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Newsletter of the Tri-County Regional Centre for Education

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Congratulations, Graduates!



Graduates from Shelburne Regional High School participate in the Grad March at Hillcrest Academy, where elementary students and staff line the hallways to cheer for the accomplishments of the grads of 2023.



Students and staff of Maple Grove Education Centre raise the pride flag for the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth. Thanks to South West Nova Pride Association for the invite.

A Message from the Regional Executive Director

These last few weeks have been very difficult for so many within our community.

The largest wildfire in our province's history directly impacted many TCRCE families and staff. The effects are far-reaching and we're all impacted in one way or another. A tragedy like this can have a profound effect and if you find yourself needing help, please reach out to your child's school directly. We have a variety of resources available and we are here to help.

TCRCE staff rallied to support the Shelburne county community. I am so proud to lead a team of dedicated, caring, and professional individuals.

While we were able to reopen all of our schools, the decision to do so was made with compassion and empathy, while recognizing not everyone may be ready to return. We worked with those who weren't ready and will continue to do so. Many of our friends and colleagues were displaced or lost their homes, and we continue to keep them close to our hearts.

It was important to us that the wildfires not impact graduation ceremonies and celebrations. All of the 2023 TCRCE graduates have worked so hard and have accomplished an outstanding achievement. I look forward to attending numerous graduation ceremonies throughout the region and extend best wishes to graduates on this very special milestone. Congratulations to the class of 2023!

This month is always an extremely busy and exciting time in TCRCE. In addition to year-end celebrations and assessments, June is also Pride Month. TCRCE believes 2SLGBTQIA+ students and families deserve to be supported, feel safe, included and respected in their learning environments. Our schools celebrate Pride Month to directly support our commitment to creating a system where everyone belongs and is treated with respect.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing you again in September!

Jared Purdy

TCRCE Regional Executive Director



BMHS Student Participates in Skills Canada National Competition

Congratulations to Barrington Municipal High School student Madison Perry, who recently competed in the 2023 Nova Scotia Skills Competition at the NSCC Akerley Campus. She took part in the Secondary Carpentry Contest and won a silver medal. Last year, Madison took home a gold in the same competition.



Madison Perry working on day two of the Skills Canada National Competition in Winnipeg.

After the provincial skills competition, Madison then moved on to compete at the Skills Canada National Competition that took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Although she didn't receive a medal at the National competition, Madison is looking forward to competing provincially again next year!



Canada Wide Science Fair

Three students represented TCRCE and joined close to 400 other students across Canada to attend the Canada Wide Science Fair in Edmonton, Alberta in May, 2023.

Jessica, Caelan, and Audrey toured the University of Alberta campus, visited the Telus Science Centre, the West Edmonton Mall, and hosted over 10,000 local students at the project display centre.

Congratulations!



See inside our schools



Grades 3/4 & 5/6 from Lockeport Elementary celebrate World Oceans Day with a beautiful beach walk (pictured above).

Weymouth Elementary students take advantage of the nice weather to do some Science outside! (Pictured left).



Students at Digby Regional High School stand with their "Motel" project before they disassemble the project they've been working on all semester. Throughout the year, students learned how to safely use power tools, apply trade related math, decipher engineered blueprints, and learned the value of working as a team. (Pictured above).

Primaries at Hillcrest Academy host a Tea Party for family members. They made and decorated cupcakes and students took orders and delivered tea (pictured left).

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Congratulations to YCMHS students, Dakota Gillis (9/10 Early Immersion/Immersion précoce) and Haeun Cho (9/10 Integrated French/Français intensif) who both won gold in the Concours d'Art oratoire, Canada's French public speaking contest. More than eighty French second and first-language students in grades 5-12 competed in the provincial Concours d'art oratoire at Mouth Saint-Vincent University. (Pictured above).

DRHS PAL 11 students enjoy sunshine and outdoor yoga! (Pictured left).



Our Alternative High School in Digby was pleased to welcome Premier Tim Houston and Minister of Labour, Skills and Immigration, Jill Balsler, who recently stopped by for a visit. (Pictured above).

Students from Meadowfields Elementary make connections with students and staff from different classrooms, while enjoying the ever popular parachute (pictured left).

Reading Recovery Certifications

Congratulations to our newly certified Reading Recovery teachers!

Certification entailed two full days of assessment training, 18 half-day professional development sessions involving live lessons, 300 teaching hours, and multiple coaching visits.



Pictured from left to right: Yvette Surette (Meadowfields), Ashley Purdy (Yarmouth Elementary), Sandra Runyon (Plymouth), Renee Belliveau (Meadowfields).



Pictured from left to right: Ashley Pothier (Reading Recovery Teacher Leader trainer), Becky Brannen (Clark's Harbour), Jocelyn Smith (Evelyn Richardson), Jannah Symonds (Clark's Harbour), Mariah Farquhar (Hillcrest), Melanie Theriault (Drumlin). Not pictured: April Mullen (Digby).

St. John Ambulance White Cross Safety Training Award

We were honoured to receive the St. John Ambulance White Cross Safety Training Award earlier this month at a ceremony in Halifax.

The award is given in recognition of exemplary leadership in the area of employee and community health and safety. TCRCE was recognized for our proven commitment to health & safety and the well-being of our employees by providing Mental Health and Wellness in the Workplace training.



Jared Purdy, TCRCE Regional Executive Director accepts the award from The Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC., Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

PRE-PRIMARY REGISTRATION BUS DEADLINE: AUGUST 11, 2023

Have you registered your child for pre-primary yet? In order to guarantee bus transportation for your pre-primary student, the deadline for NEW 2023-24 registrations is August 11, 2023. Please note: this is only if you haven't yet registered for Pre-Primary. [Click here to register.](#)



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