



FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING?
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Feb.	6&13	African Dance Presentations for students
Feb.	12	Primary Registration 2018-2019 by appt.
Feb.	19	Heritage Day—no school
March	12-16	March Break 2018
March	23	Term 2 Assessment & Evaluation Day—no school
March	30	Good Friday—no school
April	2	Easter Monday—no school
April	20	Morning parent/teacher visits, afternoon PD—no school
May	18	Site-Based PD—no school
May	21	Victoria Day—no school
June	28	Marking Day—no school
June	29	Final day of school 9:30-10:30

School Advisory Council (SAC)—seeking parent members to meet 6—8 times per year. We are in immediate need of 1—2 parents to serve on this advisory board. Please contact the school or our SAC Chair, Tara Crandlemere, to find out more about this important committee.

Early Dismissals (if needed)
 Please ensure the school always has up-to-date contact information in the event an early dismissal may be necessary. Listen to **local news stations and check the CCRSB website** to stay up to date with school closures, including early dismissals, which are announced early in the morning. Ensure your child knows his/her plan and that you send a note about any changes to dismissal in your child's agenda.
Calls any time after 1:30 risk not being answered. Please only call us late in the school day in an emergency change situation.



NRES AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

All classes will have a One-hour interactive workshop on Feb. 6 or 13th with Liliona Quarmyne focused on the origins and styles of African Dance.



Thanks to the parents & guardians who joined us at the Colchester Legion Stadium for skating during Winter Carnival. Having so many helping hands made it work so smoothly! We're better together!

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS
 We will continue to wear our NRES t-shirts on Wednesdays for the rest of the school year. Students who participate will be given a Star Card ballot for showing their school spirit.



NORTH RIVER SINGS!
 Do YOU like to Sing? Do you want to sing some great songs with other people who love to sing? See Page 3 for more details on how to be a part of NORTH RIVER SINGS (new in 2018)!!



2018—2019 PRIMARY & Pre-Primary REGISTRATION

Monday, February 12th is our Registration Day

We are now collecting names of students who will attend Grade Primary at North River Elementary in the Fall of 2018. **Please call the school with your child's name & birth date so that we can schedule you an appointment.** Children who will be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2018 are eligible to begin school in September 2018.

Birth certificates and Health Cards must be brought along with the child on registration day.

Our Pre-Primary students will not have classes on this date & their teachers will be registering any students who will turn 4 on or before Dec. 31, 2018 and who live in our school catchment area, for next year's Pre-

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY WINTER SAFETY

With the arrival of winter snow and ice also comes concerns with traffic in the driveway while buses are arriving and departing. Children and pedestrians are often crossing the driveway in front of these waiting buses and cannot see vehicles pulling out on the other side of the buses. A buildup of snowbanks can make this extra treacherous!

For everyone's safety, we ask all drivers to use the driveway down by the staff parking lot for parking and for entering and exiting the school grounds.

Please respect the signs posted on both sides of the bus entrance asking for NO VEHICLES between 9-10 a.m. and from 3-4 p.m.

Thank you for helping us keep the kiddos safe!



January's SHINING STARS

Primary Dale	Sharay De Wolfe Callie-Anne Duncan	★	Grade 3 / 4	Milo MacCallum
Grade P / 1	Eva Huff		Grade 4	Carley Kaczmarek
Grade 1	Olivia Bisson Emma Oderkirk	★	Grade 4 / 5	Josie Sibley Ashlin Wolfe
Grade 2	Aidan Patriquin Madison Weatherby		Grade 5	Brooklyn Crowe Addison MacDonald
Grade 2 / 3	Scott Jeffery John Unicomb	★	Grade 6	Brayden Barley Elizabeth Shipley

Heritage Day (Mona Louise Parsons Day) is February 19, 2018

Celebrate Heritage Day with **FREE** admission from 9 am to 5 pm at the Museum of Industry.

This year Nova Scotia's honoree is Mona Louise Parsons. A Canadian hero of the Second World War, Parsons worked with the Dutch resistance to rescue downed Allied airmen, was arrested by the Gestapo, and escaped from a

Nazi prison camp before contacting Canadian soldiers at the end of the war. Parsons never wore a military uniform, but she was willing to lay her life on the line for freedom. She became the only Canadian female civilian to be imprisoned by the Germans during the Second World War.

To commemorate the contribution made by Parsons and other women during the Second World War, visitors can see a uniform worn by the Canadian Women's Army Corps, and practice sending secret messages in Morse code, as members of the Resistance did.

Visit our self-directed craft tables to keep the kids busy and be sure to visit our temporary exhibits, *Hope and Survival: The Halifax Explosion Memorial Quilt Project*, and *Art in the Hall 2*, featuring works of art by seven Pictou County artists.



[Ducky's FREE Long John Festival family day](https://www.facebook.com)
www.facebook.com

Come join us on February 17th 2pm-4pm for a free family day! Don't forget to wear your Long Johns.

Pony Rides Petting Farm Mechanical Bull Rides





Attention Parents!! You can still order those school photos even if you missed the date!

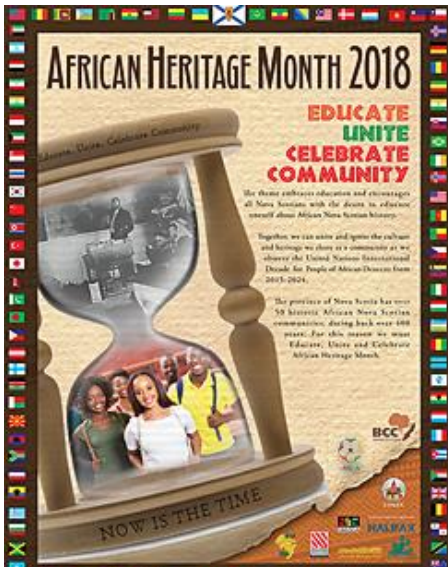
Call us or come into the studio!

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FEBRUARY is African Heritage Month 2018



Educate, Unite, Celebrate Community in 2018

The 2018 African Heritage Month theme ‘**Educate, Unite, Celebrate Community**’ will honour and pay homage to African Nova Scotians and their long legacy of uniting a passion that has provided a base to educate and celebrate an important part of Nova Scotia’s culture and Heritage. The theme embraces education and encourages all Nova Scotians with the desire to educate oneself about African Nova Scotian history. Together, we can unite and ignite the culture and heritage we share as a community as we observe the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent from 2015-2024. This observation focuses on three pillars: Recognition, Justice, and Development. The province of Nova Scotia has over 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities, dating back over 400 years. These communities have a unique and rich legacy of resistance, resilience and triumph that needs to be shared with all of Nova Scotia. It is for this reason we must Educate,

NORTH RIVER SINGS!!

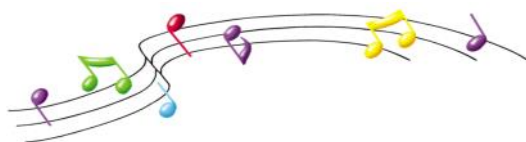
This is a group who may like to sing in the shower, in the car, in the bathroom mirrors into a hairbrush or in your room where no one can see you. **This is not a professional singing group, it IS a group for people who like to get their sing on!**

If that's you and you'd like to practice a song that a group will come together to sing at an assembly after we've all had time to practice, visit <http://www.flipgrid.com> and enter the code (at the top of the screen) **per9hm**. This will give you access to the page where info about upcoming song choices will be available.

In February, we have Performance #1 uploaded with a link to a video that has the words (lyrics) and the music to practice along with from anywhere! If you feel like sharing your own talent, you can even make a short video of yourself singing and post it for others to watch & sing along with!!

Come SING with us!!

Listen to the announcements for practice times with Mrs. Burris if you are interested in some group singing before the performance!!



MARCH BREAK HAPPENINGS

Once upon a castle....

Valiant knights and fearless princesses are summoned to the Museum of Industry this March Break. Kids can build castle walls with wooden blocks, then knock them down again with a catapult. Dress as a Lord, Lady or Jester, and act out a medieval skit in costume. Escape from a dungeon maze, practice jousting skills, and quest for treasure through the Museum’s galleries. Be the King or Queen of the Castle, March 10 – 19 at the Museum of Industry, Stellarton.

Visit: museumofindustry@novascotia.ca

Would you like to spend your March Break **riding horses**? Ask your parents/guardians to consider enrolling you in the March Break Camp at Forever Memories Equestrian Centre, Truro, NS. They also have openings for riding lessons and an opportunity to get \$300 in funding for riding lessons from Kid Sport. Contact for more information: Shelby Gatti
Forever Memories Equestrian Centre
(902)957-7433
The March Break camp runs from March 12-16, 2018 from 9am to 5pm daily. Call 902-957-7433 for more info.



Cobequid Spartans Gymnastics and Trampoline

We will be starting our spring term after March Break and are very excited to be offering our original programs, as well we also have a Diffability class and this year have added a new Ninja (beginner parkour) class. We also offer Recreational Gymnastics & Trampoline, Pre-school & Kindergym classes. We are continuing to offer our in service days, a fun day for your kids to come do gymnastics, trampoline, outdoor activities, crafts and games. If you have any questions about any of our programs or would like to register for our current winter term, please call 902-895-7727 or if you would like to register for our spring term please go to our website Cobequidspartans.com after March 1st.