



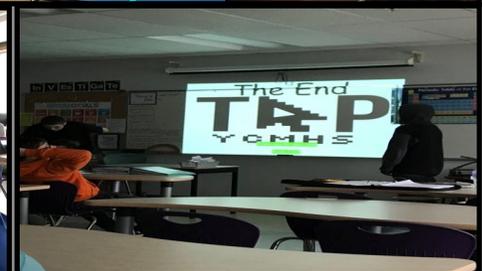
# REGIONAL UPDATE

From the TCRCE Regional Executive Director of Education

Tri-County  
Regional Centre for Education



YCMHS students in the Technology Advantage Program presented to the Yarmouth Town Council on November 27th. The students presented on their innovative program and ‘‘TAP’’-water based project ideas. Preparation and practice took place for weeks in advance. We are so proud of our students and all their hard work!



## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, Dec 5—PD/Parent-Teacher for elementary students (School for high school students only.)  
Thursday, December 12—CLT Day—Early Dismissal  
Friday, December 20—Last day before holidays

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## MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello, everyone.

It is my pleasure to share our December report with you. Within it, you will find information on a number of things happening within the Tri-County Regional Centre for Education. We had a busy month of November, with many learning experiences happening throughout the Region. Many events and student experiences will be happening throughout the month of December.

TCRCE continues to remain committed on our System Improvement Plan. We continue to deliberately focus on actions that we believe will improve student achievement and well-being throughout the Region. One such initiative is currently happening through our Literacy Team. Literacy staff have taken writing samples from all Grade 3 students in the Region and have analyzed the results. Specific, next steps for individual classrooms (and students) are being designed and implemented. This will ensure our instruction is responsive to individual student need. Another specific initiative TCRCE is undertaking is described on this page.

As always, I would again encourage everyone to follow us on social media. We are active on Facebook and Twitter, and also have a Youtube channel. Links can be found on the [tcrce.ca](http://tcrce.ca) website.

Dr. Chris Boulter



## PRINCIPAL CLT SESSIONS

An area identified for growth within our System Improvement Plan is our Collaborative Learning Teams (CLTs). We know that when educators examine recent evidence of student work and plan responsive next steps together, the quality of a student's instruction increases. This results in increased student achievement and well-being for TCRCE students. We recently published a video on our YouTube channel that describes the CLT process our teachers go through. I would encourage you to give it a view.

Our CLTs do not stop with teachers, however. We know that principals play a key role in supporting student achievement in schools. To that end, we have focused on building effective CLTs with principals throughout TCRCE this year. Principals meet in small groups and bring recent evidence of what they have been doing as instructional leaders at their schools. They collaborate, get professional development, and plan next steps related to improving their instructional leadership. We believe this will have a direct impact on student learning, as principals will continually improve their skills in supporting effective instruction for TCRCE students.

# SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

SMBA O2 students get some hands-on experience with learning and career exploration at Carpenter Millwright College



BMHS O2 students in grade 10 decorate their work desks



SMBA Roborays advanced to Lego League Regionals and won the "Robot Design Award"

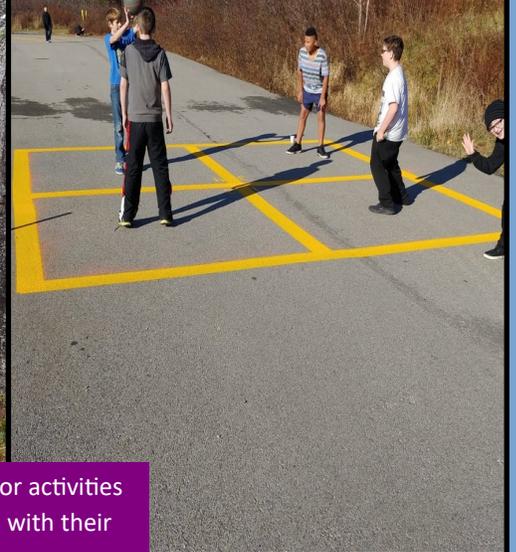


BMHS O2 holiday gifts in progress

A number of our Shelburne County high school students were out for Dumping Day, as part of their seasonal Exemption for Employment



TCRCE students participated in the Delmore Buddy Daye Learning Institute's Ancestral Roots Summit at Acadia University.

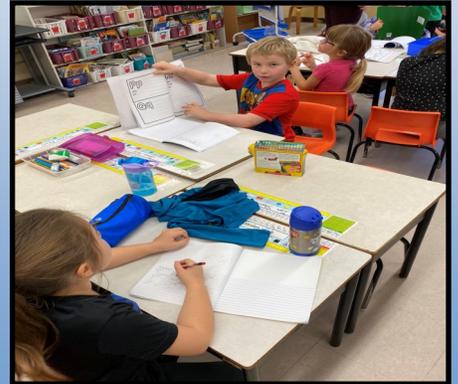


Students in all three counties took part in outdoor activities and community health activities, getting outside with their friends, and planting sustainable food gardens.

# SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



TCRCE elementary students had a busy November! They worked hard on art projects, problem-solving, collaborative learning, museum visits, and had some great presentations.



# KEEPING YOU INFORMED

ADDITIONAL INFO FROM THE REGION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

## PROVINCE WIDE



Students across Nova Scotia will take part in the [#HourOfCode](https://hourofcode.com/ca) from December 9 to 15. Learn more at <https://hourofcode.com/ca>. The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts.

Have an idea on how to stop vaping at your school?



NOVA SCOTIA

Help curb vaping at your high school. We're offering each high school student council \$500 to create an approach for students, by students. If you have an idea, talk to your student council before December 20.

The Minister's Entrepreneurship Award of Excellence will provide three students with mentorship and \$1000 each. The application deadline is February 28th. To apply, visit [novascotia.ca/entrepreneuraward/](https://novascotia.ca/entrepreneuraward/)



**Minister's Entrepreneurship Award of Excellence**

Are you in grades 6 to 12?  
Do you have an awesome business idea?  
Your idea could become a reality.

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Five new skilled trades facilities



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*11 schools communities across Nova Scotia will benefit from 12 new projects over the next five years, with a total investment estimated at \$85 million. This includes 5 Skilled Trades Centres, as well as new schools and renovations.*

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*Reminder: with winter arriving, remember to check our website or Twitter feed, or listen to your local radio station, for updates around school cancellations due to weather or road conditions.*

