



October 2010



School Board Times



Director's message:

I made a comment at the beginning of the month about it being a new year and it was pointed out to me that the year is already nine months gone. I think for most of us who work in the school system, September is the start of our new year (not January). Each September, we say goodbye to summer and hello to fall by welcoming new faces; inviting our students to start the year fresh and take up the challenge to make the upcoming year their best. We renew our relationships with students and co-workers we haven't seen over the summer and like our students, we promise ourselves that this will be our best year ever. Our challenge now is in trying to keep this positive energy strong throughout the year.

As the novelty of the new school year settles into the routine of the school year, we must continually challenge ourselves and our students to keep trying to make this our best school year ever. Mi'kmaq History month gives us a great opportunity to explore our language, culture and traditions. It has been a very exciting year to celebrate our history, and as the theme of this year states, ours is indeed "A culture to celebrate, a time to share". We should challenge ourselves and our students to learn more about our experience and to teach it forward to keep the knowledge strong not only in the month of October but all year long.

Liz Cremo—Director of Education

Ksite'taqn Day Care News:

The Day Care had their annual Terry Fox Walk on September 24th, and raised \$120.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation. The day care children walked from the day care to the Eskasoni Middle School and back. Good work to all.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held on October 6 and the day care cook, Obie, made a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings for the children and staff.

Staff would like to send their congratulations and best wishes to Elizabeth & Squanto Oakley on their wedding day.

We have a full house at the day care as of this date with a waiting list. The day care is a very busy place with all the li'l ones keeping the staff very busy.

Miranda will be attending the Early Childhood Conference in Halifax on October 8th, hope you enjoy your trip.

Happy Thanksgiving & Halloween to all...from the staff and children of the Eskasoni Day Care.



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School Board News:

Congratulations to Elizabeth Cremo on her new position as Director of Education. Also congratulations to John D. Googoo with his new role as Supervisor for Post Secondary students. We would like to welcome you both on staff at the School Board.



Congratulations to Elizabeth Cremo & Squanto Oakley on their "Star Wars" wedding in Viva Las Vegas on Saturday, October 2nd, 2010. May the force be with you both.

The Collective Agreement was officially signed on Wednesday, September 29th, 2010.

All Union Members will follow their Collective Agreement Guidelines.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following representatives:

- TEC Jonathan Cox
- AMBMHS Katani Julian
- EEMS Helen Dennis, Calvin Stevens, Kissy Googoo & Veronica Denny

All non-union members will continue to follow the Staff Policy Handbook Guidelines.

If you have any questions, please contact your supervisor.

To view the Collective Agreement Package, please go to the Eskasoni School Board website at www.eskasonischoolbd.com.



Payroll Savings Program

If you are planning to purchase Canada Saving Bonds this year, there is a new way of applying.

All NEW applicants must apply on-line to the following address:

CSB.GC.CA/EMPLOYEES
Organization ID # 17544

Deadline to apply online is
October 31st, 2010

If you have any questions, contact
Belinda Stevens @
379-2507, ext # 233





TEC UPDATE:

Staff & students would like to welcome back all returning and new students for another school year, hope 2010-2011 school year will be better than last year. Also we would like to welcome Debbie Lee Pearson and Lena Mahoney-Petrie to our teaching staff.

New to TEC for the very first time, we have our very own "Student Council". Student council nominations were held on Thursday, September 30th and voting took place on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Here are the results:

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| President | Harry Lafford Jr. | Vice-President | —Heavy D |
| Secretary | Meagan Paul | Treasurer | —Michael Dennis |
| Grade 10 rep | Nitara Dennis for 1st Semester | | |
| Grade 10 rep | Warner Gould for the 2nd Semester | | |
| Grade 9 rep | —Ann Stevens | | |



The staff & students of TEC are patiently waiting to move to the new school, hopefully in a couple of months. The Adult Learning Program, Levels 11/111 went on a field trip to the Cabot Trail on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, along with their chaperones Lena Mahoney Petrie and Debbie Lee Pearson.

Also at TEC, we all miss our principal, Michelle Marshall-Johnson, hope she has a good year at the Chief Allison Bernard Memorial High School, and we wish her all the best!

NEWS FROM ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL:

The elementary school would like to welcome the following new staff: Megan Currie, replacing Marie Gillis in Learning Center 1; Brenda MacIsaac in grade 6; Allan MacDonald for Industrial Arts; Chastity Jeddore, substitute teacher for Debbie Dennis in grade 6; Francine Denny, subbing for Mary C Marshall at the front desk; Fran Young, subbing for Colleen Rosta in grade 2; and Jennifer Tate, Speech Pathologist on Days 1, 3 & 5.

Get well wishes and a speedy recovery go out to the following: Debbie Dennis is recovering from surgery. Debbie will be returning on November 29th. Mary C Marshall is off indefinitely with a broken arm. Colleen Rosta is also off indefinitely recovering from surgery. Ranni 'Geeg' Denny is off recovering from a broken arm. Our condolences go out to: Anita Tatlock for the loss of her mother Mary MacDonald on August 12th. Arlene Stevens, Mary C Marshall, Florence Dennis, Nicole Denny, Joe Kelly and Brenda Paul on the loss of their brother/brother-in-law and uncle Peter "Lalo" Paul who passed away on October 2nd.

Meet the Teacher" was held on September 23rd.

The Terry Fox run was held on Friday afternoon on September 24th. Students from grades K to 3 walked around the track behind the school. Students from grades 4 to 9 walked two laps around Goat Island. The grand total raised was \$? . Good work to all those who participated.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

The high school had their Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 30, 2010. On October 28th the high school are hosting a Pow-wow and everyone is welcome to attend. The Europe Travel Group started their fund-raising, also the Grade 12 Travel Group started their fund raising, please help support the students. Steve Parsons and Chris Stevens took four students, Willy Stevens, Cutter Morris, Justis Stevens & Dane Paul to a golf tournament. Happy Thanksgiving to all students & staff.



Savings Program Available:

With our payroll program, employees now have the option to designate a percentage or a fixed amount off their cheque to a second bank account. All you need to do is bring in your bank account information and we will do the rest. It's a perfect way to save extra money. It will be your own account and you can withdraw from it at anytime or continue to pay into it for as long as you want. For more information call me at 379-2507, ext. 224 or Wanda Paul at ext. 230.

Terry Lynn Marshall

HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS THEIR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS.