



# 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),

I want to start this month's newsletter congratulating our athletic teams and the tremendous success they have achieved over the past month. I need to congratulate our senior boys' cross country team for capturing the Provincial Championship in Cape Breton a few weeks ago. It is our first cross country championship in the history of our school! I would like to congratulate our football team for winning their semi-final game over the weekend! It was a very strong showing by them both offensively and defensively. They will play for the Provincial Championship this weekend at Acadia University. They have a good chance to repeat as Provincial Champs! Hope you can make it out to cheer them on. I also would like to congratulate our senior girls' soccer team for winning a silver medal at the Provincial Championships which they hosted here in Canning. They lost a 1-0 game to BEC in front of 400 of our students and staff. It was a great game that could have gone either way. Our Middle School girls' soccer team repeated their success last and won a silver medal at Regionals! Success in athletics comes from great effort from our students but also the commitment and dedication of our coaches. I truly appreciate all the volunteer time our coaches put into coaching our students and I proudly want it known that all of these teams are mostly coached by our staff!



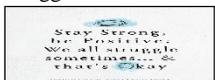
Northeast Kings Education Centre had two outstanding Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 8<sup>th</sup>. These assemblies are our most important assemblies next to our graduation ceremony in June. I would like to thank Ms. Salmon and Ms. Helms for taking the responsibility for producing and leading these ceremonies. I also want to thank Ms. Pineo and our Student Ambassadors for their huge role in greeting our community members and taking care of them for the assemblies. It is wonderful to see our students who are the leaders of tomorrow building their leadership skills at our school as they take on huge commitments in organizing and running major assemblies! They were terrific and many community members, students and staff commented on how great they were. Our students continue to take great pride in Remembrance Day and demonstrate both a respectful and knowledgeable attitude towards the sacrifices made during peace efforts and wartime.

Parent-teacher visitations will take place on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm and Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 pm for all of our students. Please make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Reminder to all parents or guardians that our parent portal for our Student Information System is available to sign up for during the parent-teacher interview times for both high school and middle school students. Just drop into the office and fill in a form, show picture ID and we will get you your username and password so you can access your child's grades and attendance anywhere you have internet access.

I remind parents to please continue to encourage your children to attend school. An education is a gift for life. Please be sure that your children value education and attend school daily. It is a proven fact that children do better at school when parents take a direct interest and show support and encouragement.

Something for you to think about this month: It's OK – let your child struggle. This is how we learn and grow. I understand your overwhelming desire to intervene when they are feeling stress.



I understand it is hard to watch your child go through challenging things and sometimes fail.

If we do everything for them, they will never be able to do anything for themselves. Give them reassurance as they struggle but allow them to be challenged so they can develop coping skills so when they are grown up they can handle the many pressures we have placed on us daily.

Have a great month!

Kevin Veinot, Principal

November	
19-23	Grad Photos
19	High School Report Cards Go Home
20	Middle School Report Cards Go Home
24	Christmas Craft Show @ NKEC
29	MS & HS Parent/Teacher Interviews 6:30 – 8:30pm
30	Early Dismissal 12:05pm Parent/Teacher 1:30 - 3:30pm
December	
3-7	Scholastics Book Fair
7	December Newsletter
11	Early Dismissal 12:05 pm
17	Winter Concert 7:00pm
21	Last Day Before Break – Early Dismissal 12:05

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

It has been an exciting fall for students participating in extracurricular activities at Northeast Kings Education Centre. Congratulations to our Girls and Boys Soccer Teams, Cross Country Runners, Volleyball Players and Golfers on a very successful season. School athletics are an important aspect of school life; the opportunity to play on a team, represent the school and build lasting memories is very important. Thank you to our coaches and parent volunteers who have contributed their time to support extracurricular programming. Meanwhile, Robotics, Tech Crew, Improv, Jr. Basketball and Jr. Hockey continue as opportunities for students to be involved.

Northeast Kings Education Centre believes in developing a learning environment that nurtures academic, physical, social, and emotional growth for all students. School staff continue to work very hard to ensure students are successful in all facets of school life. I speak with students everyday about the importance of being positive citizens and being respectful of peers and staff. Being kind is an enduring quality. We recognize that not everyone can be friends, but we want all students to be understanding and respectful of each other's differences. Please continue to have similar conversations with your child at home. Thank you for encouraging your child to be a positive Titan.

From a curriculum and assessment perspective, there have been several changes at the middle level. Grade six students will receive a condensed report card on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> with integrated subject comments. Grade six students will not receive letter grades or percentages, but rather an achievement level indicator reflective of their progress. Meanwhile, grade seven and eight students are participating in a provincial curriculum pilot with a focus on inquiry based learning. As part of this provincially mandated curriculum, there has been a reduction in the number of curriculum outcomes with more emphasis on subject inquiry, exploration and collaboration. Again, student report cards will reflect these changes and provide additional information about the direction of student learning. Parent teacher appointment times on November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> are also an opportunity to review your child's progress and learn more about recent educational changes.

Ensuring student academic success is our number one priority. Teachers and educational assistants continue to work hard supporting all learners. Learning is not easy. Students need to be challenged if they are to improve academically. Many students struggle with adversity and challenges associated with learning. We will continue to engage, encourage, and push students to develop necessary skills to be more resilient. I would also like to thank parents and guardians for taking time outside of school to support their child's academic development. Educational success requires ongoing collaboration between school and home.

Students continue to use their agendas to track homework and to help organize their day. Please look for your child's Titan agenda daily. The agenda is a terrific organizational tool that we expect all students to use. Homework listed in the student agenda is intended to review and reinforce concepts taught at school. We strongly recommend that a designated time be set aside each evening for students to complete homework. If there is no homework, we ask that students review key concepts, practice multiplication facts and read. If you are concerned about missed assignments, or looking for more information regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher, gain access to the parent portal, sign-up for the Remind App, and most importantly encourage the use of the student agenda to track daily homework and assignment information.

"Just Do It", the noon-hour task completion program continues to be a busy spot on Tuesday and Thursday at lunch time. Students asked to attend "Just Do It" to complete missing assignments, finish homework, or complete review work assigned by teachers. Teacher support is present during this time to provide support. If a student receives a "Just Do It" they are not in trouble, but rather receive time to catch-up.

This week information went home regarding the Middle School After School Program. This program happens on Fridays after school, is free and transportation is provided for students requiring a ride home. During the next month, students will be skating at the rink Friday after school. Thank you to Mr. Champion, Ms. Rand and Mr. Carter for coordinating this program. In addition, Canning Recreation Commission offers yoga and self-defense classes for students Tuesday and Thursday after school for free. Please contact the school office for information if your child would like to participate.

Recently students participated in student-led conferences. The evening of October 26<sup>th</sup> was well attended. I would like to thank parents, guardians and students for attending; this is an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their understanding of concepts and share academic progress since the first of the school year.

Northeast Kings Education Centre Middle School Students attended the school based Remembrance Day Ceremony November 8<sup>th</sup>. We are very grateful of the sacrifices made by Canadian Veterans and proud of the ongoing efforts of the Canadian Forces. Several middle school students participated in the ceremony and provided literary and art entries for the Legion Remembrance Contest. As always, students demonstrated great pride and respect during the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

As always, thank you for maintaining an active role in your child's education and please keep in touch.

Greg Fox, Vice Principal Middle School

## **PARENTS/GUARDIANS,**

Report Cards communicate the progress and current level of achievement for your child and are soon to be sent home.

Please note the following Grade 6 Report Card changes for the 2018-19 school year:

- The Learner Profile reports on the behaviors, social skills and work habits that are important to be a successful learner and is reported with a developmental scale and a comment from the classroom teacher.
- While all subjects are taught, assessed and evaluated, Science, Social Studies, Health, Information and Communication Technology, and Visual Arts are not reported on in the report card template directly. Comments on the report card may include those subjects as applicable and are to focus on your child's strengths, an area for improvement and will suggest ways to help their learning.
- The Grade 6 Report Card:
  - will use the developmental scale for reporting on Integrated English Language Arts and Mathematics in Term 1
  - will use the letter grade scale for reporting on Integrated English Language Arts and Mathematics in Term 2 and 3
  - Physical Education, Music and Core French will be reported on in Terms 2 and 3 using the developmental scale and a comment

The above information is detailed in the video located at:

<https://www.avrce.ca/content/report-card-information-parents-grade-p-6-students-october-2018>

Kevin Veinot, Principal and Greg Fox, Vice Principal

## **NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES**

**Scholarships:** Scholarship information is now available at Student Services and can be found on-line for: TD Canada Trust and Burger King. As well, please come into student services to check the bin for scholarships and bursaries as this is updated on a continual basis.

**Upcoming Open Houses:** Many schools are hosting Open Houses at this time of year. Please check each institution's website for the most updated list. There are many schools that don't have official Open Houses but have tours all year long. Contact each school to make arrangements.

**University and College:** Thinking about applying to college or university? Colleges such as NSCC operate on a first come first serve basis so it is a good idea to get your application in as soon as possible. You can even apply if you are in grade 11! Private Colleges can have other deadlines so it is important to check with each individual institution. Most Universities have a deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>, however some are sooner so it is important to check with the institution.

### ***Concerned about what your future career choices are?***

The province has purchased license rights for a web based career exploration program called My Blue Print. It is a great tool to explore various career opportunities that match with your interests. You can find out about the educational requirements for each career and what that career entails. It has endless information about careers and schools in Canada and the USA. It can even help you build a resume. Check it out at [myblueprint.ca/avrsb](http://myblueprint.ca/avrsb)

## **GRADUATION PHOTOS**

Grad Photos will be taken from Nov 19<sup>th</sup> to Nov 23<sup>th</sup> in the NKEC library. In order to have your grad photo in the 2019 yearbook and on the grad composite photo, you must book a sitting during this time. Please check your Potential Grad Google Classroom for an announcement on how to book your appointment or go to <http://www.local.prestigeportraits.ca>. There will be an opportunity for re-takes sometime in the new year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Zwicker in Student Services **902-582-2050** or Leah at Lifetouch Photography **902-429-8625**.

## **GRAD NEWS**

Hello Northeast Kings Education Centre Family, Our Grad's are hosting a Sign Workshop to support the NKEC Safe Grad. Come out to NKEC on Tuesday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm to make a custom sign and have fun! Cost is \$40 and all tools/equipment and materials are provided to complete a 10"x18" solid pine sign in the colors of your choice. A great evening of creating a sign you will be proud to display while supporting a great cause. For additional information, please contact Karen McNutt at: [khmcnutt@gmail.com](mailto:khmcnutt@gmail.com) or Pat Hines at (902) 691-3934.

Thank you for your support!  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/571433046647639/permalink/574785059645771/>

**Santa Breakfast** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/441878543008343/>  
**Hockey Game** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/328139081346550/>

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** with Santa in support of the NKEC Safe Grad will take place on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Canning Fire Hall. This event will be a free-will offering for the breakfast and a picture with Santa.

**GRADS vs. RCMP hockey game** in support of the NKEC Safe Grad. Please come out and cheer on the hockey players while supporting the NKEC Safe Grad 2019 on Friday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. There will be a free-will offering at the door, 50/50, and other basket raffles.

**Do you shop online?** If so, visit FlipGive.com and search NKEC Safe Grad before you search the store's website. By using Flipgive to access the store, NKEC's Safe Grad will get paid every time you shop.

## **ITALY TRIP**

November 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day to sign up to tour London, Paris, Florence, and Rome over March Break. [eftours.ca](http://eftours.ca) tour # 1933661kh  
[fpriddle@gnspecs.ca](mailto:fpriddle@gnspecs.ca) for further details.

## **NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT**

A very successful month in athletics at Northeast Kings Education Center. Our football team is hosting the provincial final Saturday at 1:00 at Acadia against Sackville. The team has been dominant this year and are the favorites heading into the final. Good luck to our coaches and student athletes. Our senior girls' soccer team hosted provincials last weekend and came home with a silver medal. They defeated Island View 4-1 in the semi before losing 1-0 to BEC in a hotly contested battle. The girls represented themselves and the school extremely well. The senior boys' soccer team lost out in regionals in a very competitive tournament, while the junior boys' team lost out in the district semi-final. Our junior girls' team lost in the regional final in overtime 1-0 to West Hants, also bringing home silver medals. Well done to all teams for a very successful soccer season. Thank you to all the coaches for their dedication and support of our student athletes.

Our senior and junior girls' volleyball teams have both advanced to regionals this weekend. The senior girls finished second in their pre-regional, while the junior girls finished second at districts. Well done to both teams and coaches! Our senior hockey teams are both off to a good start, with the girls undefeated and the boys having one loss in league play. Both teams are representing the school the right way. Our cheer team and four basketball teams are just finishing their tryouts and beginning their seasons shortly. Good luck to all those student athletes. Our student athletes for the month of October are Peggy Kaulback of the senior girls' soccer team and Logan Potter from the football team. Congratulations to both student athletes.

Student athletes, coaches and supporters, please continue to represent Northeast Kings with good sportsmanship, class and restraint. It is so important that we model positive behaviour for other schools and for all those who are watching. Thank you to everyone for working hard to meet these expectations. It is these positive actions that people will remember in the long run.

## **NKEC RADIO**

### ***NKEC Radio wants your CDs!***

The student-run radio station at NKEC (96.3FM) is looking for CDs to help build up the music library. If you have CDs you'd like to donate, they can be dropped off at the desk in the lobby, the media room, or in room 203 with Mr. Conner.



## **YEARBOOKS**

Yearbooks must be ordered by Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Please go to [nkec.ca](http://nkec.ca) and click on the yearbook link to purchase using paypal, credit card, or prepaid credit card. Only the yearbooks preordered will be printed. Interested in advertising your business, or sponsoring a page with a special message to a graduate? Contact [fpriddle@gnspecs.ca](mailto:fpriddle@gnspecs.ca).

## **LIBRARY**

Library's Scholastic Book Fair 2018

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place from December 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> in the library but will be open for parents to view and shop during the Parent/Teacher afternoon on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. A flyer will be sent home with middle school students the week before the Fair and they will also have the opportunity to visit the fair with their class.

There will be three contests connected to the Book Fair. Students in grades 6-8 and some classes in grade 9 will view Book Trailers for books from the Book Fair and be voting for the one that Mrs. Jacquard should buy. The favourite book from each grade will be purchased and one student from that grade who voted for that book will get to read it first. There will also be trivia and poster contests with prizes from the book fair for the winners.

## **MUSIC NEWS**

We've just had a great Remembrance Assembly with the members of the Sr. Concert Band assisting with the ceremony. Thank you to those who attended and helped to support our recognition of this important day. A special recognition to David Archibald and Lukas Saklofske who performed Last Post and Reveille as part of the ceremonies!

The Music Department is starting their pie campaign on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>! In addition to the pies, we are working with Holmstead Cheeses and Hutchinson's Maple Syrup to offer great products from these local companies. Please contact Maggie Helms @ [mhelms@gnspecs.ca](mailto:mhelms@gnspecs.ca) if you would like to place an order for any of these products! We will be taking orders and money through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Anticipated delivery for all products will be December 13<sup>th</sup> in the evening. All proceeds go to help fund the Music Department!

The annual Music Department Winter Concert will 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. 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!

## **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**

Student's Council is collecting gifts and donations for the Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree program. The Christmas Angel tree will be set up in Student Services beginning November 21<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to participate, please take a bell off the tree and donate the gift indicated on the bell. Your name will then be written on an angel for the tree. If you prefer, you may also just bring in a gift of your choice and leave it under the tree. Please drop your new, **unwrapped gifts** by December 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!