

Debert Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From Mr. Fultz

November 17th marks the end of first term. Report Cards will be distributed by email on the morning of November 21st, and Student Progress meetings will follow on November 23rd from 5:30-7:30 pm and November 24th from 8:30-10:30 am. We believe that communicating your student's strengths and next steps in their learning is key to supporting them academically and socially. We value the opportunity to discuss your student's progress and will be offering the option of a 10 minute in-person meeting OR telephone meeting. A Google Form will be shared with you by November 16th, so you can select your meeting option and day.

We will be hosting a Math Open House for families on December 11th from 1:15 to 2:15 pm. Teachers will have various math stations and activities set-up in their classrooms, so students can guide their grown-ups through some of their daily routines and demonstrate all the wonderful things they are learning in math class. We hope you can make it. The session will be fun, active, and informative! We are also planning a similar Literacy Open House on January 25th, so stay tuned!

Our next PTA and SAC meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 15th at school. The PTA meeting begins at 6:00pm and the SAC meeting follows at 6:30pm. Parents and guardians are always welcome to attend. It is a great way to stay informed and help out.

We are requesting that families not park or drive into the school parking lot during arrival and dismissal times. Please park on either side of the road away from the parking lot and bus loop entrances and accompany your child onto the school grounds near the entrances. By working together, we can create a safer space for our students as they walk into and out of the 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

- Nov. 10 - Assessment and Evaluation day (No school for students)
- Nov. 13 - Remembrance Day Observance (No School)
- Nov. 15 - PTA/SAC meetings at 6:00 pm
- Nov. 21 - Report Cards are emailed home.
- Nov. 23 (5:30- 7:30) - Student Progress Meetings
- Nov. 24 - No School for students)
- Nov. 24 (8:30-10:30) - Student Progress Meetings
- Dec. 2 - Christmas Craft Fair
- Dec. 5 - Holiday Concert
- Dec. 7 - Maritime Marionettes visit DES
- Dec. 11 - Family Math Open House (1:15-2:15)
- Dec. 13 - Turkey Dinner
- Dec. 21-Jan. 2 - Holiday Break

DES REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY



We were very pleased to have seven guests from the Debert Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in attendance. The students were very respectful and many students participated by reading and laying wreaths.



Photos: Linda Harrington
Shoreline News



The following students were recognized by the Legion for their entries in the Remembrance Day Art Contest: Lydia Lockhart, Ben Elliott, Jayce MacIntosh, Hunter Laffin, Peyton Cameron, Addison Turple, Paisley Staples-Barkhouse, Jackson Embree, Fergus Ogilvie, Braxton Lewis, Penny Devine, Hartley Williams, Gracie Matthews, Lilly Lockhart, Jack Isenor, and Kali Ingraham. Congratulations!! Thank you to Avery Johnson, Kali Ingraham, Khloe Johnson, and Hayden Barkhouse for participating in the community Remembrance Day service on the school's behalf.

HOLIDAY SEASON FUNDRAISERS

The Annual DES Wreath Fundraiser order forms were sent home last week. All orders are due at school by Friday, November 24th at the latest. They must be paid in advance by cash or cheque (written to Debert Elementary School). All items will be available for pick-up at the gym entrance on December 1st between 4:00-5:30 pm.

The PTA Ornament Fundraiser orders are due at school no later than Monday, November 20th and all orders must be paid by cash only. Ornaments will be ready for pick up by December 4th. Please return ornament orders to the school as you receive them!!

If you did not receive order forms for either of the fundraisers, please contact Katie Devine at the school office.

Information about the fundraisers is also posted on Debert Elementary School Facebook page.

OCTOBER MONTHLY ASSEMBLY - TRUTH

Throughout the year, we will continue to learn about The Seven Sacred Mi'kmaq Teachings. The Mi'kmaq believe the teachings will bring balance, harmony, and peace to all those who share and practice them. During our gathering on November 1st, Mrs. Eagles class shared a wonderful presentation on TRUTH and we recognized the following students for demonstrating the teaching of TRUTH in October:

Primary - Carter McNutt, Nolan Piercy, and Gabriel Solis-Pino

Grade 1 - Nash Johnson, Hunter Laffin, and Sophia Weddleton

Grade 2 - Jameson MacKenzie and Paisley Staples-Barkhouse

Grade 3/4 - Memphis LeBlanc, Michael Turple, and Hartley Williams

Grade 4/5 - Declan Ingraham and John Prosper

Grade 6 - Khloe Johnson and Emily McNutt

Golden Broom Award - Ms. Hull's Grade Six class

A huge shout-out to our student leadership team, the "DES Dragons" for organizing and running the assembly!

In November we are learning about the teaching of **COURAGE**. According to the book, *The Lost Teachings* by Michael James Isaac, courage means: "To consider the interests of others before your own and speak up for what is right."

REGULAR SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- 1) **Reporting Student Absences:** To assist us with ensuring that all students have arrived safely at school, we use the Safe Arrival process, accessed through the *SchoolMessenger* app. Parents and guardians please use the phone app to notify the school in advance about an upcoming absence or rapidly respond to excuse an absence after receiving a notification in the morning. In both situations, you can send attendance alerts to the school for all of your students and provide a reason for each absence – all in one simple communication. Families are asked to please download and use the app to report absences. Other options include the SafeArrival website (go.schoolmessenger.ca) or the toll-free automated phone system (1-833-578-0533). Please contact the school office if you require assistance setting up the app.
- 2) **School Newsletters:** They are distributed monthly via email and are posted on our school website - <https://des.ccrce.ca/>.
- 3) **School and Teacher Communication Plans:** Were distributed at the beginning of the year and are posted on our school website - <https://des.ccrce.ca/> .
- 4) **Reminder Notices:** are usually emailed home and posted on the Debert Elementary School Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/p/Debert-Elementary-School-100050359821270/>
- 5) **CCRCE Inclement Weather and School Bussing Information and Notifications:**
 - https://www.ccrce.ca/news/what_s_new/inclement_weather_texts
 - https://www.ccrce.ca/school_information/bus_information/late_cancelled_bus_notifications

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

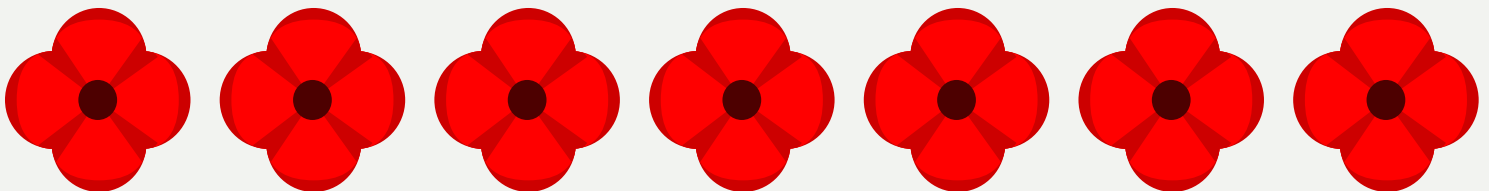
The school will be hosting its annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00-2:00 pm. There will be a wide variety of items for sale and tables are almost sold out. There is no charge for admission and the PTA will be running a canteen and BBQ on site.



WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT



The Winter Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 5th. If it has to be postponed due to weather, the date will be December 8th. For family members unable to attend the 6:00 pm evening performance, we are also hosting 1:30 pm afternoon performance. We ask all guests to please choose one of the performances because the occupancy limit in the gym is 375 people. More details to come.



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