

# Port Williams Elementary School Newsletter

February 28, 2017

## SCHOOL NEWS

February has been an engaging month with students learning about African Heritage through daily trivia, presentations, music and classroom instruction. All students participated in a session with Maritime Centre for African Dance learning about African culture. Our Student Support Worker, Mr. Parker has been presenting to students and has organized for 12 of our students to be part of his Annual African Youth Talent Show that will take place on Thursday March 9, 2017. Our Nutrition for Health committee had a Blueberry fundraiser sharing interesting blueberry facts with students. Students stayed very active on our playground with all the snow, taking advantage of the crazy carpets and snow shows. Next month we look forward meeting our new primaries during primary registration, participating in respect groups and learning about nutrition during March Nutrition Month.



### African Youth Talent Show: March 9

**The Annual African Youth Talent Show has been moved to Thursday, March 9.** The show starts at 6 p.m. at the Horton High School Performance Centre. This all-ages event showcases the amazing talents and skills of students in the AVRSB Student Support Worker and Native Student Advisor Programs. The show features singing, instrumental music, dance, comedy, sports skills and more! All welcome, admission by freewill offering.

## HOME & SCHOOL

There will be a Home & School meeting on Wed., March 1st at 7pm in the Library. We encourage parents to come out and hear what we have planned for events for the remainder of the school year. We would also like to invite all parents of Grade 5 students to attend this meeting as we will provide some information about the Grade 5 Luncheon. This is just a preliminary meeting. We won't be making any decisions with regards to theme, food, etc., so if you cannot attend, there will be a Luncheon meeting in April. Date - TBD. Also, mark your calendar with 'Family Fun Night' taking place on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00-8:00 pm. Activities led by PWES' Mr. Pinch! A healthy snack will be provided by Mrs. Williams. ☺

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Valley District Soccer Camp

We are pleased to present the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual March Soccer Camp for players aged 6-13 (birth years 2004-2011). Register at the indoor facility in Kentville. Camp Dates & Times: Monday, March 13 – Thursday, March 16 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (U10 and U13); 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (U8 and U6).

### March Break Art Camp! (ages 5 and up)

March Break is fast approaching and I would love to do another art camp! I am running a “half day art camp” at my studio in Greenwich on Mon., March 13 and Tue., March 14. You can choose the morning or the afternoon session. You simply sign up through email for the 9am-12 session or the one at 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. The cost is \$60 per child and includes both half days, all supplies, a light snack and a lot of fun! Space is limited so please sign up asap by emailing me at: [cmgerrits@hotmail.com](mailto:cmgerrits@hotmail.com). I look forward to creating art with your child! Thank you! - Colleen Gerrits ☺

### Port Williams Recreation March Break Camp (March 13-17)

Multi-Sport Camp for Girls and Boys ages 5-12. Games, skills and fun with Coach Joseph – one sport in the morning and one in the afternoon (basketball, soccer, tennis, handball, baseball). Team building and fun activities with our dance instructor, Jessica Cherry. Trailblazers and outdoors play. Our desired outcomes are to improve each camper’s self-confidence, team spirit, fundamental movement skill and to **have fun!** Drop off and pick up at the Port Williams Elementary School gymnasium, Monday-Thursday ... 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday drop off and pick up at the Port Williams Community Center ... 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. To register, email Coach Joseph at: [pwrecreation@nsaliantzinc.ca](mailto:pwrecreation@nsaliantzinc.ca). \$25/day or \$100/week; half-day - \$15.

### Ross Creek Centre for the Arts (902-582-3842; [www.artscentre.ca](http://www.artscentre.ca))

. Winter Adventure – March 3-5, Ages 9-14

*Learn to love winter with this weekend camp all about the woods and wilderness. Learn winter survival skills focusing on fire-making, shelter-building and winter navigation. Build confidence and skills in the outdoors, in a weekend that’s challenging and a whole lot of fun! Campers are under the guidance of Erik Kershaw, a naturalist and fabulous instructor, and learn all the skills related to basic winter survival and outdoor enjoyment of this gorgeous season.*

. Community Arts – March 5, 2017. All ages! Time: 1-4 pm. Admission by donation. Bring your family and friends and explore art and food in a fabulous afternoon! A Woman’s Work is Never Done! This month at our community arts day, we are exploring the art of women in the early years of the last century – both professional artists and those who perfected traditional forms, including food! Make art inspired by our grandmothers and have a late lunch/afternoon tea at Ross Creek, with cucumber sandwiches, soups and cakes.

. March Break Camps – March 13-17, Ages 5-18. Take part in an amazing experience taught by professional artists on our 178 acres of field and forest. A full day of art and adventure from 9 am to 5 pm. Enroll for a day or for a whole week of new friends, adventure and art. Lunch is included; valley shuttle available.

## Dates To Remember



Wednesday, March 1

Thurs., Mar. 2 & Fri., Mar. 3

Mon., Mar. 13 – Fri., Mar. 17

Friday, March 31

Home & School Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Primary Registration (No school for Mrs. Fuller’s & Ms Nichols’/Ms Rand’s classes)

March Break (School closed)

Family Fun Night (7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

**Assembly: March 10**

*Ways to Love a Child .... Ask their opinions ... Learn from them*