

“Hear Us Roar” TES Newsletter November, 2016

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It is hard to believe that the first two months of school have been here and gone! The students and staff are working diligently everyday and the excitement for learning is in the “air”. At the end of the month, you will have an opportunity to meet with the teachers during our Parent/Guardian – Teacher Interviews. As a staff, we truly appreciate your continuous support from home as we work as a team to provide for the students. Thank you, from all of us at Ecole Tantallon Senior Elementary School.

As a school community, we wish to pay respect and honour those Canadians who protect our rights, freedom and liberties that we enjoy each day. To our veterans and our members of the Canadian Armed Forces, “Thank you”. We will continue to work towards providing a safe, peaceful school community for everyone.

Remembrance Day Ceremony:

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Thursday, November 10th starting around 10:30. The Junior School will be once again be joining us and the students are invited to wear their Brownie/ Guide/ Cub/ Scout/ Cadet uniforms to the assembly. Parents/ Guardians/ Grandparents who work in the armed forces (including the RCMP) are invited to attend as guests. Please, see the information sheet.

Parent / Guardian– Teacher Interviews:

Parent/ Guardian- Teacher interviews are going to be held on Wednesday, November 30th **from** 6:00pm – 8:30pm and on Thursday, December 1st from 1:00pm – 3:30pm. **There will be no school for the students on Thursday, December 1st as the teachers will be taking part in their own learning during a professional development session during the morning.**

Class Trips: During the month of October, classes took educational trips to various locations. Our students visited the Museum of Natural History, Citadel Hill, attended the Milk Fair and explored Micou’s Island. All these trips were made possible through the monies raised by Tantallon’s TESPAs. Thank you for generously supporting TESPAs’ fundraising endeavours. Your contributions are making a difference! You also need to know that where ever the students from TES go, they continue to receive praise for their respectful behaviour and love for learning. They are excellent citizens and representatives of our school community.

School Closure:

From time to time, due to the severity of the weather, there is the possibility that school may be closed. Decisions are usually made by 6:30 am and are announced on local radio stations or by visiting the HRSB website:

<http://www.hrsb.ns.ca> . Our school would be classified as “Sir John A. Macdonald Family of Schools” or “All schools in Halifax Regional School Board” (HRSB).

Should the children be in school and the weather worsens, the decision to cancel school is made around 11:30am. It would also be well broadcasted on all radio stations and posted on our website. The decision to cancel school is made by the Superintendent on the advice of the Assistant Superintendent and/or the Coordinator of Pupil Transportation.

In case of an early dismissal for any reason, it is extremely important that our records be kept up to date. **If any information regarding your child changes, i.e. home or work telephone numbers, babysitters, please let us know. All parents/ guardians have to be contacted if school is cancelled during the day.**

Repairs to Ramp: Starting the week of November 7th, repairs will begin on the ramp at the end of the building. During these repairs, the ramp will be closed off, but there will continue to be access through the outside door by the ramp.

Holiday Concerts: The Holiday Concerts are going to be held on December 6th (Band performs) and December 7th (Choir performs). The classes assigned to each evening have not been determined, as yet.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, November 10 th	Remembrance Day Ceremony at school
Friday, November 11 th	No School- Remembrance Day
Monday, November 14 th	Assessment and Evaluation Day – no students present
Thursday, November 24 th	Report cards sent home
Wednesday, November 30 th	Parent/ Guardian – Teacher Interviews 6:00 – 8:30pm
Thursday, December 1 st	Professional Development Morning – no students present
Thursday, December 1 st	Parent – Teacher interviews: 1 – 3:30 pm – no students present
(Please note; there will be no school for the students on Thursday, December 1st.	
Tuesday & Wednesday, December 6 & 7	– Holiday Concerts
Wednesday, December 21 st	Last day for students before Holiday Break
Monday, January 3 rd , 2017	First day back in school following the break