



## New Minas Elementary School

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### **Dear Parents and Guardians:**

Another busy month is quickly coming to a close and our plans are well underway for the months to come!

I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight a few of the many programs and clubs our students have been able to enjoy since school started only a few months ago.

Our cross country team took part in several meets throughout the months of September and October. Many of our students had top ten finishes and personal bests. These athletes were great ambassadors of our school and showed tremendous heart at each race.

Our choir has been faithfully practicing every Monday for upcoming concerts, assemblies & festivals under the direction of Ms. Frampton. It is always a pleasure to hear the voices of our students singing so proudly.

Our Breakfast Program continues to be another well attended program and is appreciated by students and families alike. Thanks to the many volunteers who help ensure that our students begin each day with a nutritious meal. Jon Dixon, Kim Ross, Kathy Palmer, Denise Young, Maryellen Spinney, Majeedah Belding, Tara Blenus are a truly committed group of volunteers.

Our PALS, Green Team and Breakfast Program helpers are also in full swing and provide a real service to our school. It is great to see our students take-on these leadership roles.

Our students have also participated in a number of important assemblies such as: Anti-bullying, Terry Fox, Bus and Fire Safety & Goal setting etc. We look forward to our Outdoor Classroom Grand Opening Assembly on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am as well as our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm. Parents, family and friends are all welcome to attend!

Lots happening for sure!

*Eric Trahan, Principal*

### **Notes from the PTA**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Fundraiser! It was very successful and we hope you can make it to our PTA meetings to help decide what to do with the money raised. Our **NEXT MEETING** is **Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

We are currently looking for donations of winter wear (boots, coats, snow pants, hats, mitts/gloves, and scarves) for our **WINTER CLOTHES EXCHANGE**. If you have any of these items (clean and in good repair), please consider donating them to the school before the event. On **Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 5:30** all parents and guardians are welcome to come and look through the donated items and take what they need. Feel free to donate, take or both! Also, **Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** is our **FALL MOVIE NIGHT**. We will be showing 'Inside Out' at 6:30 in the gym (doors open at 6). Come dressed in pjs and bring blankets for snuggling. Tickets are \$1 per person or \$5 per family (all tickets sales are at the door). We also have fresh movie popcorn, sweets, and a variety of drinks for purchase. **NEW** this year is **pre-ordered pizza** by the slice. Keep your eyes open for a note about pre-ordering pizza. Remember to follow 'New Minas Elementary PTA' on Facebook to keep up to date!

### **Scents**

Please be advised that we have staff and students that are scent sensitive. Please ensure that you wear products that are unscented in order to promote a positive learning environment for all students and staff.

### **NMES Vegetable Garden**

We have had another successful growing season and the students from our school have got to sample lots of our own produce. Ms. Fuller and her students were kind enough to prepare many treats. We also got to enjoy some zucchini bread made by Ms. Murphy. We were also fortunate to have the support of the students and staff at NSCC Culinary Program.



### **Donations**

Thanks to the following businesses and community members for their support of students, staff and our programs this past month: Ella Henshaw, Tara Guptill, Bartie Family, the New Minas Baptist Church, Atlantic Superstore, Blomidon Nurseries, NS Power, Burger King Gaul Family, Krista Fitzgerald, NSCC, Acadia University, County Fair Mall, New Minas School PTA, Rotary Club and Harvest Marathon Organizing Committee.

### **Food For Thought**

A special thank you goes out to the local Rotary Clubs for organizing a very successful Food for Thought Campaign on behalf of a number of valley schools, including New Minas Elementary.

### **Drive Away Hunger**

Thanks to the students, families and staff that recently supported our Drive Away Hunger Campaign. 502.4 lbs of food was collected from our school in support of local food banks.

### **School Closures**



In case of poor weather and/or road conditions the decision to close schools and keep buses off the highways will be made early in the morning by school board staff. An announcement will be broadcast by 6:00 am. on local radio stations (AVR, Magic 94.9, CBC Radio, etc.). Closures during the school day will also be broadcast on the radio and the school will contact families as well. Please have your Unplanned Early Dismissal form up-to-date indicating where your child(ren) should go if a closure happens after we arrive at school for the day.

### **Medication**

Please note that we cannot dispense medication to students without the appropriate forms being signed. Please call the school office for more information.

## **Community Events**

### **Remembering – Sobeys New Minas**

Children & parents are invited to a Special Remembrance Day Story Time. Come hear stories told by Don Job & Myles Rattray WWII Veterans from the Kentville Legion. Saturday, November 7 from 1 -3 pm. Orchards & Tides Place, Sobeys New Minas. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is free.

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**The Annapolis Valley Speed Skating Club** is offering a FREE after school program for eight weeks starting on Oct 30th. Sessions will be held every Friday from 5-6pm at the Credit Union Centre - Kingston Arena. Open to anyone in grades 6-12! All abilities welcome! Great exercise and great FUN! Have the need for speed? - we can help with that! There is safety gear required: helmet, thick gloves, and long sleeves. We do have some helmets we can lend. Space is limited so sign up a.s.a.p.

Contact info: [valleyspeedskating@gmail.com](mailto:valleyspeedskating@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook - Annapolis Valley Speed Skating Club. Thank you again! Laura Mayhew

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