



Northeast Kings Education Centre

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MISSION STATEMENT

Northeast Kings Education Centre believes in developing a learning environment that nurtures academic, physical, social and emotional growth.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

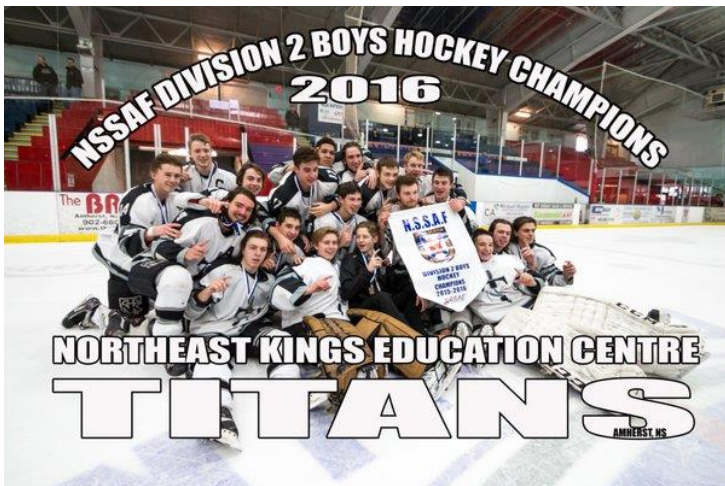
What a great start to April! Having the snow gone early and the warmer temperatures arriving, it looks like it will be a wonderful spring so we can get our spring sports going and the final push to finish the school year with a very positive note.

There are only 48 school days before exams for our high school students and 53 days of school left for our middle school students! I am asking your assistance in getting your child to attend school consistently. **Strong attendance is important for them to have success, stronger understanding and better grades.** Please encourage your child to be at school and on time every day.



We are preparing for our school-wide play, *Alice in Wonderland*. The performances will be held here at school and plans to be well worth the price of admission. The performances are scheduled for Friday, April 15 until Sunday April 17. Come out and see our very talented students and staff in action.

Congratulations goes out to our senior boy's hockey team for winning the provincial championship last weekend in Amherst! They played a strong Horton team in the final winning 5-3. Thanks goes out to our coaching staff for coaching our students to the championship.



Please keep your eye open for our high school mid-semester reports and our middle school second trimester reports that were sent home with your child on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Take some time to discuss the reports with your child. Time is going by quickly. We don't want unpleasant surprises at the end of June. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, April 13th 6:00-8:00 pm and Thursday, April 14th 1:30-3:30 pm. If you need a drive to and/or from the interviews, please contact me and we will try to arrange transportation for you.



As our students in high school turn 16 they have the urge to get their driving license. Please make sure if your child drives a vehicle to school that you reinforce the **expectations for safe driving**.

As it was in our day, young people continue to push the limits with clothing styles. Although cleavage remains an issue, the low neck style is improving. We are entering the "short shorts period". I understand that it is an ongoing battle at home, just like at school. However, **please help monitor what your child is wearing to school.** Help them to understand that appropriate dress is required. We continue to remind them of the appropriateness of their clothing.

As always, we are a scent-smart and nut-smart school and ask that our students and staff refrain from wearing scented products or bringing nut products to school.

Have a great month and please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or compliments that we should know about.

Sincerely,
Kevin Veinot, Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to April Everyone,

Despite all of the changes in weather, spring has officially arrived at Northeast Kings Education Centre. The holiday weekend has come and gone and hopefully more seasonal weather will arrive soon. I tell students that once April arrives, the remainder of the school year goes very quickly. As always, it is very important that students put forth their best effort in class at all times as we approach the final months of the school year.

Teachers and educational assistants continue to work very hard ensuring that students have an opportunity to demonstrate understanding of curriculum outcomes. Middle School students are fortunate as they have several opportunities to demonstrate understanding, and I continue to be impressed by student creativity and focus. Grade 6, 7 & 8 teachers' work to ensure curriculum is differentiated and adapted. This is an exhausting task as every student learns differently. I would like to thank teachers and educational assistants for their ongoing efforts.

While many students are doing well academically, there are still students that struggle academically, yet have never taken advantage of the help provided by their teachers at the end of class, recess, noon, or during *Just Do It*. I always tell students that extra help is often quick, to the point and appears to others to be a simple conversation between a teacher and a student. Please tell your child to attend extra help if they are feeling overwhelmed or falling behind.

Exploratory activities are an important component of middle school programming. Students will soon be participating in the spring session of exploratories. There are art, physical fitness, service learning and self-expressive sessions for students to explore. Exploratory activities start during the first week of May. If you would like to share a specific talent, or interest with students during exploratory time and have completed all necessary criminal background and child abuse registry documentation, please contact the school, it would be great to have your help.

With the start of spring, the final sessions of extra-curricular activities begin. While table tennis, badminton, climbing, cheer, robotics, after school program and archery continue to welcome new participants each week, track and field, rugby and softball are just beginning. As staff, we encourage all Middle School students to get involved and try something new. If you have any questions regarding these activities, please contact the school for more information.

As always, I encourage students to continue working hard and remain mindful of PEBS Expectations for Success. Also, it is important that students spend time at home reading and reviewing daily concepts taught in class.

Pete Gebhardt, Vice Principal

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

NKEC's 4th Annual VOLUNTEER FAIR!

Here at Northeast Kings Education Centre we are looking to spread the word to students and community members about the value, importance and benefits of volunteering in our communities. With the assistance of High School Student Ambassadors, we will be opening up our lobby on **Thursday April 28th from 11:30 am-1:00 pm** for groups and organizations who utilize volunteers to set up a display booth to share information about the volunteer opportunities that their organizations have available. An invitation is also being made to encourage members of our local community to come by. It is hoped that all who see these displays will learn more about the wide variety of volunteer opportunities in our area; and that it will help to facilitate individuals and organizations in making a connection.

If your group or organization is interested in setting up a booth please contact Emelie Pineo at epineo@gnsps.ca or [902-582-2050](tel:902-582-2050).

GRADS

Scholarships/Bursaries

New scholarship & bursary applications are arriving daily. Please be sure to stop in to Student Services to see which applications you are eligible to apply for. The **Common Application for Scholarships and Bursaries** will be available soon. This one application form qualifies a student to be considered for up to several different awards - application deadline May 20, 2016.

Scholarship Announcement

If you are receiving a scholarship or bursary and would like it announced at the graduation ceremonies you must submit a copy of the award notification to Miss Pineo in Student Services as soon as possible.

Why Not You! Web series is a Department of Education website which helps parents/students navigate through the process of accessing Post-Secondary institutions and how Student Assistance works today. <http://www.novascotia.ca/whynotyou/>

Attention grads

Look for our Grad Newsletter coming out near the end of April. It will include information on all grad events along with grad fees.

Safe Grad parent meeting - Wed. April 27th, 7 pm in room 104

Yard sale

The grad class of 2016 is hosting its annual yard sale on May 7th from 8:00-12:00. There will be a silent auction, bake sale, BBQ, 50/50, and plant sale in addition to the yard sale. Come on out and support this fundraiser for safe grad. DONATIONS WELCOME. You can drop them off at the school at Student Services anytime or ideally bring them Friday, May 6th between 3:00-5:00.

News from the Music Department

April is the time for the Annapolis Valley Music Festival and all three ensembles, Sr. Concert Band, Jr. Concert Band and Sr. Jazz Band are hard at work preparing their music. The Sr. Jazz Band will play on **Monday, April 18th @ 3:00 pm** in the Atlantic Festival Theater Building on the campus of Acadia University. The Jr. Concert Band will perform on Wednesday, **April 20th @ 3:30 pm** and the Sr. Concert Band will perform on Thursday, **April 21st @ 10:15 am**. The following week, the Sr. Jazz Band will travel to Mt. St. Vincent to perform at the Atlantic Band Festival on **Friday, April 29th**.

Students will be bringing home parent information and permission packets that will need to be returned as soon as possible for them to participate with us. This is a very important time for the students and home practice and support is highly encouraged!

Thank you to all who have supported our students in their fundraising efforts for their trips and to the parents/guardians who continually bring their son/daughter to extra rehearsals!

NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT

Athletics,

Congratulations to Coach Duncan, his assistants and the 19 members of the senior boy's hockey team on defending their provincial banner with a 5-3 win over Horton in the final. The boys showed strong determination and discipline in the final, both keys to an impressive victory. Well done gentlemen.

We are now into our spring sports, with many teams underway, and track and softball starting this week. The Cheerleading team had an outstanding Cheer Expo, placing 3rd in their division. This should give the girls a lot of confidence as they prepare for provincials in Cape Breton. The table tennis team is hosting regionals on April 30th, looking to continue their strong level of excellence again this year. Rugby is underway, with games starting in the near future. Best wishes to both teams for a healthy and competitive season. Middle school and senior girls' softball are hoping to start tryouts this week, while track and field had their first session this past Wednesday. There is still room for many more participants in track and field. Make a difference by being active and come supporting your school, while at the same time living a healthier lifestyle.

A reminder to all student athletes of the importance in being a strong school citizen while at the same time doing your best in the classroom. It is when you do this and compete at a high level that you can then call yourself a student athlete. A reminder that the athletic banquet is Monday, June 6th. There will be a social starting at 6:00 followed by presentations starting at 6:30.

Dale Sanford
NKEC Athletic Director
Western Region Assistant Regional Director

England Trip

Do you want to tour England for 10 days over the March break in 2017? See efours.ca and tour number: 1725248RT to register. You must be in Grade 11 or 12 in the school year 2016/17. Contact fpriddle@gnspecs.ca for more information. Sign up ASAP to confirm numbers and to secure your place on the tour.

Alice in Wonderland

Northeast Kings Education Centre's Drama Department is excited to present the production of Alice in Wonderland.

Performance Dates:

Friday, April 15 - 7 pm

Saturday, April 16 - 2 pm & 7 pm

Sunday, April 17 - 7 pm

Performance Location: Northeast Kings Education Centre, Cafeteria

Ticket Prices: \$8.00 Students/Seniors, \$10.00 Adults

Tickets can be purchased at the door or reserved by calling Northeast Kings Education Centre: [\(902\) 582-2040](tel:9025822040).

Senior High Youth in Action

Will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday April 30th from 8-11 am** at the Canard Community Church, 1315 Hwy 341. All proceeds go to funding a well in Africa. \$10 (glutenfree), \$7 (adult), \$5 (children).

International student program

Have you ever thought of hosting a student from another country??? We are currently looking for Homestay families for the NKEC area to host students. If this is something that you think you might be interested in please give me a call or send me an e-mail and I can answer any questions you might have!!

Below you will find some general information about the program:

Length of stay- usually 5 months or 10 months

Students- all grades 9-12 and sometimes younger

Family- you don't have to have children in order to be a host family, but if you do that is great!! - you could be retired or even single... (we try to match you with a student who best fits your home situation)

Host Family Pay- you receive \$550 each month to host the student to help with the costs involved. **The Home**- an international student must have their own bedroom in the house. For information please contact Jennifer Pineo.

AVRSB Homestay Coordinator, jpineo@avrsb.ca, 680-6958

Dates to Remember

April	
13	HS/MS Parent-Teacher meetings 6-8 pm
14	Early Dismissal 12:15 pm
14	HS/MS Parent-Teacher meetings 1:30-3:30 pm
15-17	<i>Alice in Wonderland</i> 7pm (also 2 pm on April 16)
18	Early Dismissal 12:15 pm
21	MS Dance 6:30-8:30 pm
27	Safe Grad Parent Meeting 7 pm
28	Annual Volunteer Fair 11:30-1 pm
29	Early Dismissal 12:15 pm
30	Pancake Breakfast 8-11 am Canard Community Church
May	
6	Newsletter May
7	Graduation Yard Sale 8:30-12 pm
12	Early Dismissal 12:15 pm
19	MS Dance 6:30-8:30 pm
23	Victoria Day