

**“Hear Us Roar”
Ecole Tantallon
Senior Elementary
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Newsletter**

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The school year seems to be flying by and it is wonderful to see the students getting outside and enjoying their time together. The warm weather seems to be coming slowly, but surely. Discussions about safety are ongoing throughout the year in school, especially at this time of year as the children venture out on their bicycles and head to the beaches and lakes. This is the season for hatching insects, mosquitoes, black flies and ticks. Please, take a few minutes each evening to check your children. If you are applying bug spray or suntan lotion or spray, for the safety of everyone, we are asking that you apply these “scent free” products at home before your child comes to school. Thank you.

Our school parking lot in the mornings can be very busy. We want to thank everyone for staying alert and providing the buses and crosswalk pedestrians the right away. We would like you to be mindful that the only parking for the community is by the jersey barriers. Please, leave the other parking spaces along the outside of the parking lot for staff. For the students’ safety, when dropping your children off in the “Kiss and Go” section, please have them leave the vehicle on the school side only. Thank you.

RETIREMENT NEWS: We would like to congratulate Mme Robicheau on her retirement at the end of this school year. Mme Robicheau has been a dedicated teacher at Ecole Tantallon School. Many of our families have had a number of siblings learn and grow under her guidance. From all of us to you, Mme Robicheau – thank you. You will be greatly missed by our school community and we wish you all the best as you journey off to new adventures.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TANTALLON SENIOR EXCEL STUDENTS! FIRST PLACE IN CANADA IN THE 60 MINUTE KID’S CLUB CHALLENGE: The students that attend EXCEL participated in the national “60 Minute Kid’s Club Challenge”. This program is designed to increase healthy eating, physical activity and to limited screen time. For 45 days the students tracked their progress on-line in these areas of physical and social well-being. The daily challenge incorporates the 5 – 2 – 1 – 0 message: 5 fruits and/or vegetables; 2 hours or less of screen time each day; 1 hour of physical activity each day; 0 sugary drinks a day. These students did an amazing job of tracking their progress on a daily basis. Congratulations to all those students and their leaders for taking on the challenge!

FREE FAMILY BIKE RODEO: The Tantallon Canadian Tire, in partnership with the Tantallon RCMP will be holding a free Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday, May 27th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Canadian Tire parking lot in Tantallon. The rain date will be Saturday June 3rd. Besides the rodeo, there will be a "swag bag" for the kids to take home with some goodies, a Bicycle Safety Book and a Certificate of Completion. As well, there will be two draws for a bicycle/helmet combo courtesy of Canadian Tire. In order to participate in the rodeo, the children need to bring a bicycle and helmet.

PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR: This is the time of year when the HRSB and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development provide us with our staffing allocations for next year and our tentative class configurations. At this time, we have been provided 18 classroom teachers for next year. Over the next weeks, our staff will be working together to draw up tentative class lists for next year. With students arriving into our area and others moving to new homes, all class assignments are tentative until September and class lists will not be posted until after the final Late Registration in August. Our staff members are extremely professional and we are asking that you trust their decisions as they draw up the classes for next year. The classroom teaching staff and specialists work diligently together during transition meetings when placing a student into a classroom. We work to provide balanced classrooms throughout the school, taking into account many factors. We will not be taking teacher requests, however, if you have any information that you would like to share or want us to know about, please do so in writing before May 12th and your information will be taken into consideration.

SPRING SPECTACULAR: Tantallon Senior Elementary School's halls were alive with the sound of beautiful music on April 20th as the TSES Choir, the Grades 4- 6 String students and the Grade 6 Band students performed for our school community. Congratulations to our hard – working, talented students, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. James and Mr. Froude for the amazing evening.

FIDGETS: Several of our students are bringing “fidgets” to school. These items are designed to help students who need assistance to help focus during instructional time. Within the classroom, if the “fidget” becomes a distraction to the student and/or is being played with as a toy, then the student will be asked to put it away so that they can better focus on the instruction.

Dates to Remember:

May 19 th	Professional Development Day – no students present
May 22 nd	Victoria Day
May 29 th	SAC meeting – 6:30
June 2 nd	Grade 6 students visiting Five Bridges Junior High School
June 3 rd	TESPA Spring Fling 10:00am- 1:00pm