



Chiganois Monthly Newsletter

Principal Message

As the calendar year 2020 ends and a new one begins, we are appreciative of the support received through challenges and changes. As we all have rallied and worked together the last number of months, the Chiganois Elementary School community continued to be filled with lots of learning and laughter. As the students return from break we find ourselves immersed in the enthusiasm of the children, their smiles and greetings as we begin each new day. In addition, the dedication and commitment of our staff and parents is commendable. Our school is centered within an ethic of care, understanding and diversity that makes us unique. This atmosphere of care helps to fill our school with people who make it a great place to learn, respectfully, responsibly and productively, as we continue to grow together. School routines and procedures have taken on a new look this year and we have found ourselves connected virtually in order to continue to develop various learning opportunities for the students. We look forward to the New Year with pride in what we have accomplished this past year and recognize the fact that we could not have persevered without the support of one another. This is what makes Chiganois Elementary School community a truly wonderful place to work and learn.

Happy New Year!

Mr. K. Harnish
Principal

Virtue of the Month Responsibility

I am responsible for my thoughts, words and actions. I am accountable for my choices. I admit my mistakes and work to correct them. People can depend on me to honour my commitments. I demonstrate active citizenship.

Winter Clothing Reminder

Please remember to have your child/children dress appropriately for the weather when coming to school. The temperature is dropping and students will be expected to be outside for play time unless the weather is too inclement. The play field is open and is not very sheltered from the wind. Students should have a hat and gloves/mittens as well as a warm jacket and appropriate foot wear for outside play. When the snow begins to fall, snow pants or splash pants keep students warm and dry after playtime for afternoon instruction. It may be a good idea to slip an extra pair of gloves/mittens in your child/children's backpacks, especially the little ones. **Phys Ed classes are held outside most of the time unless the weather is too inclement. Students need to be prepared daily for Phys. Ed outside.**

Paying it Forward

Chiganois students paid it forward with the support of the Parent Teacher Group (PTG). Each class chose a charity to donate to before Christmas break. The students researched various charities and decided as a class where they wanted to send their support. They worked out a plan for deciding what was needed, how to gather items and what their support would look like. The PTG gave each class \$150 to go toward their cause.

As a school community who has been on the receiving end of support over the past several months and years, we are looking forward to encouraging others by paying it forward. These actions supported our virtue of the month, thoughtfulness. It was a terrific learning experience for the students. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Parent Teacher Group for their support.

The classes paid it forward in the following ways:

Primary – Students performed acts of kindness at home to earn a food donation. The class donated 135lbs of food and made a cash donation of \$103. 36 to Colchester Community Support (Food Bank).

Primary/One – Donation to the Salvation Army so the money could be used to purchase toys for other children.

One – Donation to the Truro Homeless Outreach Society after completing a lesson on the gift of giving. The students created a list of organizations followed by a majority vote. At home the students did acts of kindness and earned items to donate such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, food items etc.

One/Two – Donation to the Truro Homeless Outreach Society so they could purchase blankets and pillows to keep those who used the shelter warm during the winter months

Two/Three – Donation to the Truro Homeless Outreach Society

Three/Four – Donation to Colchester Community Support (Food Bank). The students used \$50 to create a list of food items that was purchased from the grocery store and the remaining \$100 was a cash donation.

Four – Donation to Make a Wish Foundation. They researched a few organizations and as a class took a majority vote for the donation.

Five - Donation to the IWK



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Welcome

We'd like to officially welcome back Mr. Cameron Gunn and Mrs. Kim Keizer who both returned on January 4th. Also, we would like to welcome Mrs. Kelsey Keating as Learning Support Teacher in the Learning Center and Mrs. Tara Bates who has taken over the Grade Five classroom for the remainder of the year in Ms. Christensen's absence. We are fortunate to have each of you as part of our Chiganois Sch



Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has some sort of water bottle **every day**. It is imperative that students come to school each day with a full water bottle, clearly labeled with their name. Staying hydrated throughout the day is important for focus and optimum learning.

Office Communication

Should you need to contact the office you can email Mrs. Keizer directly at keizerka@ccrce.ca or by phoning 902-662-4420.

Optional French Program Registration Open



Deadline for applications: **Friday, February 19th, 2021**

Register online or for more information about our upcoming zoom information sessions, visit www.ccrce.ca/optional-french-programs. Please note: Paper applications will no longer be accepted. If you are unable to register online, please contact: Jessica Hinton at AllenJ@ccrce.ca or 902-986-2100 or Cheryl Ann Lelievre at LelievreCA@ccrce.ca or 902-301-1976

Deadline for online applications is Friday, February 19th, 2021.

Upcoming Dates

January 4th

Staff first day back to school

January 11th

First day back for students

January 15th

Orange Shirt Day

January 19th

PTG Zoom Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 26th

SAC Zoom Meeting 6:30 p.m.

February 15th

Heritage Day – No School

February 19th

Professional Development Day – No School for Students in Cobequid Family

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PERSONAL PROPERTY

The safekeeping of personal property rests with the students. Therefore, we discourage students from bringing electronic games, cell phones and any other valuables to school unless approved by the classroom teacher. If for any reason students must bring these types of items to school they should to be handed into the office for safe keeping.

Primary Registration

If you have a child that will be 5 years old by December 31, 2021, please contact the school at 902-662-4420 to register your child. If you know of any other families that have school aged children, please pass on this important information. Further communication will be coming as we receive it. Thank you.



PRIMARY REGISTRATION

Housekeeping Things

- ✓ Prepare and dress for outside Phys Ed!
- ✓ Please continue to send **water bottles** with students, even just a plastic bottle is fine – cups are in limited supply.
- ✓ Please send mittens and a hat with your child to school every day!
- ✓ Please label your child's belongings. It makes finding the owner of lost items much easier. Thank you.
- ✓ Please have your child to school by 9:10 AM