

REGIONAL UPDATE

From the TCRCE Regional Executive Director of Education



Tri-County

Regional Centre for Education



WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?

Grades Primary, one, and two, Carleton students play superhero tag, working on their dodging and fitness skills (and honing their secret powers, we're certain).

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, Feb 13—CLT Day—Early Dismissal
Monday, February 17—Heritage Day—No School
Thursday, Feb 27—CLT Day—Early Dismissal

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MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello, everyone.

As you can see within our January newsletter, we had a busy, productive month in TCRCE. Welcome back to all students, staff and families. I hope everyone had a smooth transition back to school earlier this month following the holiday break. I want to thank the many school community members who supported a number of special events for students in late December. We ended 2019 in a very positive way, and are looking forward to a great 2020. It's hard to believe we are already a month in!

Over the holidays, our Property Services staff equipped our TCRCE schools with water dispensers. This followed an announcement we shared with you on December 19, 2019. In accordance with new Health Canada guidelines for acceptable levels of lead in drinking water, all schools will be tested for lead. However, testing may only occur during warmer weather. TCRCE will resume testing in May, when the weather allows us to do so. Until then, we will continue to provide bottled water at our schools. To help reduce waste, we encourage students to bring a reusable water bottle or cup to school. We are almost a month in to this new way of providing water, and it is going well. A special thanks to the Property Services staff who worked hard over the holidays to implement this.

TCRCE continues to focus on student achievement and well-being. As I frequently mention, our System Improvement Plan focuses us on where we currently are, where we need to go, and how we will get there. Earlier this week, we published a document on the tcrce.ca website that provides comprehensive updates on what we have been doing to improve as a system. I encourage you to take a look at it.

Though it seems hard to believe, we are already starting to make initial plans for the 2020-2021 school year. One essential piece of accurately staffing our schools is knowing how many Pre-Primary students are registering at our sites. Over the month of February, we will be publishing reminders to anyone wanting to register a student in Pre-Primary on how to do so. Our online registration for Pre-Primary will be live on the tcrce.ca website in early February.

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 website.

Dr. Chris Boulter

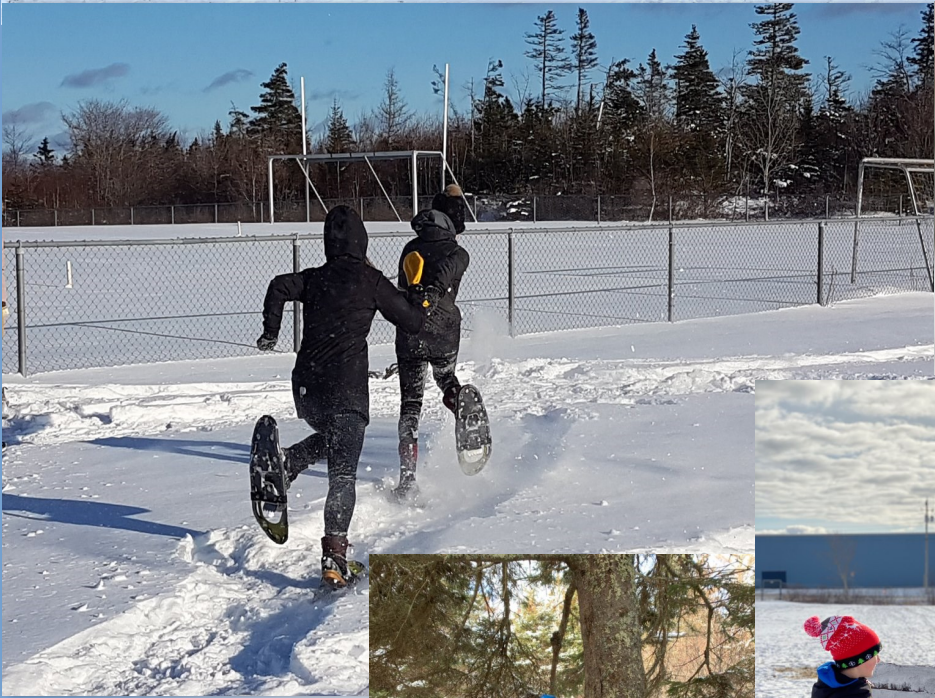


I had the pleasure of participating in Wayne Hurlburt's retirement send-off at Carleton Consolidated School. We are so grateful for all of our wonderful staff, and for 42 great years with Wayne!



Tremendous thanks to all the Wesleyan Churches in the Tri-Counties, for their generous donation to our Breakfast Program. The funding will help provide students with the healthy start they need for their day.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

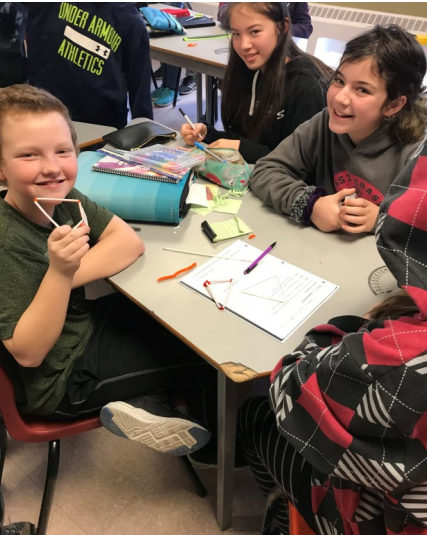
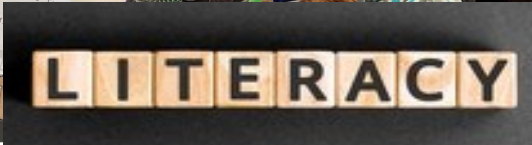
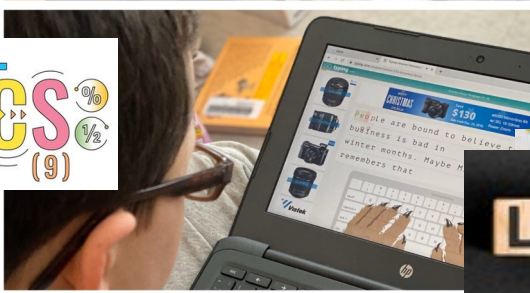
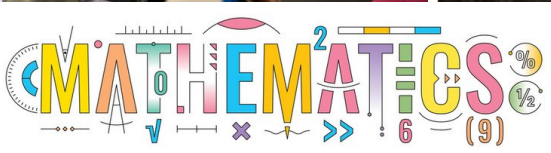
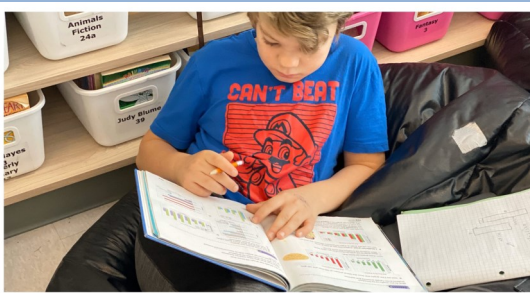
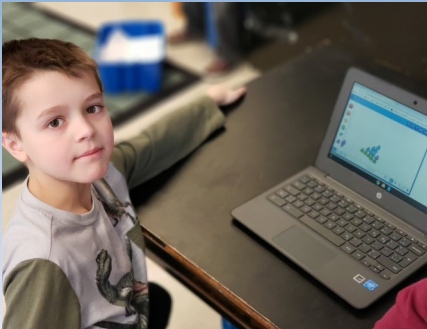


SNOW BUSINESS

TCRCE students are enjoying so many winter activities! Exploring, sledding, snowshoe races, creating their own snowshoes, and using kicksleds.



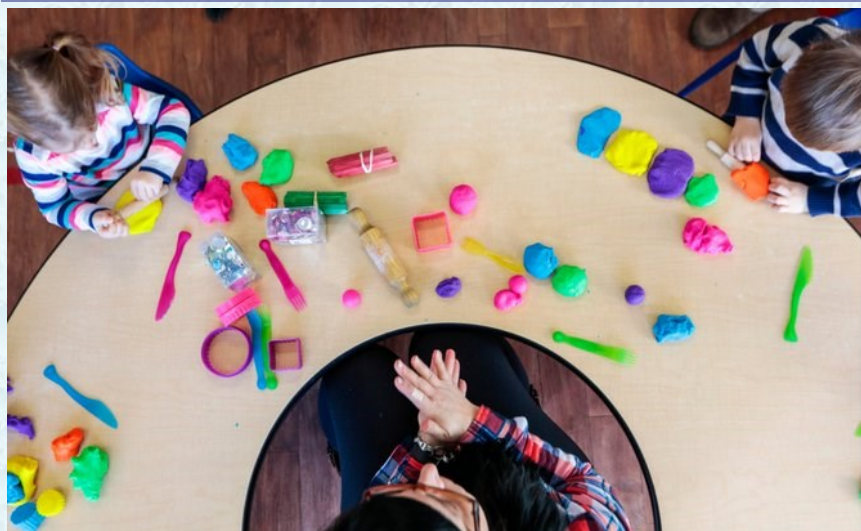
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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

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

PROVINCE WIDE



Minister Zach Churchill met with federal, provincial and territorial counterparts this week in Ottawa to work together on building a strong, more accessible and more affordable early learning and regulated child care system.

“Ministers agreed that a variety of perspectives on early learning and child care should be considered—including families, linguistic minority communities, early childhood educators and other experts—as federal, provincial and territorial governments look to implement the next generation of bilateral

agreements while ensuring that important child care services are provided to children and families are not impacted. The priorities and perspectives of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation communities on the new federal commitments will also be sought. Ministers agreed to continue working together to disseminate information to Canadians on the positive impacts of their joint investments in early learning and child care.

Celebrate
Family
Literacy Day



NOVA SCOTIA

Students and families all over Nova Scotia celebrated Family Literacy Day on January 27th. Trying to find time to read with your kids to build literacy skills? Car/bus/train trips, errands, and waits in checkout lines and the doctor's office are all opportunities for reading. Keep books or magazines in your car, diaper bag, or backpack to pull out whenever you're going to be in one place for a while. Even if you can't finish a book, read a few pages or discuss some of the pictures.

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/



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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