



# "DR.W.A.MACLEOD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL "NEWS"

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November 2017 Dr. W.A. MacLeod Consolidated School Riverton, NS B0K 1S0 902-755-8450 (F) 902-755-8455

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Parents/Guardians;

It's hard to believe we are entering our third month of school and our first reporting period. Although more formal, this is just one of the many ways teachers communicate with home. Parents can also make use of a variety of communication methods such as notes in their child's agenda, Power School, email, phone messages and face to face meetings that are scheduled by the teacher. Report cards will be sent home on November 29 and our first parent/teacher meeting will be held on the evening of November 30 and the afternoon of December 1. Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher(s).

In order to continually improve communication practices, we will now post items on our website if serious incidents occur at school (i.e.: something requiring a hold and secure or code blue). This will be done at the end of the day in order to inform parents what took place and to insure there are no miscommunications regarding the incident.

Our students not only work hard at their academics but also try to get involved in our community as well. This month we will donate to the Pictou County Food Bank with the proceeds from our "We Scare

Hunger" campaign and conduct our Remembrance Day assembly. We will also begin the Roots of Empathy program with baby, Alexander in the grade 5/6 classroom! Additional information about this program can be found in this newsletter.

As always, I encourage all our community members to keep themselves informed and to keep us informed as well. It takes everyone working together to help our students achieve success!

*Lee Ann Stacey*  
**PRINCIPAL**



*We will remember.*

## Christmas Concert

A reminder to parents /guardians to keep Tuesday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>** free to attend our **Primary to Six** Christmas concert. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. The storm date is, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Observance at DWAMC
Nov. 13	Remembrance Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Nov. 17	Assessment Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Nov. 23	P-6 Play "Alf" NGA
Nov. 24	Gr. 8's Play "Alf" NGA
Nov. 29	Report Cards go home

Nov. 30	Parent Teacher 5:00-7:00 pm
Nov. 30	<b>We Day Halifax</b>
Dec. 1	Inservice AM Parent Teacher PM 12:00 – 2:00 pm <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Dec. 10	Home & School Preparation for Shopping Day
Dec. 11	Christmas Shopping Day
Dec. 14	Dance Grades 6 - 8 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Dec. 18	<b>MacLeod Christmas Concert Gr.P-6 6:30 pm (Storm Date Dec. 20)</b>
Dec. 19	Christmas Brunch
Dec. 21	Last Day before Christmas Break
January 3	First Day after Christmas Break

Website: [dwam.ccsb.ca/](http://dwam.ccsb.ca/)

## Remembrance Day



We will be observing Remembrance Day Assembly on

Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at our assembly. **There will be no school on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## Up-coming Inservices

PLEASE NOTE:

**T**here will be no classes for our students on Dec. 1st. **Parent Teacher** will be held on **Thursday evening , Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>** in the gym from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** for grades

7 & 8 and in classrooms for grades P-6 The morning of Friday, Dec. 1st, teachers will also be involved in professional development and then hold **Parent -Teacher from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.** Please note parents are reminded that sessions for elementary students are approximately 10 minutes and five minutes for grade 7 & 8. Should you require additional time to discuss your child's progress, an appointment may be arranged for a later date.

## We Scare Hunger

Our school is participating in **Free the Children's "We Scare Hunger"** campaign. Students in P-8 are asked to bring in a non-perishable food item to their classroom teacher between Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The P-6 class to bring in the most food items will be awarded a **"Hunger Hero" trophy.** MacLeod's Leadership Committee will collect and sort the items to the Pictou County Food Bank.

## HOME AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS:

Our Home and School Committee members took office at our October meeting. Our 2017/18 executive are:

**Co-chairs:** Cheryl Sharpe and Melissa Chisholm

**Treasurer:** Angela Cruikshank

**Secretary:** Shannon MacPherson

We would like to welcome our new members and thank our returning executive for staying on for another year.

A huge thank you goes out to Christa Webber and Aleeta Cowan for being our co-chairs for a number of years. Christa and Aleeta have volunteered a great many hours in order to support Dr. W.A. MacLeod and we are most grateful to them!

Home and School will once again have the Christmas Shopping day for our students. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact a member of the Home & School or you may drop off donations to the school.

## Christmas Brunch

Christmas brunch will be served from the cafeteria on, **December 19<sup>th</sup>** at lunch time. A very special thank you to all our lunch ladies and volunteers who prepare and serve the meal. Please note: Students may buy milk as normal and should still bring a snack with them for the morning.

## BUS PASSES

Arrangements for bus passes/alternate stops must be made in the morning. " **A written request from parents must be presented to the office first thing in the**

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morning which includes the bus number and the civic address where the student will be dropped off." We do understand that **occasionally unavoidable circumstances** do arise and you will find it necessary to send your child home on a different bus. When this happens we must know by **1:00 pm** so as to ensure there is sufficient time to make these arrangements for your child. **"Permission for bus passes is dependent on there being room available on the bus."**

## Change of Plans?



### Please Note:

If you have made alternate arrangements for your child after school or if you are planning to pick up your child **PLEASE send a note to your child's teacher.**

### IMPORTANT -

**If you do not supply a written note your child WILL be sent home by their regular bus route.**

**If you have a bus concern, please call the bus garage at 902-485-7995.**

**REMINDER to Parents/Guardians:  
Drop Off/Pick Up**

When dropping off your child, please do not proceed along the front of the school to the front entrance. Students are to be "dropped off" and "picked up" at the 'STUDENT DROP OFF AREA' at the south west corner of the building. Students walk along the sidewalk to the "student entrance" off the playground. The doors are locked and parents / visitors entering the building must do so through the office area. Should you need to speak to your child's teacher, please call the school so contact can be made and we limit disruptions to classes when they are in session. When you are leaving with your child at bus time, please allow the busses to proceed as they leave the bus circle - DO NOT merge with the buses. The busses must have the right of way as they exit the bus circle.

## Leadership Group

Students in grade 7 and 8 under the direction of Mrs. Lori Fulton, Mr. Darren Retson and Mrs. Brie Sawyer have begun their planning of events for this school year. This year, students have decided to organize various charitable fundraising activities to assist organizations in Pictou County. The group has chosen Haiti and Health Care as a global cause. Thank you to Mrs. Fulton, Mr. Retson and Mrs. Sawyer for their time and effort. Students are certainly learning the great

value and satisfaction of volunteering in their communities and abroad.

## Winter is coming!

The days are getting colder and with each dip in the thermometer we move one step closer to winter weather: icy roads, snow and freezing rain. For CCRSB schools, winter weather means the potential closure of schools when conditions are considered unsafe for our students and staff.

Decisions regarding school cancellations are made by CCRSB's Operational Services Department and generally happen in the early morning (before 6:30 am). We try our best not to have **mid-day cancellations**, but sometimes an unexpected change in the weather makes the decision for us. In those cases, it is important that our schools have the most up-to-date contact information for parents and guardians, and that parents and guardians have alternative arrangements in place for their children, before a cancellation takes place. Elementary students will be contacted directly.

When it is stormy or road conditions are poor, make sure school is open and busses are running before you send your children to the bus stop or bring them to school. The best way to find out if buses are cancelled or school is closed is to monitor the local radio station or television stations and the school board website, Twitter feed and Facebook page. Closure and cancellation notices are sent to:

- All local radio and television stations within CCRSB
- CBC radio in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island
- Information is sent to all CFCY radio in Charlottetown, PEI.

If there are cancellations within the school board, the green "school open" link on our website will be changed to red and will read "schools closed". By clicking on this link you can access up-to-date information regarding closure, early dismissal and cancellation information. If you are Twitter or Facebook subscriber, we strongly encourage you to "Like" CCRSB's Facebook page and to follow CCRSB on Twitter (CCRSB\_Official) so that you will be alerted to the latest updates. We ask parents, guardians and students to avoid calling schools on storm days, whenever possible.

## "Colder Weather"

Parents and Guardians should be aware that students



do not enter the building until 8:15 am. As well, students do go outside at lunch time to get some exercise and fresh air. As the weather has turned chilly it is really important to ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

## Girls Soccer

Our Girls Soccer Team under the coaching of Norm Ferguson and Tonya Gennoe had a great soccer season. Our girls came together with very little experience and represented our school very well. The girls

played in Districts this year and brought the District Banner home to Dr. W.A. Macleod Consolidated. With this win the girls will move on to Regionals in Cumberland County. Kudos to all the girls and their coaches!

## Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team was coached by Mike McPherson and Kory Avery. The boys had a very competitive season. Congratulations to our boys who represented our school very well and advanced to Districts and will be playing in Regionals. Thanks to the players, the parents and everyone who supported the team especially the coaches who made arrangements for our boys to participate in league play and playoffs.

## Cross Country

The DWAMC Cross Junior High team have finished a very busy season. The team participated in local, regional and provincial events. Our team has some excellent times at the Provincial Championships in Halifax. Congratulations to all the runners, especially Liam Berthiaume who came 25<sup>th</sup> in the Province. The members all improved and hopefully will

continue their training and fitness to be ready for track in the spring! Thank you to Mr. McPherson for coaching the Elementary and Jr. High teams!

## Jr. High Boys Basketball

Tryouts for Jr. High Boys Basketball have completed the team will be looking to pick up some exhibition games with league play beginning in the new year.

## Elementary Boys Basketball

Our Elementary Boys Basketball are currently looking for a coach. If you are interested please contact the school.

## Middle School Hockey

Hockey for grades 7 & 8 will begin very soon pending interest. Scheduling, rinks and times TBA. Please listen to the announcements for more information from



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Jenny Ferguson and Katelyn Gaetz.

## WOW READING CHALLENGE

Dr. W. A. MacLeod Consolidated is registered for the "WOW READING Challenge". The Elementary (P-6) School Challenge began on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and runs to April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Middle School challenge begins Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and runs to April 4<sup>th</sup>. The monthly book draws will take place starting in December. We hope everyone is excited and ready to read lots of books!

## Community News:

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### Hopewell Christmas Tree Lighting

First Presbyterian church in Hopewell will hold the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Church.

### Parade of Lights - Westville Date - Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 - Tree Lighting  
7:00 - Parade of Lights  
8:00 - Skating at the rink  
Santa will visit the rink  
8:00 - Fireworks


## Roots of Empathy

Dr. W.A. MacLeod has been invited to participate in a program called Roots of Empathy (ROE). This program teaches children about feelings, their own feelings, and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks, baby Alexander and his parent(s) will visit the classroom. A trained ROE Instructor will gather the children in the 5/6 classroom around a green blanket and together they will watch the baby grow.

The children predict and cheer when their ROE baby reaches the “developmental milestone” of the first year: “She can roll over!” “He got his first tooth!” “He can sit up!” “She can crawl!!!” The ROE Instructor also coaches the children in observing the baby and reading the cues the baby gives as to how the baby is feeling: “Is the baby happy or sad?” “How can you tell?” And we use this discussion as a lever for the children to talk about their own emotions and to understand how their classmates feel: “Do you smile when you’re happy?” “How can you tell if your friend is happy?” Being able to understand how others people are feeling is called **empathy**. The ROE Instructor also visits the classroom before and after each Family Visit to prepare and reinforce teachings using a specialized lesson plan for each visit.

For more than ten years across Canada and internationally, thousands of child are learning respect and care for one another with the lessons started through their Roots of Empathy baby. We’re excited that we’ve been chosen to participate in Roots of Empathy, and we hope you are, too!

### Cafeteria Menu – October & November 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	Chicken Fingers & Rice	Hamburger & Sm. Tossed Salad	½-7" Garlic Fingers & Sm. Caesar Salad	Spaghetti & Garlic Bread	Fish Carrots Potatoes
<b>Week 2</b>	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup	Macaroni & Cheese & Biscuit	Taco Wrap & Sm. Caesar Salad	Egg Sandwich & Homemade Soup	Meat Loaf Carrots Potatoes

#### Items Available Every Day

##### Sandwiches

Egg ----3.45  
 Turkey ----4.75  
 Tuna ----3.45  
 Lean Ham----3.45  
 Lean Ham & Cheese----4.20  
 Grilled Cheese----3.45  
 (whole wheat only)

##### Miscellaneous

Soup (Homemade)  
 Small ----1.45  
 Large ----2.70  
 Cold Veggie Sub 9"----4.60  
 Sm. Toss/Caesar Salads---4.25  
 Rice – 2.70  
 Chicken Quesadillas...4.75  
 Pizza Slice.....4.00  
 Deli Roasters.....sm. 3.35  
 Ham & Cheese Sub (sm) ...3.50  
 Large Nachos....3.60  
 Small Nachos....3.35  
 Chicken Fingers ....3.00

##### Snacks

Yogurt----1.10  
 Crackers pkg (2)----.10  
 Nutrigrain Bars----1.00  
 Oranges----1.00  
 Cheese & Crackers----1.00  
 Cheese Strings----.80  
 Apple sm. -----1.00  
 Veggies---sm. ----1.60

##### Miscellaneous

Hamburger---3.75  
 Cheeseburger – 4.10  
 Small Turkey Wrap – 3.00

##### Baked Goods

Lrg. muffins – 1.25  
 Cookies  
 Small----.70

##### Beverages

Milk----.40  
 Small Choc Milk----1.50  
 Large Choc. Milk – 2.25  
 Orange & Apple Juice--lrg.—1.25  
 Water-----1.25  
 Breakfast Juice-Tetra-----1.00

**“Be A Hunger Hero”**

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**Bring a donation for the Pictou  
County Feed Bank**

**Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Which homeroom will be crowned  
the real *Hunger Hero*?**

