



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.



Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Spring is certainly in the air now. It is a welcome sight. I want to thank all of our staff and community members that are volunteering their time before and after school to provide extra-curricular opportunities for your child(ren). This week we had band practices for 30 students, robotics for 6 students, track & field for 55 students, softball for 35 students, basketball for 50 students, rugby practice for 16 students and our after school program for 30 middle school students. That is 222 students doing something outside of the academics at our school! That is amazing and it is possible because of 16 staff members and 2 community members! We are so fortunate to have so many opportunities for our students here at Northeast Kings. When you get a chance please thank our volunteer coaches.

I want to congratulate Sylvie Lloyd and Katherine Myers for being selected as our Lieutenant Governor Award recipients for this school year. They are students who exemplify the outstanding qualities for this award. They are well-rounded students who perform at a very high level in the classroom and show great leadership skills and give back to their communities. They will be receiving their awards in May from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

There are only 42 school days before exams for our high school students and 48 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 our students to have success in their courses by developing a stronger understanding of the curriculum and that is reflected with them receiving better grades. Please encourage your child to be at school and on time every day.



Please keep your eye open for our high school mid-semester reports that will be sent home on Thursday, April 25th. 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 Thursday, May 2nd 6:30-8:30 pm and Friday, May 3rd 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.

Some 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 and tops 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.

Kevin Veinot
Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Happy April Everyone,

April has arrived and spring is here! Trimester number three has started and we are approaching the final stretch of the school year. Time continues to move very quickly at Northeast Kings Education Centre. Winter weather is done and the interruption of snow day cancellations is behind us. In the days ahead, teachers, educational assistants and administration will continue to stress the importance of students working hard in class and completing all assignments. 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.

On March 25th & 26th parents and guardians attended parent teacher appointments. Thank you to parents and guardians for attending and gathering important information about their child's academic and social development. Please continue to speak with your child about progress made in class. Ongoing communication between home and school is strongly encouraged. Parent portal access also helps parents monitor progress. If you do not have access to your child's portal account, please contact the main office for additional information.

Middle school students have several opportunities to demonstrate understanding of curricular topics. 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. Recognizing that each student learns differently, it is important that students continue to be self-advocates and ask for help whenever necessary. Taking advantage of teacher extra help and attending homework support during noon hour "Just Do It" is a really helpful way to improve confidence. Extra help is often quick, to the point and appears to others to be a simple conversation between the teacher and student. Please encourage your child to attend extra help if they are feeling overwhelmed or falling behind.

Positive Participation Presentations (PPP) continue to be an important aspect of middle school culture. These 45 minute assemblies occur once a month and are an opportunity to celebrate student achievement, recognize positive and respectful student actions and share student talent. During PPPs, considerable time has been spent examining the importance of empathy and respect through activities, videos and other presentations. As a staff we are actively working to help students understand and appreciate the experience and perspective of others. Please continue to speak with your child about the importance of mutual respect, empathy and kindness.

NKEC is very excited to offer a variety of extracurricular programming this spring. Our After School Program continues during the spring months on Fridays after school. The program is free and transportation is provided. Please encourage your child to pick up a form and participate in the program. Table tennis, badminton, softball, track and field, robotics, fitness programming, and orienteering are current offerings for students to be active. Please encourage your child to get involved.

Current grade 8 students have participated in grade nine orientation activities and have submitted course registration information. If you were unable to attend the parent/guardian meeting and have questions regarding the transition process for your child, please contact student services.

All the best to members of the Jr. Concert Band as they participate at the annual music festival this spring. This is an exciting opportunity for NKEC Middle School students to represent their musical talents.

As always, I encourage students to continue working hard and remain mindful of PEBS Expectations for Success. Attending school daily, spending time at home reading and reviewing daily concepts taught in class and putting forth ones' best effort are all strategies that will allow students to be successful.

Please keep in touch,

Greg Fox, Vice Principal

Wondering Which Way to Go? Ask Your Parent Navigator!

AVRCE's Parent Navigator, Tammy Ring, helps guide families to supports and services. She works with schools, SchoolsPlus, and community agencies to make sure families know how to access services in education, justice, health, community services and more.

The Parent Navigator position is new to Nova Scotia's education system. Our Parent Navigator can help if you:

- Are looking for support and knowledge from someone who knows what resources are out there, and how to access them;
- Are wondering who can answer questions about your child's academic, emotional and/or social well-being;
- Want help connecting to services and systems to get your child the right help and support.

If you're wondering which way to go, ask your Parent Navigator! Contact Tammy Ring by calling 902-844-2816, emailing tammy.ring@avrce.ca, or by speaking with your school administrator.

STUDENT SERVICES

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 Mrs. Pineo-Sponagle in Student Services as soon as possible.

NKEC Lieutenant Governor Medal Recipients

Congratulations to **Sylvie Lloyd** and **Katherine Myers** for receiving the **2018 Lieutenant Governor** medals. The Lieutenant Governor medals are awarded to two students in grade 11 who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community and commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled. Sylvie and Katherine will be presented their medals at a ceremony in May at the Halifax Library along with other Nova Scotia recipients. Well done!

GRAD NEWS

The grad committee is hosting a Pancake Breakfast, April 20th, Easter Weekend, at the Kentville Fire Hall from 8-11 to raise money for Safe Grad. Come out and support the grads!

We will be having our annual Yard Sale/Bake Sale/BBQ/Silent Auction on Saturday, May 4th at NKEC from 8-12 in support of Safe Grad. We are gladly taking donations for the yard sale & silent auction.

Please contact jennosmond@gnspecs.ca or jfaber@gnspecs.ca

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

A fairly quiet month with a very busy spring on tap in athletics at Northeast Kings Education Centre. We did have our senior girls' curling team participate at provincials in Truro where they came away winless in four games. Two of the four players could not participate because of illness and injury, but one student was able to fill in and the team made the very best of the experience. Thank you to all for representing our school with class and enthusiasm. Our badminton team just finished their season, with 7 members qualifying for regionals in Yarmouth. Well done to all student athletes and coaches. Here is one sport where we would like to boost our numbers even more next year. Something to consider, NKEC. Our cheer team hosted a very successful regional and will be representing our school at provincials this weekend in Yarmouth. Good luck to the team and a reminder to represent Northeast Kings with strong sportsmanship and effort. Our table tennis team is gearing up as they prepare to host regionals April 26th & 27th. Come out and see some high quality table tennis that weekend.

We have track and field, girls' rugby, senior girls' softball, junior girls softball and junior boys softball teams all prepping for the season. This is the first time we have had a junior boys' softball team in ten years, with hopes of building a boys softball program here at NKEC. Please note that track and field districts are May 8th & 9th, Regionals May 24th & 25th and Provincials May 31st & 1st, with all events happening at Acadia University. Come out and see some incredible athletes run, jump and throw. To all student athletes, continue to give your best effort in the classroom and to consistently demonstrate strong citizenship while here at Northeast Kings Education Centre.

Important Note: *Athletic Banquet will be Tuesday, June 4th. Social at 6:00pm, with ceremonies starting at 6:30pm.*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Donations (all sizes) of lightly worn sneakers, T-shirts, athletic shorts and pants are always appreciated and used by our students.

Track and Field: Our Track and Field Team is looking for Track shoes. If you have any that you are no longer using and would like free up space in your closet, we would love to have them! Thanks for considering this donation.

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 Adult Band – North Mountain Concert Band is also participating in the Festival this year! The Sr. Concert Band will play on Monday, April 29th @ 3:00 pm in the Atlantic Festival Theater Building on the campus of Acadia University. The North Mountain Concert Band will perform @ 7:00 pm, also on April 29th. The Jr. Concert Band plays on May 1st @ 9:00 am and the Sr. Jazz Band will perform on Friday, May 3rd @ 1:30 pm in the same venue.

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!

The members of the NKEC ensembles are asking for your help and donations as we conduct a Bottle Drive, this Saturday (April 13th) from 10:00 – 2:00 pm. If you have bottles or cans that you would like to donate, please contact either Maggie Helms mhelms@gnspecs.ca or Krista Anderson rmr@ns.sympatico.ca and we will pick up your donations. If you want to take your donations directly to the Enviro Depot, we have an account under "NKEC Bands" where you could donate your collection. Any and all help is greatly appreciated as the funds go to help fund travel expenses, instrument repairs and purchases, and the purchase of music.

MARCH BREAK TRIP

Grade 10 and 11 students: 4 countries. 11 days. Italy, Monaco, France, Spain. We leave in 11 months. \$200 off until April 30th. eftours.ca tour # 2082557xa

Grade 9 and 10 students - March 2021: Austria, Switzerland, Germany. eftours.ca tour # 2182817cv also \$200 off until April 30th.

friddle@gnspecs.ca with any questions.

NKEC MUSICAL

The Addams Family – A new musical comedy
June 14th @ 7 pm, June 15th @ 2 pm & 7 pm, June 16th @ 2 pm
Festival Theatre, Wolfville
Tickets are available at the school or at the door
\$10 student/child, \$14 adult



Dates to Remember

April	
19	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
20	Grad Pancake Breakfast 8 – 11 am
22	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
25	HS Report Cards Go Home
May	
2	MS Exploratory
2	HS Parent-Teacher Interviews 6:30-8:30pm
3	HS Parent-Teacher Interviews 1:30-3:30pm
3	Early Dismissal 12:05 pm
4	Grad Yard Sale 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
9	MS Exploratory
10	May Newsletter
15	Regional Shutdown – NO SCHOOL
16	MS Exploratory
20	Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
24	Early Dismissal – 12:05