



Chiganois Monthly Newsletter

Principal Message

It is hard to believe how quickly another month has passed and is behind us again and now but a memory. This month our virtue of focus is Kindness. We will work on treating others the way we would like to be treated and accepting everyone for their uniqueness and differences.

We are very hopeful the Sam the Groundhog, in Schubencadie, will be kind to us and will not see his shadow!

The school community is busy with activity and opportunities for students to engage in some great learning activities that are of interest, that highlight their talents and skills and that are simply fun. We are grateful to our volunteers for the time and energy they give to make these opportunities possible, especially our Parent Teacher Group and our Library volunteers. This month Goat Works will visit our school and complete some drumming workshops with each classroom, we celebrate Valentine's Day, 100th Day of School, as well as Winter Carnival just around the corner! We will have lots of exciting activities and events for the students. We will continue to build on school community with our school teams that will take place a few times a month on Fridays. We look forward to you joining us for any or even all of the activities that are yet to take place.

Also, during February we celebrate African Heritage month. As a school community, and fellow Nova Scotians, we appreciate the rich history of African Nova Scotian peoples. As we do all year, but this month in particular, the school community honors and celebrates African Nova Scotian history, culture and achievements. It is an opportunity to reflect on the many contributions of African Nova Scotians, as well as the rich diversity within our own school.

February is going to be fantastic!

Mr. K. Harnish
Principal

Our Virtue of the Month Kindness

I have a concern for others. I am helpful towards others in need and I do not expect anything in return. I will treat others the way I would like to be treated.

Primary Registration

Primary Registration for students beginning school in September 2018 will take place on **Thursday, February 15th**. If you have a child that will be 5 years old by December 31, 2018, please contact the school at 662-4420 to make an appointment. If you know of any other families that have school aged children, please pass on this important information. Thank you.

Attention Parents: Parking at Pickup

If you are picking up students at the end of the day please **DO NOT PARK** in the front of the school in the bus loop or on the corner by the gym. This blocks the loop and makes it difficult for the buses to enter and can create an unsafe situation for others, especially students.

You can park on the sides and if no space, on the service loop behind the school.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Grade 4 & 5 Ski Trip

Each year our school always tries to organize a ski day for our grade 4's & 5's. This year the trip is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2018. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 29th at 6:00pm at the school



CCRSB Policy states parents/guardians AND the student MUST attend a mandatory ski meeting hosted by Ski Wentworth should their child wish to participate in the ski day.

Primary – Grade 3 Bowling

All students in grades Primary – 3 will be going bowling Friday, March 9th at the Bible Hill Bowlcade. Permission forms and volunteer requests will be sent home prior to this event.



Chiganois Elementary Newsletter

The Goatworks African Drums

On Friday, February 16th the students at Chiganois Elementary School will get to experience some hands on drumming. Also, the students will get to learn the history, construction and sounds of the drums. They will explore some proper techniques and cultural relevance. The students will learn to drum a traditional West African rhythm and possibly some various arrangements. The day will be interactive, allow students the opportunity to work together to create song and listen to each other. It will be loads of fun. What a great opportunity!

Student Information

It is important that student information is current. If any of your child/children's contact information, such as telephone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts, medical information, and custodial arrangements has changed, please inform the office immediately of these changes so this can be updated in the school's data base. Thank you.

Cards to Special Places

In December our students handmade cards and ornaments with love and care. They sent these precious items to various local hospitals and senior homes. This was a way for our school to truly demonstrate the virtue of *Joyfulness*; "Giving of your time and talents to spread joy to other people".

Personal Belongings

The safekeeping of personal property rests with the students. Therefore, we discourage students from bringing electronic games, cell phones, i-Pods and any other valuables to school. If for any reason students must bring their technology devices to school they need to be handed into the office for its safe keeping.



Upcoming Dates

January 29th

Mandatory Ski Meeting Grade 4 & 5 (Parent & Child **MUST** attend) – 6:00 PM at Chiganois Gymnasium

February 1st

Virtue Assembly – Kindness 2:15

February 15th

Primary Registration (by appointment only)

February 22nd

Pancakes with the Principal for February Birthdays

February 27th

SAC 6:00 / PTG 7:00

Looking Ahead to March

March 1st

Virtue Assembly

March 5th – 9th

Winter Carnival Week – Details to follow

March 8th

Grade 4 & 5 Ski Trip – Pick up 4:30 at Chiganois

March 9th

Primary – 3 Bowling

March 12th – 16th

March Break – No School

Housekeeping Tips

- ✓ Please call in when your child is going to be absent. Please include the date and reason for your child's absence.
- ✓ Please send mittens and a hat with your child to school every day!
- ✓ Please label your child's belongings. It makes finding the owner of lost items much easier. Thank you.
- ✓ We would ask parents to try their best to wait until 3:15 to pick up their child as this is disruptive to the class and instruction is happening until 3:15 daily.
- ✓ Cafeteria Microwaves are for heating not cooking. Please do not send in items requiring longer than 1 minute. Students are also expected to know how to heat their own lunch as often supervisors are occupied attending to others.

Chiganois PTG News

Pajama Day!



Winter Carnival Week is Coming! Volunteers Needed

PTG is currently in the process of planning this year's Winter Carnival events. Typically we have parent volunteers to help serve a special snack each day. Please see below the list of "tentative" activities, snacks and volunteers needed.

Monday, March 5th

PJ Day & Pancake Breakfast (wear your PJ's to school)

Snack: Pancakes

(Volunteers needed from 8:30 am/9:00 am until about 11:00am to cook and serve pancakes.
(6-7 people)

Tuesday, March 6th

Sports Day (wear a sport related hat, jersey, clothing, etc.)

Bearcats visit for the day

Snack: Gatorade/Popcorn

(Volunteers needed from 9:30 am - 11:30 am to serve)

Wednesday, March 7th

Crazy Hair/Hat Day (wear your craziest hat or hairdo)

Snack: Cheese and juice

(Volunteers needed from 9:30 am-11:30 am to serve)

Thursday, March 8th

Rainbow Day (wear as many colors as you can)

Grade 4's & 5's Ski Trip (9:30 - 4:30)

Snack: Welshes Fruit Snacks

(Volunteers needed 10:00 am - 11:30 am to serve)

Friday, March 9th

Inside Out-Backward Day (wear all of your clothes inside out and/or backwards)

Grade P - 3 Bowling

Snack: Cookies & Milk

(Volunteers needed from 9:30 am - 11:30 am to serve)

*Dietary considerations will be taken into account for children with allergies. Please notify the office in advance if your child has a dietary restriction.

*Volunteer times are estimated at this point, PTG will confirm as we get closer to the actual day.

If you feel like this is something you could volunteer your time for whether it be one day or multiple days please contact Jen McKay at jenn_mckay@hotmail.com.

Thank you!

Crazy Hat Day

