

NEWSLETTER



North Nova Education Centre

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The theme of African Heritage Month 2023 reminds us that the history of African Nova Scotian communities is defined by strength and determination,” said Lt.-Gov. Arthur J. LeBlanc. “As a province, we celebrate the legacy and contributions of African Nova Scotians, both past and present. Their lives and journeys have made a significant influence on our collective provincial identity; their stories will be shared and remembered for generations to come.”

This year’s theme, Seas of Struggle – African Peoples from Shore to Shore, recognizes the resilience, strength, determination and impact of people of African descent from the shores of Africa to the shores of Nova Scotia, with the Atlantic Ocean being the everlasting connection. The theme recognizes people of African descent as global architects and designers of civilization, advancement and change.

“Our province is proud to recognize the contributions, culture, and history of African Nova Scotians and people of African descent,” said Premier Tim Houston. “Diversity, inclusion and equity are fundamental to our collective growth and prosperity. Learning from our history and making change together today will help us build a better future.”

The provincial launch is available to watch at: <https://youtu.be/r9X-HdMrnMU>.

Calendar of Events

Feb 16	Afro-Centric Pop-up Shop @ Lunch in the Foyer. Proceeds to support cultural activities for ANS students.
Feb 17, 24	African Heritage Month Quiz
Feb 18	African Drumming for students in the NNEC Performing Arts Group
Feb 20	NO SCHOOL - Heritage Day
Feb 22	African Heritage Month Assembly for all students with a Meet & Greet for invited guests
Feb 28	NNEC Performing Arts Group travel to CEC
March 13-17	NO SCHOOL - March Break
April 7	NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
April 10	NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday
April 20	Parent-Teacher
April 21	NO SCHOOL - Staff PD & Parent Teacher
May 22	NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day
June 28	NO SCHOOL - Assessment & Evaluation Day Graduation Ceremony
June 29	NO SCHOOL - Assessment & Evaluation Day
June 30	Last Day of School



The Afro-centric pop up shop was a hit! We will host another on February 16th at lunch. Items such as kente pins, jewelry etc. will be sold. Proceeds go toward cultural activities for our ANS students.





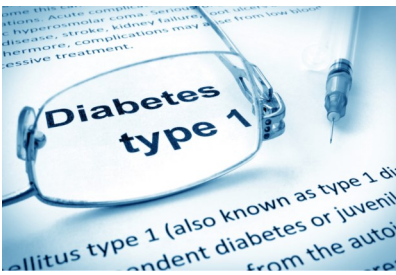
NNEC recently received a nearly \$3000.00 grant from Health Promoting Schools. The grant was used to purchase a Rogue gym set for the weight room. Pictured are some of the students that take advantage of the new gear at lunchtime. We would like to thank Mr. Snyder for taking the lead on this project.

Make online payments with SchoolCashOnline!



- Field Trips
- Sport Trips
- Activity Fees

Register now: ccrce.schoolcashionline.com



Being diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes influences many aspects of a young person's life. Beyond the day to day changes required, some may struggle with knowing that their diagnosis is lifelong, may feel embarrassed to talk with peers

about their diagnosis, or may feel alone if they don't know someone else their age who is also learning to live with Type 1 Diabetes.

Some children attend summer camp opportunities (such as Brigadoon) to meet others who share their experience. However, they may not know anyone their age in their community who has Type 1 Diabetes.

If your child has Type 1 Diabetes, and they would like the opportunity to potentially meet someone in their community, of a similar age, who has also been diagnosed, you are invited to contact Connie Johnson by email at johnsoncm@ccrce.ca for more information and/or to indicate your interest.

Incliment Weather

Occasionally, weather conditions can impact school bus service and school operations – especially in the winter. When it is stormy or road conditions are poor, CCRCE's Transportation Services take a number of things into consideration. CCRCE will make one of the following choices regarding morning school closures:

- Maintain bus and school operations as usual (All schools open)
- Maintain bus services on paved roads only, or cancel bus services
- Close schools OR delay opening schools by two hours

For example: If the school day normally starts at 8:30 am, it will start 2 hours later at 10:30 am. If your bus stop time is usually at 7:30 am it will be 9:30 am today. School dismissal times will remain the same.



School Closures During The Day

CCRCE rarely cancels school mid-day due to weather or road conditions. However, closures during the school day may occur from unforeseen circumstances such as sudden power outages or on the rare occasion due to deteriorating road conditions.

CCRCE is committed to communicating in the following ways by 6:30 am:

- Announced on local radio or television stations
- CCRCE's Twitter, Facebook & Website
- CCRCE's incliment weather text notifications

Text Notifications

Incliment Weather Text Notifications are not the same as the notifications sent to parents from their child's school. This option is open to families, staff, and community members and requires a two-step process. To receive this notification you must sign up on the CCRCE website, and opt-in with CCRCE's service provider. At the beginning of all Incliment Weather Text Notifications, you will see the acronym IWN.

WHO: Pictou County Roots for Youth Society!

WHAT: Annual Fundraiser for Pictou County Roots for Youth Society!

WHEN: Saturday, February 25, 2023

WHERE: Christian Fellowship Church (289 Abercrombie Road, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, B2H 1L3)

WHY: To have fun and to fundraise for Pictou County Roots for Youth!

HOW: Register a team at cnoy.org. Call (902) 695-3241 or email admin@pcrootsforyouth.ca to volunteer!

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OF THE YEAR





Skilled Trades students recently toured MacGregor's Industrial. Thank you to MacGregor's for welcoming our students and providing this learning opportunity.

#seeinsideourclassroom

 CURRICULUM



5th CANADIAN DIVISION ARMY RESERVE



STRONG. PROUD. READY.
FORTS. PIERS. PRÊTS.

NOW HIRING

Join Us at Career Connections in New Glasgow 1-3pm
February 15th, 21st and 28th!

Basic eligibility: Must be Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident, age 16-57, minimum Grade 10 education required.

Officer Occupations

Requires university degree or to be enrolled in an applicable Canadian university program.

- Infantry Officer

Initial Pay: \$118.74/day
Once Trained: \$133.38/day

PART TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH BENEFITS
Contribute to a Pension Plan
Tuition reimbursement up to \$8000
Dental Coverage
Competitive Pay Rates

Non Commissioned Member Occupations

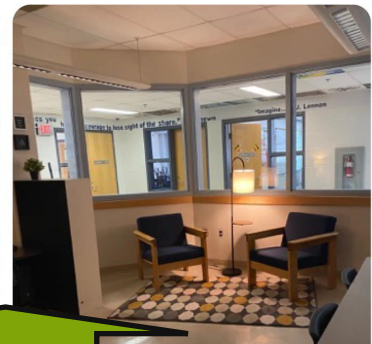
Requires minimum Grade 10 complete.

- Musician
- Financial Services Administrator
- Human Resources Administrator
- Infantry Soldier

Initial Pay: \$101.96/day
Once Trained: \$162.32/day

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Army Reserve Recruiting Office
Phone: 902-899-6213
Email: James.Hunter3@forces.gc.ca
Online: www.forces.ca



As part of the capacity building for independent reading, our English teachers have transformed a teacher pod into a student centered mini library and workspace.

Mr. Langlois was a guest teacher in Mr. Davison's class to help students learn the skill of archery.

Pictou County Fuel Fund "No one should go cold in Pictou County"

The Pictou County Fuel Fund is an assistance program for urgent fuel needs. The PCFF is committed to providing short term assistance for those who do not have options and face the prospects of an unheated home environment. We try our best to make arrangements with our suppliers, however, this is not an emergency service but is provided for urgent situations.



Our 2022-2023 Season is still open. Applications will be taken from November 15 to March 31. Assistance is available once per heating season. For more information please see their website <https://www.pictoucountyfuelfund.ca/> or call 1-902-616-4328 (HEAT) during regular office hours. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP):

The newly expanded Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP) is now accepting applications to help more Nova Scotians than ever with rising home heating costs.

The HARP rebate has increased for this winter from \$200 to \$1,000. Households with a net income of up to \$85,000 will be eligible.

Anyone who has already qualified for a HARP rebate this year does not need to reapply. They will receive an additional payment to top them up to \$1000. Anyone who was previously denied the rebate does not need to reapply. The program is reviewing all denied applications using the new eligibility criteria and will grant the full rebate to eligible applicants.

Home Warming Program

The first step to enjoying a warmer home and lower bills.

Free energy saving home upgrades for income-qualified homeowners. Home Warming has helped over 13,000 Nova Scotians save on heating costs and enjoy a more comfortable home.

If we discover that draft-proofing, insulation or other efficiency options can help make heating and cooling your home more affordable we'll cover the cost of installing the upgrades and arrange the contractors to have the approved home upgrades completed—all at no cost to you. To apply visit www.homewarmingapply.ca.



Gryphon's Den Pantry

The Gryphon's Den Pantry has been providing food to families as part of our food security initiative. We have been able to provide meal kits to families in need on a regular basis. If your family requires support, please reach out to the school or if you would like to donate, we would graciously accept donations.



We are also able to accept grocery store gift cards. If you would like to have your name added to our list, or would like to make a donation, please contact: Marilyn Sandluck at sandluckm@ccrce.ca



Women's Institute Week

February 19th to 25th

Have you ever heard of a Women's Institute? The MacPherson's Mills Chapter of Women's Institute of Nova Scotia (WINS) is celebrating Women's Institute Week by educating the public on their organization.

Women's Institutes across Canada are a united voice advocating for national directives in health, poverty, food safety, environmental preservation and community support.

Since its founding in 1897, the WI has been a leader in improving the lives of women, their families and community. They have educated women and mothers about food safety with major achievement being the pasteurization of milk.

They have advocated for the expansion of basic education curricula, and lobbied for women and children's rights, such as an increase to the age of female consent.

The MacPherson's Mills WI is one of eight branches in Pictou County. They are an active group of women, in the community, who focus on supporting families, schools and other activities. They are a voice that helps to make our province, nation and world a better place to live.



The MacPherson's Mills Branch supports the Thorburn Consolidated Book Awards and breakfast program; help fund end of school year prizes, as well as a bursary fund for graduating students planning to further their education. They host events such as a seniors Lunch and Learn, offer prize money to the Pictou County North Colchester Exhibition and donate old towels and other supplies to our local SPCA.



They are a grass roots organization that welcomes women from Thorburn and surrounding. If you would like to join or find out more information, please contact them through their facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087599239077>