our students as they walk into and out of school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 902-662-4400 or email Mrs. Katie Devine at DevineKE@ccrce.ca



Reminders

- Mar. 4-7 - Winter Carnival
- Mar. 7 - PTA Winter Family Dance
- Mar. 8 - Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School)
- Mar. 11-15 - Spring Break
- Mar. 20 - PTA/SAC Meeting
- Mar. 26 - Report Cards
- Mar. 27 (PM) & 28 (AM) Student Led Conferences
- Mar. 28 (PM) - Teacher PD (No School for Students)
- Mar. 29 - Good Friday (No School)
- Apr. 1 - Easter Monday (No School)
- Apr. 2 - Neptune Theatre Presents - Grumpy & Grimm
- Apr. 29 - Fluoride Follow-up



During the year we rely on and appreciate the support of numerous volunteers to help out with a variety of events and activities for our students. The CCRCE Volunteer Background Check Policy requires ALL volunteers to complete a form and submit a Vulnerable Sector check and Child Abuse Registry check. These checks are valid for three years and must be resubmitted once expired. Our current list of volunteers is growing, thank-you for that, but we are still looking for more people to sign-up. I am asking all individuals who think they might like to volunteer to chaperone school outings, help out with special events, or offer any other support within the school setting during the year to complete and submit to the office a Volunteer Package. The process takes a bit of time, so please get started right away.

THE MI'KMAQ MOONS

The third moon cycle of the year is called Siwkewiku's [see-uke-ay-we-goos], which means the Spring Time Moon or Maple Sugar Moon. It lasts from March 10-to April 7th and the full moon is on March 25th. It is traditionally a time of celebration and giving thanks to the Creator for all living things, especially sweet maple sap.



DRAGON'S DELICIOUS DEN

Thanks to Schools Plus and some community partners, the DES pantry program is available for school families. If you need to access the pantry, please contact our Child and Youth Care Practitioner, Ms. Brittany Rushton at (902) 956-2699 or email at RushtonBD@ccrce.ca

MI'KMAQ TEACHING FOR FEBRUARY - LOVE

In Mi'kmaq culture, it is believed that the Seven Sacred Teachings will bring balance, harmony, and peace to all those who share and practice them. During the month of February we focused on learning about the teaching of LOVE. During our monthly assembly the following individuals were recognized for demonstrating an excellent understanding of LOVE.

Primary - Ben Elliott, Owen Jennings, Logan Young

Grade 1 - William Lunn, Richard Johnson, Addison Turple

Grade 2 - Leah Robinson, Sarah Newcombe, Keira Lewis

Grade 3/4 - Lia Eagles, Sophie Johnson, Rylee McElroy

Grade 4/5 - Alex Corkum, Erica Slack, Kara West

Grade 6 - Maicy Tersigni, Marshall McClellan, Lewis Lynds

Golden Broom Award - Mrs. Barnhill's Class

A BIG thank you to Mrs. Ruston's class for their presentation on the teaching of LOVE and to our Dragon Team for organizing and hosting the assembly.

During the month of March we will be learning about the teaching of HONESTY. According to the same book, it means: "To never lie, cheat, or steal."

2024-25 REGISTRATION

Registration remains open for the 2024-25 CCRCE Pre-primary and Primary programs. Please check out the links below for more information and to register. Please share with other families you know that are not currently enrolled at DES, but are planning to attend in September.

[Primary Primary Registration](#)
[Pre-primary Registration](#)



NEPTUNE THEATRE PRESENTS GRUMPY & GRIMM

Members of Neptune Theatre's Touring Company will be at Debert Elementary for a performance of the play *Grumpy and Grimm* on April 2nd.

Grumpy and Grimm are two quirky friends who have an assignment; to find joy in the stories they tell. The trouble is Grumpy can sometimes be a little negative, and Grimm can turn the simplest situation into a disaster. Is the glass half empty or just misshapen?

Audience members help act out some of the classic tales as this goofy pair use the power of storytelling and working together to break through barriers and discover new ways of navigating tough situations.

Themes Explored: Comedy; Reading and Books; Storytelling; Grimm's Fairytales; Mental Health; Depression; and Anxiety.



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