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MISSION STATEMENT

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



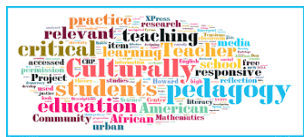
Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

March Break already! We are about two thirds of our way through this school year. We have been fortunate to have a much milder winter this year with less school time missed which has been great for our teachers and students. When our students return after the break there will be less than three months of school remaining until the end of the year! Attendance is such an important part of being successful at our school. You can't put a price on a "quality education" and I certainly believe and know that we are providing opportunities at our school for your child to receive a quality education. I know that all the necessary pieces exist at Northeast Kings Education Centre for a "quality education" for your child. We have qualified, empathetic staff, a wide variety of course options and plenty of resources. Each student needs a positive attitude, good self-discipline and a good work ethic to receive a quality education. One of the biggest factors preventing some students from this goal is NOT having consistent attendance. Please support your child's education by ensuring that she/he gets to school consistently. With the new provincial attendance policy in action your child must be in school at least 80% of the time or they will be removed from school for the rest of the year.

We just completed the course registration process for students entering Grades 10 - 12 in September. We will be completing next year's grade 9's in two weeks. Our students have been very cooperative and took the process seriously. We would like to thank them for their efforts in this task! I would also like to thank Ms. Emelie Pineo for her efforts in getting all of these students registered. This will now allow us to begin to select course offerings and make timetables for 2018-2019.

School Culture: Northeast Kings Education Centre continues to develop a very positive reputation as a quality school. I encourage all community members to promote our Expectations for Success:

- To be respectful of others.
- To use appropriate language.
- To dress appropriately.
- To attend all classes and to be on time.
- To put forth your best effort in class.
- To have a positive attitude.



We had a great visit with Dr. Henry Bishop who met with some of our students of African descent and they discussed their academic plans following high school graduation.

Henry also did a few drumming sessions with our Middle School students and talked about the importance of this cultural talent.



Get Your Child Involved: We are just starting to get students ready for our spring sports. We have spring basketball league, track and field, girls' rugby and softball starting up after the break. Our track team can take close to 100 student-athletes so get your child to come out to our

practices and see what they like and give it a try. No experience necessary.

Graduation: Please support our Grade 12 students by helping them to ensure that all course work and requirements are done for graduation purposes.



Each year we have one or two very disappointed students who do not reach the requirements for graduation. This is often a very difficult time for those students and families. Please help your child to avoid disappointment.

Have a warm and rewarding spring. Stay involved with your child's education.

Sincerely,
Kevin Veinot, Principal



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

February has come and gone very quickly at Northeast Kings Education Centre and March has arrived. The weather in recent weeks has been favorable, allowing our students to continue with learning without interruptions. On Wednesday your child received their term two report card and parent teacher appointment sheet. As teachers, we are pleased with student academic, social and emotional progress. There are however areas identified on student report cards that require extra effort from students moving forward. Ensuring that students make every effort to hand in assignments on time and attend extra help sessions with teachers is very important. These two recommendations will help students to be successful. Thank you to parents for taking time to review the report card with your child and setting goals for term three. Parent teacher appointments will take place on March 22nd and 23rd. During these appointments, students are encouraged to attend with their parent(s)/guardian(s) and teachers to review academic progress. We strongly recommend that students attend parent teacher sessions.

Grade nine orientation and course registration information sessions are approaching for NKEC grade eight students. NKEC grade eight students and parents are invited to attend an orientation meeting in the cafeteria Tuesday, March 20th beginning at 6:30pm. This is an important meeting regarding grade nine transition and the course registration process. It is strongly recommended that current grade 8 students and parents attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Student Services for more information.

February was African Heritage Month. As a school there were several activities and learning experiences in the classroom that examined and celebrated African culture and heritage. Middle School students also participated in a school wide exploratory on February 23rd. As part of the exploratory day students were engaged in a variety of cultural exploratory activities, mindfulness activities and physical activities. Exploratory learning is an important aspect of Middle School programming and students continue to benefit from these experiences.

Since the New Year, Middle level Titans have been busy participating in extracurricular activities. Students have been involved in hockey, ski racing, skating, table tennis, basketball, robotics, badminton, improve, and various other school based activities. I would like to thank staff and community members for volunteering countless hours of their time supporting Northeast Kings students – your time and commitment is greatly appreciated!

With spring quickly approaching, another round of extracurricular activities will emerge. I encourage all Middle School Titans to get involved. Extracurricular involvement helps to build new relationships, skills and student confidence. As always, thank you for playing an active role in your child's education. Please encourage your child to read daily, complete homework, review previously taught concepts and organize learning materials. These small steps have a major impact on student learning and will help your child achieve academic success.

Please keep in touch,
Greg Fox, Vice Principal

AVRSB NEWS

Do you like working with children?

Are you interested in making a difference in the educational experience of a student?

The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board continues to need to hire Educational Assistants, including casual, part-time, and full-time. Educational Assistants work under the direction of a teacher to support students who are identified through the program planning process as requiring support with medical, personal care, safety and/or behaviour management. A program plan is developed by teachers, parents, and specialists to best address student's individual needs.

The hours of work are based on the instructional school day and Educational Assistants generally work between 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The days of work are Monday to Friday, and do not include holidays and the Christmas, March and summer breaks.

If you believe that you have the ability and interest in this type of work, please contact the Human Resources Department of the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board at 902-538-4600 or view the job postings available on the Board website at www.avrsb.ca. For any assistance required to apply for positions, do not hesitate to contact the Human Resources Department as we have staff available to support you.

Educational Assistants are a valued member of our larger school community that support school based activities and the "whole life" of the school.

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

NSCC

Students who are considering programs at the Nova Scotia Community College beginning September 2018 are encouraged to apply ASAP. Any grade 11 student who is considering NSCC programs for the following year (September 2019) are also able to apply at this time.

Post-Secondary Visits

Throughout the next few months we will have many visits from post-secondary institutions. Any visitors will be set up during high school lunch in the lobby. Please listen to the announcements daily to stay informed as to who is visiting.

Course Registration 2018-2019 Grades 9-11

The course selection process, presentations and on-line registration process is now complete for grades 9-11. A big thank you goes out to the High School Student Ambassadors for their support and assistance to help make the process successful.

Course Registration 2018-2019 Grades 8's

The grade 8's going into grade 9 next year will have their information sessions both at KCA and NKEC during the last week of March. Mr. Veinot, Miss Pineo and former KCA grads and NKEC Middle School grads will visit with the KCA grade 8 students to speak to them about the transition to High School. The same presentations will then happen for NKEC students and both KCA and NKEC grade 8's will experience a mini Course Fair hosted by NKEC Grade 9 students.

There is a very important **Parent Information Session** on **Tuesday March 20th at 6:30pm** for Parents of students from both KCA and NKEC entering Grade 9 in Sept 2018.

GRAD NEWS

Mark on your calendars: Grad Parent Meeting Monday, March 26th at 7 pm. At this meeting we will be focusing on Grad Yard Sale, Michelin Bike Tour, and get an update from our Escape Room Team.

SAFE GRAD

NKEC Safe Grad Fundraising Sign Workshop Join us for a fundraising sign workshop in support of NKEC safe grad.

Northeast Kings Education Centre 1816 Bains Rd., Canning
Thursday, April 12th 6-9 pm

Cost is \$40.00 (payable at the event), choose your design by April 3rd and we will provide everything needed to complete a 10x18 solid pine sign in the colours of your choice. A great evening of creating a sign you will be proud to display while supporting a great cause!

For additional information contact:

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DO (DISCOVERING OPPORTUNITIES)

Discovering Opportunities (DO) is a program that is offered for students entering grade 9 at NKEC. It is a privilege for NKEC to be able to offer this program and is the only school in the AVRSB that does so.

Students attend the core courses as a small cohort of 20 students and have two lead teachers. DO is in an integrated project-based environment. Students participate in activities to enhance personal growth, academic skills, and personal and career goal setting.

Students that make an excellent fit for the program are those who would fit some of the following criteria:

- Feel disconnected from learning, for a variety of reasons and/or are not meeting their full academic potential.
- Would contribute to positive group dynamics.
- Would benefit from being part of a close-knit learning community.
- See little connection between the classroom and real life.
- Could benefit from more opportunities for empowerment.
- Be prepared to commit to this alternative learning approach and participate in all parts of the DO program.

Grade 8 students at KCA and NKEC will be receiving a presentation regarding the DO program and hear from some students who are part of the current NKEC DO group.

Additional information for parents of Grade 8 students who are interested in DO will be included in the Grade 8 to 9 Parent Info Session at NKEC, March 20th, 6:30-7:30. Students wishing to be considered for interviews must submit an application by Monday, March, 26th. Applications are available from the Grade 8 homeroom teachers, school administrator, Mr. Sanford (Rm. 204) or Mrs. Cunningham (Rm. 202).

MARCH BREAK TRIP

Hey! Are you part of the Class of 19 or 20? Go to eftours.ca and check out tour #1933661kh (London, Paris, Florence, and Rome). The Classes of 20 or 21 can check out tour number 2082557xa (Italy, Monaco, France, and Spain! The Mediterranean Coast) fpriddle@gnsps.ca if you have any questions. There will be parent meeting March 28th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.

INDIGENOUS CELEBRATION DAY

Northeast Kings Education Centre recognizes and honours the Mi'kmaq culture and people of the area; and the rich and diverse Indigenous cultures within our school community. In an effort to celebrate and strengthen Indigenous identity at NKEC, we are thrilled to welcome special guests from the Mi'kmaq community to our school on Tuesday, March 20th. Our special guests will be sharing cultural knowledge, history and values through classroom presentations, a drum performance and art activities. We are hoping that this day will provide education and pride in our students, and sets the foundation for strengthening and supporting Indigenous identity at NKEC.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

We would like to congratulate Katherine Myers on winning the Gift Card basket draw held on Thursday, March 1st. We pulled Katherine's name from among over 700 tickets sold. The total prize award was worth over \$350 in gift cards from all over the Valley.

This has been one of many fundraisers to help music students take a trip to Toronto over March Break. Students have been fundraising for this trip both last year and this year and we want to thank all of those who helped us with our fund raisers!

In addition, we have received our time slots for performances at the Annapolis Valley Music Festival. The **Jr. Concert Band** will be performing on **Wednesday, May 2nd @ 9:30 am**. The **Sr. Concert Band** will perform that afternoon – **Wednesday, May 2nd @ 4:00 pm**. The **Sr. Jazz Band** will be performing on **Friday, May 4th @ 9:00 am**. We would love to have as many people in the audience as possible to support our students! Information about travel will be shared soon!

NKEC CHEERLEADING

NKEC cheerleaders hosted the season opener for the NSSAF Mainland Cheerleading teams. 5 visiting teams came to our school on March 1st. Our team took home a 3rd place trophy. MVP awards were given to Gayla Cameron and Sydney Lane. All 19 of our cheerleading team gave their all on the mats and were also excellent ambassadors in welcoming other schools. GREAT JOB Titans! Our next competitions are the week after March Break when we go to Bridgewater during the week and Halifax to Cheer Expo on the weekend.

NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT

Over the last month, we have had many sports teams see their seasons come to an end. Both of the varsity basketball teams came up short in their bid to make a provincial qualifier, as they lost in their regional quarter-finals. Both teams are very young and look to next year to build on this season's performance. Our junior varsity boys' team showed nice growth this year and fell just short of making regionals. Both of our junior high teams have also completed their season, with our emerging girls' team losing to Maple Grove in a regional play-in game, and the boys falling a game short of qualifying for the district finals. Our senior girls' and junior boys' hockey teams finished their seasons, with the girls losing a play-in game for regionals and the boys coming up just short at districts. Thank you to the coaches on all seven teams for their commitment and dedication to our student-athletes. It is so greatly appreciated. We pride ourselves here at Northeast Kings of doing things the right way with high moral intelligence, and I feel confident that our coaches provide that for our student-athletes on a consistent basis.

Our senior boys' hockey team finished second at regionals and will be travelling to Hants East on March 23rd-25th for a four team provincial. Good luck to our coaches and players, in what should be a very competitive tournament. Our cheer team just hosted a successful competition, with five other schools from our region participating. The team has outstanding spirit and look to improve over the next month. Our table tennis and badminton teams are gearing up for regionals that will take place in late April. If you are interested in joining those teams, please see Mr. Craan or Mrs. Baldwin as soon as possible.

Our girls' rugby, track and field and possible softball teams will all begin shortly after the break. Please, come out and participate. Show your school spirit and get involved.

Dates to Remember

March	
12-16	March Break
19	First Teaching Day after Break
20	Grade 8-9 Parent Info Session 6:30-7:30 pm
21	Storm date for above mentioned meeting
22	MS Parent Teacher 6:30-8:30 pm
23	Early Dismissal 12:05 pm
23	MS Parent Teacher 1:30-3:30 pm
28	March Break '19/'20 Trip Parent Meeting 6:00 pm Cafeteria
30	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
April	
2	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
13	April Newsletter
20	HS Report Cards Go Home
26	HS Parent Teacher 6:30-8:30 pm
27	Early Dismissal 12:05 pm
27	HS Parent-Teacher meetings 1:30-3:30 pm