



Dr. W.A. MacLeod Consolidated School

NEWS

Home of the
"Coyotes"

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

It's exciting to present to you our first newsletter from Dr. W. A. MacLeod Consolidated for the 2017/18 school year! I'm looking forward to a wonderful year for all of us!

The next few weeks will be spent familiarizing everyone with our school routines. Also, many sports teams and clubs will begin so please encourage your children to participate in something that interests them. We are always looking for help with these activities so we welcome volunteers as well. ☺

I believe successful schools find ways to involve parents and this is often done through effective communication. With this in mind:

- Our student information packages have been sent home. Please take the time to complete the required forms and send them back to school with your child. Also notify us of any changes regarding these forms so we can keep up-to-date.
- Please make an effort to discuss with your children their school day and check agendas each night for notes/information.
- Our monthly newsletters will offer updates regarding important dates and upcoming events in our school. This year our newsletter will be available on our website <http://www.dwam.ccrsb.ca>. If you require a paper

copy, please let the office know.

- Public portal access is available on Power School and if you would like username/password information, please contact the office. Our website is also a great way to check on homework or any school events we have planned.

Through communication, participation, and cooperation we can make our school year an enjoyable and productive one! Please feel free to drop by or call (755-8450) if you have any questions or concerns.

Welcome Back! Go Coyotes!
Lee Ann Stacey, Principal

Stand Up Speak Out ! September 14th

Addressing the complexity of bullying

At the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB), we know the only way to address bullying in all its forms is to start talking about it.

That's why every year we host Stand Up Speak Out, CCRSB's board-wide day of action promoting social justice, anti-bullying and positive, healthy relationships.

It is important to recognize the complexity of bullying, so in the last couple of years a deeper conversation about social justice has emerged as an important piece of Stand Up. Speak Out. This has proven to be an important topic with our students, and led to the theme of this year's event: *What's Your Story?*

This is a fitting theme because it is through our stories that we know each other; it is through our stories that we build relationships and empathy; and it is through our stories that we can more deeply understand the pillars of social

justice. What it all comes down to is that if we know someone's story, we are more likely to treat them with respect and understanding.

What we want to discuss during Stand Up. Speak Out. is how we interact with each other, how we treat one another and how we deal with feelings of anger and unhappiness. By talking about these things, we are helping to create a healthy learning environment for all of our students.

This year's Stand Up. Speak Out. will take place on Sept. 14 at Cobequid Educational Centre in Truro. We look forward to hearing from our students, teachers and community leaders on how we can address bullying, while working together to promote social justice in our schools and towns.

No Scents Makes Good Sense!

Please be aware that we have students and staff who are very sensitive to strong perfumes and scents and exposure may cause them to have breathing issues. Please be mindful of this by not wearing scented products.

"Peanut Sensitive"

Thank you to all parents and students for your help in maintaining our goal as a "Peanut Free School". We have some students have a severe sensitivity to "ALL NUTS". We appreciate your efforts in sending peanut free lunches and snacks to make our school safe for all students.

Picking Students Up

Please enter the building through the main front door to the reception area. All other doors will be locked. **All parents/guardians and visitors must register at the reception desk.** If you need to drop off or pick up your child during the day, we will contact the classroom and the teacher will send him/her to the office. We have noticed an increase in the number of students being picked up just before the end of our instructional day. Our teachers (elementary) and staff are very involved in helping students pack up and get on the correct bus with all their belongings at this time. The activity at this time of day tends to be noisy and staff cannot always hear the office if a student is paiged. If you are picking up your child at the end of day, please send a note in their agenda and the teacher will send the student to the office before bus time. Because of our limited space in the office, we would ask parents/ guardians to please wait in the lobby area by the main door once contact has been made with your child's

teacher. We appreciate your support !

Emergency Contact Information

Student Registration forms have been sent home for updating. We ask if you have any changes please do so on the registration form. It is crucial that we have alternative contact information for your child in case we are unable to reach you at the telephone numbers provided. Your support is greatly appreciated. **NOTE: The medical information section must be updated on the registration form every year.**

Breakfast Program



A simple breakfast is available from 7:50 - 8:20 for any student who for whatever reason, has not had breakfast at home. We are fortunate this year, to have Bernice Musie as our Breakfast Program Co-ordinator. Many thanks to Mrs. Muise.

NEWSLETTERS

The school newsletter for the month of September will be sent home as a paper copy for September only. As of October our newsletter will be posted on the school's website www.dwam@ccrsb.ca for each month.

CLASS SCHEDULE

8:20-8:25	Homeroom/ O'Canada /Announcements
8:25 - 9:25	1 st Class

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9:25 - 10:25	2 nd Class
10:25 -10:35	Recess
10:35-11:35	3 rd Class
11:35 - 12:15	LUNCH
12:20 - 1:20	4 th Class
12:20- 2:20	5 th Class

Grades P-6 have 30 minute periods while grade 7-8 have 60 minute periods and we are on a 6 day cycle.

A reminder to parents /guardians - please do not drop your child/children off before 8:00 a.m. in the morning. There is no supervision prior to this time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Bussing



DWAMC has numerous busses that pick up and drop off our students. The following is a list of bus numbers and drivers that do periodically change. If you have a bussing question or concern please contact the Celtic Bus Garage in Lyons Brook 485-7995.

239E	Special Needs
140	Special Needs
112W	Brenda Boudai
148W	Pat Larson
14E	Darby Heighton
129W	Chester Dewar
27W	Greg MacInnis
218W	Mike Fraser
141W	Ann M. MacKenzie
29W	Tom Bowman
103W	Harvey Stiles
125W	Cathy Bourgeois

270W	Harold Halliday
176W	Allan O'Brien
177W	Gary Matika (WD)
180W	Allan Darroch (WD)

Please Note - Bus Numbers and drivers periodically change.

Extra Curricular Activities

School is much more fun when kids are involved! We try to offer many different activities so students can meet friends, try new things, learn new skills and stay physically active. Throughout the next few weeks activities will be starting up. Please encourage your child to choose at least one activity to join. No previous experience is necessary. All students have to do is watch for posters and listen for announcements to find out when particular activities begin.



IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 14	Stand Up- Speak Up
Sept 18 & 19	Picture Day
Sept. 20	Meet & Greet 6:00- 7:00
Sept. 28	Home & School -6:00 pm
Sept. 29	Teacher PD NO SCHOOL
Oct. 2	Terry Fox Walk
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving
Oct. 12	Dance

DANCES

We will be having our first dance of the year on Oct. 12th for grades 6,7,& 8. Students may invite guests from other county schools

(grades 7 & 8) and but they must be signed in prior to the dance. The person signing in their guest is responsible for that student. The cost of admission is usually \$5.00 and students will need to purchase his/her ticket in advance. The dances run from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

POWER SCHOOL

Just a reminder we use the Provincial Student Management system called "Power School". Parents have access to the Public Portal, "Daily Bulletins", their children's attendance as well as academic information and homework. Login information is the same from year to year. If anyone does not have their password, please contact the school.

CARS & Parking

Just a reminder to parents /guardians who may be dropping off or picking up their child at school; as you come up the driveway vehicles must go to the left of the building --- you will see a yellow sign on the left corner of the building indicating "Student Drop Off Area". Please do not drive in front of the school, through the parking lot or in the bus circle. "Students who are being dropped off should not arrive before 8:00 a.m. Thank you for your support as we endeavor to keep our students and staff safe.



Cafeteria/ Lunch Hour

Our school offers a complete cafeteria menu each and everyday. Cafeteria orders are placed before homeroom in the morning and picked up in the cafeteria at lunch time.



Student Absences

A written excuse is required when your son/daughter returns to school after being absent if you have not contacted the school.

Please remember to call our office at 755-8450 if your son or daughter is going to be absent or late. Please leave a message at that extension.

BUS PASSES

Students **MUST** have a written parental permission note with the civic address where the student will be dropped off to receive a bus pass from the office if they are planning to change busses after school. Parents may write a note in the agenda or send a note but must include the civic address and name of person where the student is to be dropped off. **Requests for grade 7 & 8 must be submitted before O'Canada in the morning. Bus passes are**



considered "courtesy bussing" so please keep in mind students who regularly travel home on a particular bus have seating ahead of those with bus passes. Busses that are full cannot accept a bus pass. It is very important that parents/guardians ensure that their child knows where they are going after school if this is a change from their regular bus. We must know in the morning so we can issue the pass for the correct bus and ensure that the bus driver knows where to drop off the student.

Signing In and Signing Out



Grades 7 - 8

Students who must leave the school for an appointment or who are ill, must come to the office to sign out before leaving the school.

Students should not contact home with cell phones, they must come to the office first. Students arriving late must come to the office to receive a late slip and sign in before proceeding to class. "Text Message cannot be accepted as communication between the school and parent/guardian."



Volunteers

As with many organizations, schools are always in need of volunteers to make good places even better. We require volunteers for a variety of activities including: sports teams, transportations to and from events, academic tutoring and many other reasons. If you would like to volunteer to help at Dr.W.A.MacLeod Consolidated, please contact the school at 755-8450.

Home & School

We are planning on having our first meeting on September 28, 2017 at 5:00pm in the cafeteria of the school. We are hoping to have new parents join us at the meeting. Please consider joining us on the 28th. New ideas are always welcome!

Transportation

At times during the school year, we ask parents (guardians) to transport students to sporting events and other activities. Drivers must come to the office and complete a "Form J" – Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

Parental Permission form for the Publishing/Display of Student images and / or Student Work & Travel "forms" have been sent home with each student to be signed by parents/guardians and returned to school.

Lockers & Locks Agendas

Lockers are available for students in grades 7 & 8. Please return the signed form to your homeroom teacher. Part of our student fees cover the rental of locker, lock and cost of the agenda.

OPEN HOUSE

Dr. W.A. MacLeod Consolidated School invites you to its Open House on September 20th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Parents/guardians, students and community members are welcome!

DWAMC Staff

Name	Grade/Subject
Lee Ann Stacey	Principal
Guy Aucoin	Vice Principal
Jancice Spears	P
Ashley Mahar	P/1
Melissa Bowden	1
Tina Shaw	2
Laura Robb	2/3
Lisa MacKinnon	3
Jocelyn McPherson	4
Courtney Maldre	4/5
Christine Irving/Meghan Walsh	5/6
Dawn MacCulloch	Prog. Support P-8
Nichole Dykstra	Learning Ctr.
Kate English	ELA 7
Jenny Ferguson	P-8, SS
John Fortune	Science 8, Tech Ed, HL 8 (W.Shop)
Lori Fulton	ELA 8, Res.
Robyn Alcorn-Martin	Music, Band
Ali Hayward/Katelyn Gaetz	Family Studies, Math 7
Jill MacDonald	ELS & Resource
Andrea Wall	Program Support

Chantale McGraw-Pitts	FLA 8.SH 8. SS 8
Mike McPherson	P-8. Phys Ed.
Chris Milbury	Core French, 8, Sci 7, VA/Tech/Fam.St.
Susan Pollock	Speech Language
Chelsea Robertson	Elem. Core French
Lorieann Reeves	Math 8, Res P-8
Darren Retson	Art, HL 7,8
Brie Sawyer	Guidance
Ellen Warren	Math 7,8 Res.
Sharon Whyte	FLA 7,SH 7, C.Fren. 7, HL 8
Ann Dunn	Psychologist
Deborah Clarke	Librarian
Jody Cameron	EA
Kaitlyn Cameron	EA
Wanda Gouthro	EA
Kelly Marshall	EA
Bernice Muise	EA
Rose O'Hagan	EA
Debra Ross	EA
Gabby Woolcock	EA
Kristen MacLane	AA.
Margaret MacLean	Admin. Assistant
Joyce Facey/ Elda MacDonald	Cafeteria
Chester Dewar	Bus Driver/ Cust.
Andy Hecimovich	Custodian
Bruce Holley	Custodian
Bradley Ross	Custodian

AGENDAS

Student Handbooks

Each student at DWAMC has been issued a student agenda. This student handbook is a multipurpose document. The handbook is also a tool to keep students organized with many goal setting and studying resources. **Elementary parent/guardians are asked to take time to review the agenda every night and check it each evening for additional information.**

Terry Fox Walk

BE LIKE TERRY FOX!

Thursday, Sept. 28th, the students at Dr. W.A. MacLeod Consolidated will be participating in a walk in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Our walk will be in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. We will walk up to the Residential Center in Riverton and back to the school. It will take place from 1:30 – 2:00 pm. We would appreciate as many parents as possible to join us and help out with our walk. Our Rain Date is Monday, October 2nd. Envelopes will be provided for any donation big or small in support of on-going Cancer Research.

Please Check Your Child's Backpack



There are a number of items that were sent home with your child on the first few days of school. Part of this package are forms for review and parent signature.

If any issues of concern arise, please contact your child's teacher so that we may work together to make your child's school experience a positive one.

Community Events

Basketball

Pictou County Basketball Association, (Lightning)

When:

Registration:

Tuesday Sept 5th 5-8p
 Wednesday Sept 13th 5-8p

Where:

Pictou County Wellness Center

Cost: \$50 (For those continuing on with Competitive teams will be required to pay a \$50 refundable deposit for a team Jersey. This will be handled by the respective team. Not at time of registration.)

What:

5 Skills sessions, Saturday Sept 16th to Saturday Oct 14th

Why:

Skills will lead to Competitive teams for those interested

Who:

Boys and girls, Ages 7- 17
 Contact pclightning@eastlink.ca with any questions.

#219 Royal Army Cadet Corps

New Glasgow Legion
Website: www.219army.com

If you are between the ages of 12-18 years old and are looking for a challenge consider joining army cadets. We offer training citizenship, Leadership, Physical Fitness, Pipes & Drums, marksmanship, Biathlon and

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Adventure Training. Drop by the New Glasgow Armouries to register. Bring your NS Health Card and Birth Certificate. For more information contact 902-754-2374 (Alan Day)

FUSION FESTIVAL

The Multicultural Fusion Festival is the signature event of the Multicultural Association of Pictou County. This year it is being held at the Glasgow Square on Saturday, September 9th from 11 am to 4 pm.

Stellarton Library

Here is what The Stellarton Public Library is offering your community this Fall. For registration or enquiries: 755-1638 or stellart@nsngp.library.ns.ca.

ABC's for Babies*, (Wednesdays, 10:45am) A weekly library program for babies (0-18 months) & parents/caregivers. Join us for stories, songs & fun activities.

Toddletime*, (Thursdays, 6:15pm & Fridays, 10:45pm) A weekly library program for toddlers (18 months - 3 years) & parents/caregivers. Join us for stories, songs, fun & games.

Preschool Storytime*, (Thursdays, 1pm) A FUN weekly library program for children ages 3-5 years. Join us to read old and new classics, singing, dancing with scarves, process art and lots more!

Afterschool@Library*, (Wednesdays, 3-4pm) Join us for a weekly afterschool program for children grades Primary-Grade 3,

with snacks, stories, LEGO!, science experiments and games.

Knitting Group*, (1st Tuesday, 6:30pm) A monthly program for those 7 and up interested in learning the basics or just coming together to knit with others. Bring your own needles, if you have them, or borrow some from our lending library. Yarn, patterns and written instructions will also be available.

Young Readers Club*, (1st Tuesday, 3pm) A monthly book club for children in Grades 4-6 ... join us afterschool - for books, chats, discussion & some snacks!

Tween Readers Club*, (2nd Tuesday, 3pm) A book club for tweens in grades 7-8 / .. join us afterschool - for books, chats, discussion & some snacks!

Teen Readers Club*, (4th Tuesday of the month, 4pm) A book club for teens in grades 9 - 12 ... join us afterschool - for books, chats, discussion & some snacks!

Air Cadets

For ages: 12 – 18
E-mail 374@cadets.gc.ca
Call 754-1634
<http://www.facebook.com/374>
Westville Town Hall
Wednesdays – 6:00 to 9:15 pm

Be part of a team in band, marksmanship, drill, sports, biathlon. Learn and experience aviation and aerospace, wilderness survival, Air rifle shooting, leadership and instructional techniques. Go flying, visit military bases, attend summer camps and international exchanges. Earn qualifications like glider pilot, private pilot license, first aid, Duke of Edinburg awards, medals and High School Credits.

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After School at the Museum of Industry Lego Builder's Club.

Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Sept. 19th to Dec. 5th

Ages 5 and older
Free Admission

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