



# 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) and/or Guardian(s),

### **Compliments of the Season to You and Your Family!**



We are very busy people trying to handle our health, our family, our careers and other responsibilities. Our lives tend to be quite hectic throughout the year. Sometimes it can be quite overwhelming. With the Kwanza, Christmas, and Hanukkah, holidays rushing towards us, this time of the year is no different.

The weather has not helped us in this regard. Hopefully it will improve. The days are shorter and the nights longer than any other time of the year. My advice for you this Holiday Season is to make some time to sit back, take some time to relax, and reflect on what is most important – your health and spending time with your family and friends!

The Christmas spirit is alive and well at our Northeast Kings Education Centre campus and surrounding communities. We see examples of students showing goodwill to each other, each and every day. The



Student's Council makes generous donations to the Food Bank and our Breakfast Program throughout the year. Here at Northeast Kings Education Centre we have many learning opportunities that we provide to our students to make their education here a positive and rewarding experience. The annual "Christmas

Angel Tree" in Student Services is very well supported, providing gifts to many girls and boys in our surrounding communities. Our Breakfast and Lunch Programs coordinated by both staff and student volunteers continues to provide nutritious food to many of our students daily. We are receiving wonderful donations from our students, staff and community members to support our school community. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful community citizens that recognize the various needs and supports that are necessary to make our school community feel welcome, safe and secure to our students. I personally want to thank you all for your great generosity that you have shown in many forms over the first four months of this school year.

December is just like any other month here at school with regards to trying to keep the communication lines open to our many families. We



just had our parent-teacher interviews and had almost 350 families present! Thanks for taking such a vested interest in your child's education. It was great to hear from you all! We are always providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to gain information about their child at Northeast Kings. Access to the Parent Portal is another great

way for you to track your child's grades and attendance. This is another way that school and home can be more informed about how each child is doing at our school. Our staff family is working very hard at providing a positive academic climate in which learning is a priority for all of our students.

On another note, far too often our communities are hit with tragedy during this winter season involving motor vehicles. Please speak to your child about the dangers of driving on slippery roads, texting or drinking and driving or getting into a vehicle with someone under the influence of alcohol or drugs. One's decision based on poor judgment can result in a lifetime of heartache. Please keep this in mind as you relax and enjoy some good cheer with your family and friends during the holiday season.

On behalf of the students and staff at Northeast Kings Education Centre, please accept our sincere wishes of a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Veinot  
Principal

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to December! Recently, students received their term one report card. This assessment provides an accurate representation of your child's academic progress. While report cards reveal important information, parent-teacher interviews provide even more insight regarding your child's overall success. I am hopeful that all parents/guardians were able to attend parent teacher appointments to discuss your child's progress. If a meeting time was not available please contact

your child's teacher by telephone, a hand written note, or email. Parent and school communication is incredibly important and will help ensure student success.

As many of you are aware, Northeast Kings Education Centre has partnered with Canning and District Recreation Commission and the Village of Canning to construct an age appropriate and accessible play and fitness structure on school grounds for student and community use. Our committee is continuing to raise funds and seek financial support from various levels of government and community organizations. Our committee and students are very grateful of the support received thus far for the project. Recently we have received support from Pioneer Seed, Mud Creek Rotary, Municipality of Kings County and the Nova Scotia Department of Heritage, Culture and Accessibility. The Northern Kings Multi-Activity Park will be a great addition to the greater Canning community. If you would like additional information about the project, or would like to assist with fundraising efforts please contact the school.

Northeast Kings Education Centre continues to promote the use of the parent/student portal. This online resource provides specific information regarding attendance, assignment due dates and student assessment results. During middle level Parent Teacher Interviews, many parents/guardians set-up their parent portal accounts. If you would like to sign-up for the portal, please contact the school office for more information. Also, many teachers use the Remind App. The Remind App is a texting tool that communicates homework information to students and parents. Please ask your child's teacher about this great communication tool.

Our breakfast, recess and lunch program continues to be in high demand. I would like to thank the many students and staff volunteers that help coordinate this program daily. Again, this program is subsidized by community donations and other sources of funding. Kentville Rotary Club Members visit our school twice a month to bake muffins and granola bars for our students. We are very grateful of Rotary's support. The breakfast program is always seeking donations. If your family, or community group would like to contribute to the program, please contact the school.

Middle school students are currently participating in various extracurricular activities. A special thank you to coaches and supervisors of extracurricular programming for their time and commitment. Canning Recreation is currently offering yoga, self-defense and a physical conditioning program for NKEC students. Thank you to Canning Recreation for supporting NKEC students.

As the holiday season approaches, we continue to be reminded of the need within our community. NKEC works with the Salvation Army to provide support to NKEC families. Money and gifts collected from the Angel Tree in Student Services are donated to the Salvation Army for distribution to families. Middle School Spirit Squad students also donate a portion of proceeds from fundraising events, such as school dances to the Salvation Army to provide additional support to NKEC families.

The majority of students are working hard in class and taking advantage of learning opportunities. Please encourage your child to seek academic support at school when necessary. Teachers are always willing to review concepts with students during class, at the end of class, and at the beginning of recess and noon. Often, only a few minutes is required to improve a student's understanding of a concept. Reviewing concepts at home, reading and completing homework daily help extend learning at home. Students are also welcome to attend "Just Do It" on Tuesday and Thursday during noon hour. During this time students can complete school work with support. Everyone is welcome to attend.

With only a couple weeks of school remaining until the holiday season, we continue to remind students and reinforce Northeast Kings Education Centre's Expectations for Success. We will continue to provide consistent reminders in the days ahead to ensure students work hard and continue to be respectful citizens. Thank you for your help at home reinforcing similar expectations at home.

As we approach the holiday season I hope that you and your family have a restful holiday and as a staff, we look forward to students returning to school in the New Year.

Sincerely,  
Greg Fox, Vice-Principal

## NEWS FROM AVRCE

### **How does AVRCE share “snow day” school cancellation information?**

Winter weather is here, so it’s important to be ready for possible school cancellations due to weather or road conditions. You can prepare by having a back-up plan in place for these events, and making sure your contact information is up-to-date with your child’s school in order to receive automatic text/email cancellation notices through the PowerSchool Alert system.

AVRCE also runs a system called NotifyMe, so grandparents, childcare providers and other school community members can sign up to receive school cancellation texts/emails. Parents/guardians do not need to sign up for NotifyMe.

\*Please note, AVRCE will be refreshing the NotifyMe subscription list to reduce duplicate messages and to make sure parents/guardians are receiving important notices only through PowerSchool Alerts. Other school community members who have signed up to NotifyMe will continue to receive notices and will not be affected by this refresh.

School cancellations are also announced via:

- [www.avrce.ca](http://www.avrce.ca)
- Twitter @AVRCE\_NS
- AVRCE phone line, 902.538.4600 or 1.800.850.3887
- Local media: AVR network, Magic 94.9, CBC Radio Halifax, CTV Morning Live Atlantic

### **What does “bus driver discretion” mean?**

When AVRCE announces “bus driver discretion,” this means that road conditions are generally good, but some roads may be unplowed or slippery. A school bus driver may choose not to travel these roads if they think it isn’t safe to do so. When this happens, the school is notified and will try to contact families on the affected road(s). If a bus doesn’t travel a particular road before school, it will not travel that road after school.

**To learn more about how school cancellation decisions are made, visit <https://www.avrce.ca/storm-daysschool-cancellations>**

## NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

### Scholarships

Scholarship information is available for the Peter Kohler Engineering Scholarship, the Kin Canada Scholarship and the Health Research and Innovation Scholarship. For scholarship information please check the whiteboard at school by Student Services as well as the NKEC website, the Grad Google Classroom and the Scholarship Bin in Student Services. Also if students are interested in being selected by the school for the Schulich Leadership Scholarship, please see Ms. Pineo before January 18<sup>th</sup>. NKEC can select one grade 12 student to be nominated for this award.

### GRADUATION PHOTOS

Please be advised that Grad Photos have been re-scheduled for Wed. Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, Thurs. Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and Fri. Dec 14<sup>th</sup> in the Library. If you had a session booked for Nov and it was cancelled due to the storm days, please check your appointment date and time through your Lifetouch Photography account to ensure you have a new session booked. If you are having any trouble accessing your account, please come to Student Services. Also, the date for re-takes is Mon. Jan 14<sup>th</sup> with a storm date of Tues., Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Student Services.

### GRAD NEWS

Grad Sweaters have arrived and can be picked up in Ms. Faber's room. We will be doing another order in February for anyone who has missed the orders.

## NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Thank you all for your support of our Music Department as we held three concurrent fundraisers in the past couple of weeks! Our products will be delivered on **Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** and will be available for pick up **after 3:30 pm**.

The annual Music Department Winter Concert will also be held on **Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** There will be a canteen during our intermission and it is a free-will offering at the door. We will also have a 50/50 draw at the end of the concert. The Sr. Concert Band, Sr. Jazz Band, Jr. Concert Band and North Mountain Concert Band will all be performing on this evening concert. Come out and support your friends in the Music Department!

## THE PHYS. ED DEPARTMENT

The Phys. Ed. Department is always looking for lightly worn sneakers, athletic pants, shorts and t-shirts. They are greatly appreciated and used by many students throughout the year, during Physical Education class time.

## FAMILY STUDIES

Congratulations goes out to Tara Cross and her group members Noah Burke, Chance Connors and Will Harris. They won a \$200 Positive Noise micro-grant. The money will be used to buy supplies to promote our Family Studies "Let's Eat Healthy NKEC" campaign. This will run in the Middle School during the last week of school in December

## NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT

Our senior and junior volleyball teams both finished their seasons within the last two weeks. Both teams qualified for regionals, but were unable to reach the crossovers. Thank you to Mr. Daniels and Mrs. MacMillan for their time and efforts with those teams. Our hockey teams are both playing very good hockey, with the boys coming off a successful tournament in New Brunswick, losing in the semi finals. The boys have their pink out game this Friday in Canning against West Kings. The game is in support of the Children's Wish Foundation. Please come out and support the team in their efforts to help fight cancer and provide many sick children and their families with positive life experiences. Our senior girls' hockey team lost their last league game 3-1 to Middleton, but continue to do very well in league play and have their strongest team in years. We have two junior boy hockey teams, with our grade 9 team entering a 3 on 3 jamboree in Greenwood on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Our cheer team has been training twice a week in preparation for their season in the new year. Good luck to all the student athletes who are working hard to perfect their routines. We have five basketball teams on the court again this season. Our junior teams have both played a few games and look forward to very strong seasons, with the girls' team already winning a tournament at Kings Edgehill. Our JV boys' team has just finished tryouts and will play their first game this Monday at 6:30 at Northeast Kings. Our senior boys' team finished second in their invitational tournament, losing to Forest Heights in the final. The boys look strong and are working hard in practice to demonstrate consistency at both ends of the floor. Our senior girls' team is 1-0 in league play and have also won a couple of exhibition games. The girls are very young and look to make some noise this season in Division 2.

Our male athlete of the month is Jensen Jodrey of the hockey team and our female athlete for November is volleyball and basketball player, Sylvie Lloyd. Congratulations to both student athletes! From all of us coaches and people associated with the athletic department, we wish you a very happy and healthy holiday season. We look forward to continued success in the new year, with all student athletes, coaches, and parents representing our school with integrity and strong sportsmanship at all times.

## MARCH BREAK TRIP

March break 2020

Students currently in grades 10 and 11: from March 13-23, 2020 we are touring northern Italy, Monaco, Southern France, and Spain. Special offer: \$200 off the price of the trip for students who sign up before Dec. 14. Go to [eftours.ca](http://eftours.ca) and check out tour number 2082557xa for full details. In grade 9 or 10 right now? Look up tour # 2182817cv to get a sneak peek at our March break 2021 trip! (Sign up now to lock in your price) Contact [fpiddle@gnspecs.ca](mailto:fpiddle@gnspecs.ca) for further details. Fundraising for 2020 already in progress.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER IN THE CAFETERIA

Christmas dinner for the Middle School is scheduled for Dec 18<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria and will be provided by the Middle School Spirit Squad. High school students will be able to purchase Christmas dinner on December 14<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria for \$8.00. Students will be able to pre-order.

## NKEC IN THE COMMUNITY

**NKEC Titans vs Kings District RCMP Hockey Game Fundraiser** will take place at Canning arena on Friday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. Please come out and cheer on the hockey players while supporting the NKEC Safe Grad 2019. There will be 50/50 and other basket raffles.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The grad committee is hosting at Pancake breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-10:30 at the Canning Firehall. Free will offering.



December	
11	Early Dismissal 12:05 pm
12-14	Grad Photos
14	Hockey Game Fundraiser – Canning Arena 8:00 pm
15	Pancake Breakfast – Canning Firehall 7:30–10:30 am
17	Winter Concert 7:00pm
21	Last Teaching Day Before Break - Dismissal 12:05pm
January 2019	
3	First Teaching Day After Break
11	Newsletter
14	Grad Photo Retakes
16	Early Dismissal 12:05 pm

