

“Hear Us Roar” TES Newsletter

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It is hard to believe that September has flown by. Staff and students have settled into the routines of school quickly and the eagerness of the students to learn and the teachers to support their learning makes this school community an exceptional place to come to each and every day. I wish to thank you for your warm welcome and support.

We have been spoiled again with our wonderful warm Fall. As the weather continues to cool off, the students will be bringing more clothing to school and we are asking that you, please, take a few minutes to write your student's name into his/ her jackets, hats, etc. Thank you.

Picture Re-take Day: The photographer will be taking re - takes on Friday, October 21st. Sibling Pictures will be taken at this time, also.

Terry Fox Run: On September 23rd, the students took part in the Terry Fox Run/Walk. Because of the intermittent rainy weather, the Walk was held within our school halls. The behaviour of the students was superb! The respect that they showed towards each other and the close quarters of our situation should make you all very proud! The students had a chance to learn about this Canadian hero, a young man of incredible character, in their classes. The students and their families donated over \$550.00 to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Ice cream Social What a wonderful way to start off our new year at Tantallon Senior Elementary School! Thank you, for coming out to share the evening as a school community. It was a beautiful night - it is almost as if we ordered this night special for us! The Ice Cream Social was a huge success with whole families enjoying the get-together with the staff. It certainly was a busy time with everyone enjoying the delicious frozen treats.

Curriculum Night It was wonderful to meet many of you on Curriculum Night. The teachers had a great opportunity to deliver the outlines of their yearly plan, to answer any questions and discuss classroom and school procedures. The curriculum outcomes for each grade level, from Primary to grade 12, can be found on The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website. On the curriculum for each grade level.

Message from HRSB: The Halifax Regional School Board is committed to support each school's effort to create and sustain a safe, secure and healthy environment for teaching and learning. It is essential that all those entering our buildings are made aware that our schools thrive to provide an allergy aware site, which restricts the use of scented products (lotions, laundry products, perfumes, etc.) and **all nut products.**

Hold and Secure Drill: Throughout the year, our school is required to practice “Hold and Secure” drills. During these drills, the students are required to stay in their locked classrooms. They may continue to participate in learning activities, within the classroom. When the drill is over, our school day will continue as usual.

Clubs and Activities: Already, there are a number of club activities, Intramurals and leadership programs on the go! The children are having a great time participating in these wonderful events!

Grade Three (English) Literacy, Grade 4 Mathematics and Grade 6 Literacy and Mathematics

Provincial Assessments: During the two week period from October 3rd- 14th, the Grade 3, Grade 4 and Grade 6 students will take part in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development assessment activities. The purpose of these assessments is to monitor the progress of individual students in meeting the reading and viewing, and writing outcomes of the prescribed language arts program and the mathematics outcomes.

Criminal Records Check and Child Abuse Registry Checks: In order to volunteer at the school and to participate on class trips, parents and guardians must have an up-to-date check on record at the school. These checks have to be renewed every three years. It does take some time for the checks to go through, so if you are anticipating that you might be volunteering this school year, it is always a good idea to have them done early in the year. If you are unsure when your check expires, please phone the office. You will need to sign an annual "Declaration" each school year. Thank you.

Library Update - Our School Library classes are now up and running on schedule. Please check to see when Library Day is for each class so that books are returned on time, and to ensure each student can take another book home. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who come every week to make the Library such a success.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving and Halloween.