

# REGIONAL UPDATE

From the TCRCE Regional Executive Director of Education



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Pre-Primary students at Drumlin Heights Consolidated School recently hosted us for a morning. We got to watch them role-play, read, create, build structures, and get some snuggles before rest time! We're so grateful for this little glimpse into their awesome day.

## IMPORTANT DATES

*Thursday, March 12—CLT Day—Early Dismissal  
March 16—March 20—March Break—No School  
Thursday, March 26—Elementary Grading & Classification Day—No School*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello, everyone.

We are well into Second semester in High Schools across TCRCE, and have recently passed 100th day of school. Congratulations to all students for reaching this milestone in the school year, and keep up the good work!

February was African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia. This year's theme, The Ties that Bind: Faith, Family and Community, recognized the essential traits that sustain the strength, resiliency and togetherness of the African Nova Scotian community. This month and throughout the year, TCRCE schools hosted guest speakers, artists, musicians and community members to highlight the history, culture and contributions of African Nova Scotians. I was honored to attend a number of celebratory events throughout the month.

TCRCE remains committed to our System Improvement Plan, and to ensuring we remain focused on supporting students in matters of well-being, literacy and mathematics. A reminder that our plan starts with the belief that "Students' well-being will be enhanced and their academic achievement will improve when educators grow and improve in meeting the individual needs of learners. There are specific, culturally responsive strategies educators can implement to improve their practice towards this end."

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](https://www.tcrce.ca) website.

Dr. Chris Boulter





# SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



It has been amazing to see so many of our student leaders sharing their love of reading at recess. On March 6, four DES primary students showed off their confidence as they shared their reading skills with all who wished to listen!



Students from BMHS cheer on their Barrington Barons!



Students from YCMHS take to the slopes at Martock during their grad ski trip.



Clark's Harbour had some sweet, furry visitors from Nashwaak Valley Farm!

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

TCRCE is fortunate to work with a multitude of incredible women. We want to acknowledge all they do for our students and colleagues year round, and recognize them on March 8, 2020, International Women's Day. We were able to spotlight two women, in particular: Michelle Talbot of Digby Regional High School, and Terri Lynn Doucet of Yarmouth Elementary School.



**Michelle Talbot**  
Interim Vice-Principal  
Digby Regional High School

#BecauseOfYou

“The students and staff at Digby High are better supported, and the school climate is more positive. You went from being a teacher to a vice-principal 3 months into the school year, and I've had the good fortune of working with you in both roles. You've taken a challenging role very early in your career and you're making it look easy. You're awesome, and we're so lucky to have you. I couldn't do my job without you.”

– Darrell Richardson, Principal, on Michelle Talbot  
International Women's Day 2020



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**Terri Lynn Doucet**  
French Immersion Teacher  
Yarmouth Elementary School

#BecauseOfYou

“Our colleagues are inspired to improve and be more like you. You are motivated, hard working, and strive to meet students where they are in order to push them to be their best selves.”

– Tanya Rhyno, teacher, on Terri Lynn Doucet  
International Women's Day 2020



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# KEEPING YOU INFORMED

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

## PROVINCE WIDE

# PROPER HAND WASHING

Washing your hands frequently with soap and water is the best way to reduce the spread of germs.

1 Wet your hands with warm running water

2 Add soap and scrub for 15-20 seconds

3 Wash backs, thumbs, between fingers, and under nails

4 Rinse off soap under running water

5 Dry your hands with a clean towel

6 Turn off tap with a towel

When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizers can be used if hands are not visibly soiled.

NOVA SCOTIA

Families,

***Let's work together to prevent the spread of illness!***

Tri-County Regional Centre for Education (TCRCE) is in close contact with officials at public health who are monitoring the situation closely. Health officials tell us that frequent hand washing with soap and warm water remains the best defense against the spread of respiratory illnesses. This is a call to action for all of us. For the latest information on COVID-19, please visit:

[www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html)

[novascotia.ca/coronavirus/](http://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/)

Know a student pursuing post-secondary study in the creative arts? They can apply for the Awards for Creative Excellence in the Arts, for a chance to win \$1000 scholarship and a mentorship opportunity! <https://novascotia.ca/creativeaward>



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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.*

