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# REGIONAL UPDATE

Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-County Regional Centre for Education



The Igniting Success Entrepreneurial Program Pitch Challenge launched in February as a partnership between Tri-County Regional Centre for Education, NSCC Burrigge Campus, and IGNITE Atlantic.

Mahalia Phillip, a grade 8 student at Maple Grove Education Centre was the winner of the pitch challenge for an idea that she is excited to develop with the support of a 6-month mentorship with IGNITE (Southern) which will help bring her idea into a potential successful business venture! At this time, she is keeping the idea under wraps until it comes to fruition, but we can share it is something that she recognized was missing since she was a very young child.

Featured in the photograph are Jared Purdy (Regional Education Director, TCRCE), Mahalia Phillip (Grade 8, Maple Grove Education Centre), and Wade Cleveland (Site Lead for IGNITE Atlantic Yarmouth).

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# Spotlight on Schools



Yarmouth Elementary School EAL students, the EAL support teacher, and student support worker, participated in a “Sharing Cultures” smudging and medicine pouch activity. The students, in grades 3-5, learned about sacred medicines, made medicine pouches, and participated in a smudging ceremony to see how those medicines might be traditionally used (pictured above).

Lockeport Regional High grade 7 and 11 English classes engaged in a virtual presentation by author J.S.R. Smith (pictured left).



Mr. Stoddard’s Grade 5 class from Hillcrest Academy recently toured the Shelburne municipal building (pictured above).

Barrington Municipal High School students participated in the “Discover Careers In Health Day” in Shelburne, hosted by Nova Scotia Works. Students were able to connect with several health care providers from a variety of professions in this interactive learning opportunity for our students. (pictured left).



# Ideas for Education

# Teacher OF THE MONTH

We are pleased to introduce you to our February recipients for Teacher of the Month!

Each month, TCRCE staff are invited to nominate an NSTU member who fits the monthly theme.

February theme: **Cultural Responsiveness & Equity**

These recipients were selected based on the following:

- Engages and promotes student's culture in the classroom and around the school.
- Creates cultural-based lessons that engage students.
- Models how to treat others, promoting equity and inclusion in a unique and impactful way.

## Digby County:

**Lisa Tibert**  
**Islands Consolidated**

## Shelburne County:

**Harriet Deinstadt**  
**Hillcrest Academy**

## Yarmouth County:

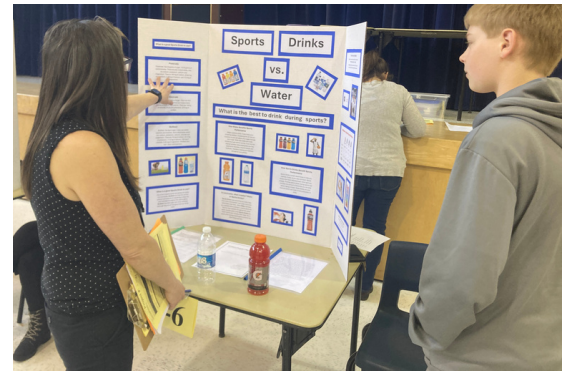
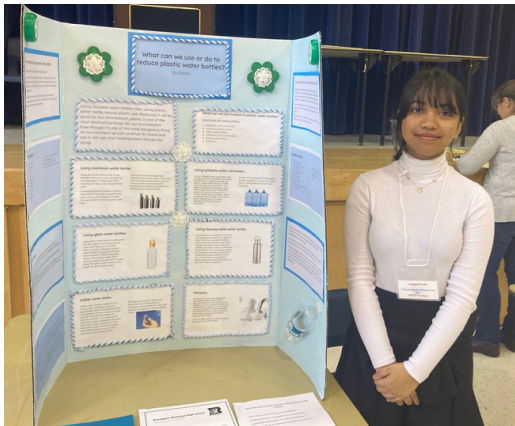
**Elaina Armstrong**  
**Plymouth School**

# TCRCE Regional Science Fair

The TCRCE Regional Science Fair was held on March 28th at Shelburne Regional High School. Students from Barrington Municipal High School, Shelburne Regional High School, and Lockport Regional High school showcased their projects.

Congratulations to the three students who will be traveling to Ottawa in May, to attend the Canada Wide Science Fair (Yui - SHRS, Jessica - LRHS and Sawyer - BMHS).

We'd also like to thank all the students who participated, along with their teachers and parents/guardians for supporting them!



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# School Lunch Program Announced by Province

In February, the province of Nova Scotia announced a \$18.8 million investment in Nova Scotia's first-ever province-wide school lunch program for public schools.

The new universal lunch program will roll out over four years with the goal to have it in elementary schools in the fall.

The program is still under development, however we do know school lunch will be universally available, affordable for all, and free for those who need it to be.


You can expect to hear more details in the coming months.




## How to Contact TCRCE


### School-Related Inquiries/Concerns?


1. The first point of contact should always be the child's teacher.
2. If the inquiry/concern is unresolved, families should always contact the school administration.
3. If the inquiry/concern is still unresolved, families are asked to contact TCRCE and will then be put in touch with the appropriate person.

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