

Port Williams Elementary School Newsletter

February 2018

January's learning experiences included a hands on African drumming experience with Dr. Henry Bishop, a Mad Science presentation and Sammy the Snowplow Safety presentation from The Department of Transportation. Classes continue to sing O Canada on the announcements Monday mornings and all classes participated in an Honesty Respect lesson this month. The Spirit Squad PJ day was a success collecting food for the local food bank.



African Drumming



Snowplow Safety



Primary Nichols/Delaney
Singing O' Canada

February - African Heritage Month

Students will be participating in a variety of learning experiences in recognition of African Heritage Month. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in daily African Heritage trivia that will be shared on the morning announcements.

Primary Registration - March 20 & 21, 2018

Primary registration is being held on March 20th and 21st this includes children who are, or will be, five by or on December 31, 2018. If you have a preschooler(s) in your home or you know of children in your neighbourhood please call (902-542-6074) the school to register your child.

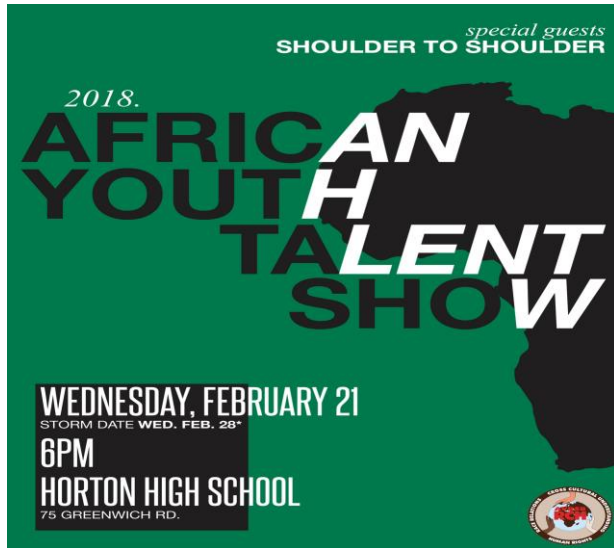
Assembly

Please note our assembly this month has been changed from February 16th to 23rd. Assemblies provide an opportunity for students to share talents and present on learning in the classroom.

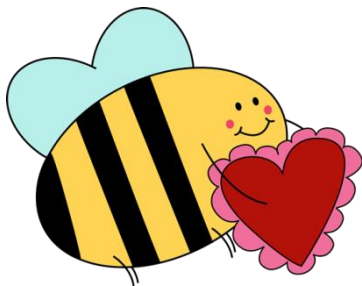
Attendance

Consistent student attendance is important. When a child is frequently absent from school, he/she misses important learning experiences including specific skills and knowledge that may be necessary for further learning. The real danger of frequent absences from school is that students will develop gaps in their learning that will hinder future learning.

Annual African Youth Talent Show



Home and School



Valentine's Dance – Shine up your dancing shoes and come to the Valentine's Dance Friday 9 February from 6-7:30pm in the gymnasium! Mr. Pinch will be our DJ – song requests can be submitted in the cafeteria Monday and Tuesday. A canteen will be available with hot dogs, water, chips, pop, popcorn and cookies. Free admittance. Please bring indoor shoes to wear in the gym.

Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up - see the PWES Facebook page for more details. Our next Home and School meeting will be held Wednesday, February 7th at 7pm in the library. Ms. Gina Gallagher will present about Chrome Books. All are welcome!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Victory Taekwondo

Located in the County Fair Mall in New Minas, Victory Taekwondo has classes for ages 4 and up. Two instructors each have over 25 years experience in WTF Taekwondo. We are now offering a free Ladies only class on Saturdays at 11am. Come in and check it out for free! The ladies class is for ages 10 and up and no experience is necessary to participate.

Contact us for our current schedule. Call 902-670-7897 or email tkdvictory@hotmail.com.

Heritage Day, 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.

The Museum's hands-on exhibits will be open throughout the day.

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



ANNUAL WINTER FOOTBALL CAMP

Come join The Acadia Axemen players and coaches for our fun winter football camp.
Bring your friends and make some new ones!



Where: Kentville soccer dome

When: Sunday 12:00 noon to 1:00pm

Who: Boys and Girls age 6 to 15

Starts: 11 February 2018

Cost: Only \$ 50.00 (\$ 80.00 if registering 2 in a family) for 8 weeks of fun and exercise with your friends

No experience required great camp for new and experienced players. This is a non-contact introduction to basic football skills with an emphasis on fun and hard work.

Register on the first day at the Kentville soccer dome

Any questions to bulldogsregistration@hotmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER - February 2018

Thursday, February 1	Regional Shut Down Day	NO SCHOOL
Monday, February 5	Blueberry Fundraiser Begins	
Friday, February 9	H&S Family Valentines Dance	
Friday, February 16	Blueberry Fundraiser Ends	
Monday, February 19	Heritage Day	NO SCHOOL
Friday, February 23	School Assembly (8:30am)	

