



MARINE DRIVE ACADEMY NEWS

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What's Happening in the classroom with Ms. Marsha

Grade Primary class learns about Respect - The 7 Sacred Teachings.



Thank You

A huge thank you to Ms. Lisa Zwicker for the donation of toys for our playbox and Mrs. Shirley Munroe for the donation of books for our library and school supplies for our students.

P-12 Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on April 4th from 12:30-2:30 and 6:00-8:00. Please have a list of teachers you would like to see before calling to book your appointments. Appointments will be booked from **March 19 to March 28th 10:00AM-2:30PM**, as Mrs. Levy will be out of the office from April 2-10.

Interviews will be a maximum of 10 minutes, if you require more time, please, connect with the subject or classroom teacher and book a time other than Parent-Teacher Day.

Pop Tabs

Grade 3-4 class has been able to collect over 30,000 pop tabs for the lion's club drive to support the purchase of a wheelchair. This weighed over 20lbs. The class will continue to collect tabs until mid-June. Please feel free to send any tabs you might have into Mrs. Erin Boutilier.



Boys Basketball Fundraiser

The winner of the first fundraiser of \$500 was Mrs. Kelsi Henley and the 2nd fundraiser winner was Mr. Stuart Jackson-Monroe. Congratulations to the winners.

Graduation and Post-Secondary Updates from Ms. Walsh

Grade 12 students, the final semester of high school has started, and you are one step closer to graduation. It's an exciting time with lots of news coming your way from the post-secondary institutions to which you have applied. As they do not send your news to the school, please remember to keep me updated. You can email twalsh@hrce.ca, call 902-885-2777 ext.4, or drop by my office.

- If you have been accepted or have news about your application, please let me know your status, the school and the program.
- If you have made a decision about where you will be attending, please let me know the school and the program.
- Don't forget that some schools have separate applications for scholarships, bursaries and awards. Check the websites of the schools to which you have applied.
- If you receive an award, scholarship or bursary and would like to have it included in the graduation program, please let know:
 - the name of the award
 - the school or organization giving you the award
 - the amount of the award.






Award, scholarship, and bursary applications are updated on my website as I receive them. Please check <https://sites.google.com/a/gnspes.ca/tracy-walsh/> regularly and check the MDA Grads Google Classroom to stay up to date.

HRCE Finance Dept will issue a T4 for any bursaries students receive at graduation totaling **over \$500**. This is a requirement from Canada Revenue Agency, therefore, graduating students who receive bursaries totaling **over \$500** at graduation are asked to contact Mrs. Levy with their Social Insurance Number.



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At-home reading tips for caregivers

-  **Look at your child's books** with them. Discuss the pictures and build vocabulary by talking about new words.
-  **Talk with your child about their books.** Ask questions about the story and encourage your child to ask their own questions.
-  **Make reading aloud a regular part of your routine** – just 15 minutes each day can make a big difference in raising a reader.
-  **Discuss examples that help them relate** to what they're reading. Connect the story to your child's world.
-  **Connect with your child's teacher** for more suggestions on how to support reading at home.



March is Nutrition Month

Did you know? March is Nutrition Month! This is a great time to explore and learn about food. An important part of this is food literacy, which includes having the knowledge and skills to grow, choose, prepare, and talk about food.

Some ways to engage your family during Nutrition Month:

- Get kids involved in meal planning. Ask them to help choose recipes, write out grocery lists and explore grocery store flyers.
- Make cooking a family event! Kids can participate in age-appropriate tasks, such as measuring ingredients or setting the table.
- Enjoy meals together when you are able. Mealtimes can be a great time to connect in conversation.
- Start planning for an indoor or outdoor garden. This is a great way to explore where our food comes from.

Do you know how to raise a concern?

Did you know that there's a protocol in place to help families contact schools, or HRCE Central Office, when you have concerns about your student's education or well-being?

- All concerns should first be shared with your child's teacher.
- If your concern is not resolved, you should then contact the principal.
- If your concern remains unresolved, you can reach out to [HRCE's Parent Navigators](#) who can provide information about a wide range of supports and resources or connect you with the school supervisor.

Contact Information:

Amelia Downey
902-464-2000 x4362
902-229-1705

Natasha Horne
902-464-2000 x4361
902-219-0587

- If your matter continues to be unresolved, you can then initiate a formal review process in which the matter will be investigated by the appropriate HRCE Directors.

- The final step is for your concern to be passed on to the Regional Executive Director. Click here to view the [Parent/Guardian Concern Policy](#).

Head Lice Prevention Information: The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD), has committed to following the recommendations of health care professionals and supporting school communities in the treatment and prevention of head lice.

The department's focus on the treatment and prevention of head lice is an effort to support student attendance and full participation at school. In accordance with these principles and healthcare standards, students with head lice should be treated at home and continue to attend school as usual. The confidentiality, privacy, dignity, and best interests of students and their families will be respected at all times.

"No-nit" or "no head lice" policies that keep children away from school are not effective. Head lice are common among students: they do not spread disease and cases of head lice are often misdiagnosed.

Additional information on how to prevent, find, and treat head lice is available at <https://www.nshealth.ca/sites/default/files/documents/pamphlets/07135.pdf>

Volunteering

HRCE values the many roles that volunteers play in our schools.

Parents, guardians, family members and community members who give of their time provide students with enriched learning experiences. As a volunteer, you will also discover the many rewards of helping students achieve their personal best.

We recognize our responsibility to ensure that all students attending our schools are protected by taking reasonable precautions to screen volunteers who may be working with students without direct supervision of staff. In accordance with Nova Scotia's Provincial **Volunteer Background Check Policy**, prior to volunteering with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, all volunteers will provide:

1. A completed Child Abuse Register search, which can be found [here](#)
2. A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check available [here](#), from your local Police or RCMP detachment or through online organizations endorsed by Nova Scotia law enforcement agencies

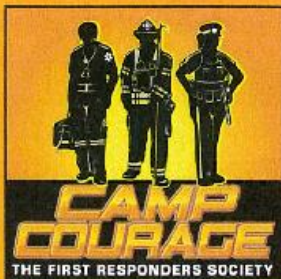
Please note: the Child Abuse Register Search and Criminal Records Check must be issued in the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years.

Interested in helping out? We would love to have you!

Please connect with the School Principal.

For more information, please read our [Volunteer Handbook](#).

Do you want the experience of a lifetime?



If so, apply to
CAMP COURAGE HALIFAX

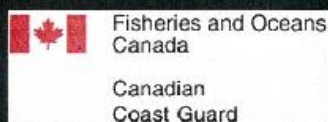
Before March 15th



An empowering program that introduces Nova Scotian young women and gender-diverse youth ages 15–19 years to emergency service careers.

Only 24 youth
**WILL BE SELECTED
TO ATTEND THIS
FREE CAMP**

Date : Saturday June 29th to Sunday July 7th 2024.



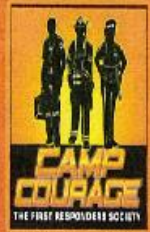
Contact us at campcourage.ca or Call (902) 701-1405

Discover Camp Courage in Alberta, Nova Scotia & New Brunswick.



Female & Gender Diverse Career Fair

Everyone is welcome though. 😊



Halifax Regional Municipality Police Officer or Firefighter ★ Emergency Health Services Paramedic ★ Canadian Coast Guard



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer ★ Department of National Defence Firefighter ★ Nurse



Canadian Armed Forces Regular or Reservist Force Police Officer, Firefighter Medic, and more.



Canadian Border Services ★ Department of Justice Sheriff ★ Department of Natural Resources Wildland Officer

Date : Sunday July 7th, 2024

Location : 3 MP Regiment,
255 Damascus Road Bedford

Website : campcourage.ca

Come early and join our celebration of 25 amazing
youth graduating from Camp Courage










Graduation Time : 1:00 – 3:30

Career Fair Time : 3:30 – 5:00

RSVP : careerfair@campcourage.ca

By June 28th

The career fair is hosted by Camp Courage in collaboration with the above listed agencies, schools and support services.

<p><i>March</i></p> 	<p><i>April</i></p> 	<p><i>May</i></p> 	<p><i>June</i></p> 
<p>March 7th – School Dance P-6 – 6:00-7:00pm Gr. 7-12 – 7:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>April 1st – Easter Monday – NO CLASSES</p> 	<p>May 9th Year End Dance P-6 – from 6-7pm Gr. 7-12 from 7:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>June 16th</p> 
<p>March 10th</p> 	<p>April 4th – AM Prof Learning Day PM Parent Teacher Interviews NO CLASSES FOR PP-12 (this is a change for our Sr. high students)</p>	<p>May 12</p> 	<p>June 17th – NS Virtual Exams</p>
<p>March 11th-15th - March Break</p>	<p>April 22nd</p> 	<p>May 20th – Victoria Day – No Classes</p>	<p>June 19th-25th – Exams</p>
<p>March 17th</p> 			<p>June 25th – Prom Set Up</p>
<p>March 18th – P-12 Assessment & Evaluation Day – NO CLASSES FOR PP-12 (this is a change for our Sr. high students)</p>			<p>June 26th – Prom Time: TBA</p>
<p>March 29th – Good Friday – NO CLASSES</p>			<p>June 27th - Assessment & Evaluation Day for PP-12 – No Classes Graduation at 10:00am (invitation only)</p>
			<p>June 28th Last Day of School 😊</p>