



## Principal's Message

I hope everyone is doing well and settling into 2024. We are looking ahead to another month with lots going on at Chiganois. As with every February, it is important to recognize African Heritage Month and the important contributions that those of African descent have made to this province and country. This year's theme is, "Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience."

We are also looking forward to Winter Carnival from Feb. 20-23. As always, thanks to our Parent Teacher Group for their support and work in making this week a success.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Clinton Harvey



**February 1st** - African Heritage Month

**February 2nd** - Orange Shirt Day

**February 19th** - Heritage Day No School

**February 20th - 23rd** - Winter Carnival Week

**February 20th** - PJ & Pancake Day

**February 21st** - Rainbow & Silly Socks Day, Skating Primary, P/1, 1/2 and 2/3

**February 22nd** - School T-Shirt / Sports Day, Skating Grade 3/4, 4, 5

**February 23rd** - Backwards Day

**March 1st** - Orange Shirt Day

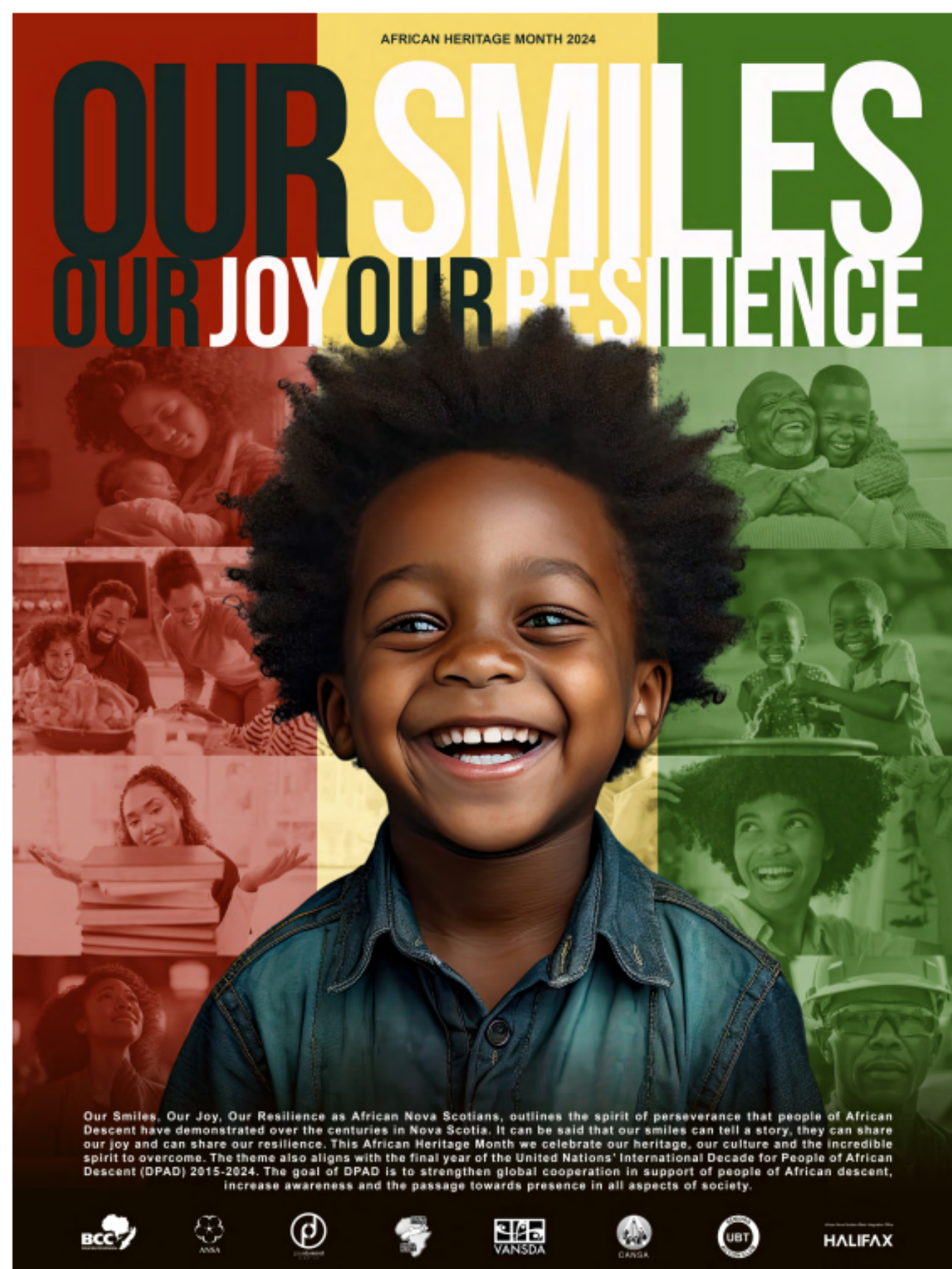
**March 8th** - Assessment & Evaluation Day No School

**March 11th - March 15th** - March Break

## February is African Heritage Month

The 2024 African Heritage Month theme is Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians. This month is a time to celebrate and recognize the history and culture of people of African descent. The theme aligns with the final year of the United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (DPAD) 2015-2024. The goal is to strengthen global cooperation in support of people of African descent, increase awareness and recognize their full and equal participation in all aspects of society.

Nova Scotia has more than 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities with a long, deep and complex history dating back more than 400 years. African Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate and promote the culture, achievements and contributions of people of African descent in Nova Scotia – past and present.

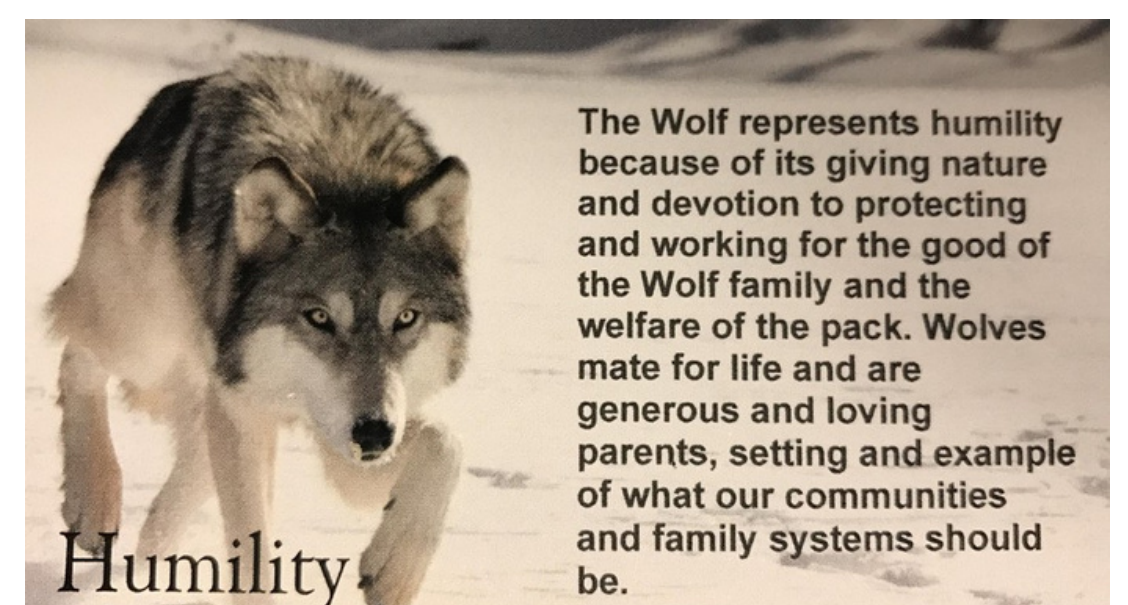


## Seven Sacred Teachings

These seven teachings (also known as Grandfather Teachings) are all aspects of our emotional, spiritual, physical and intellectual development. Many indigenous people follow the seven sacred teachings to help live their lives in balance and harmony.

The seven sacred teachings include:  
**Wisdom, Truth, Humility, Bravery, Honesty, Love & Respect.**

For the month of January staff and students at Chiganois will be recognizing **Humility**.



The Wolf represents humility because of its giving nature and devotion to protecting and working for the good of the Wolf family and the welfare of the pack. Wolves mate for life and are generous and loving parents, setting an example of what our communities and family systems should be.



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## Lost & Found

Our lost and found fills up quickly, making it a bit challenging for us to manage. Kindly remind your child to be mindful of their belongings. To keep things organized, we'll only hold onto clothes for 2 weeks before donating them. You're welcome to stop by and check the lost & found for any missing items. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

## Winter Clothing Reminder

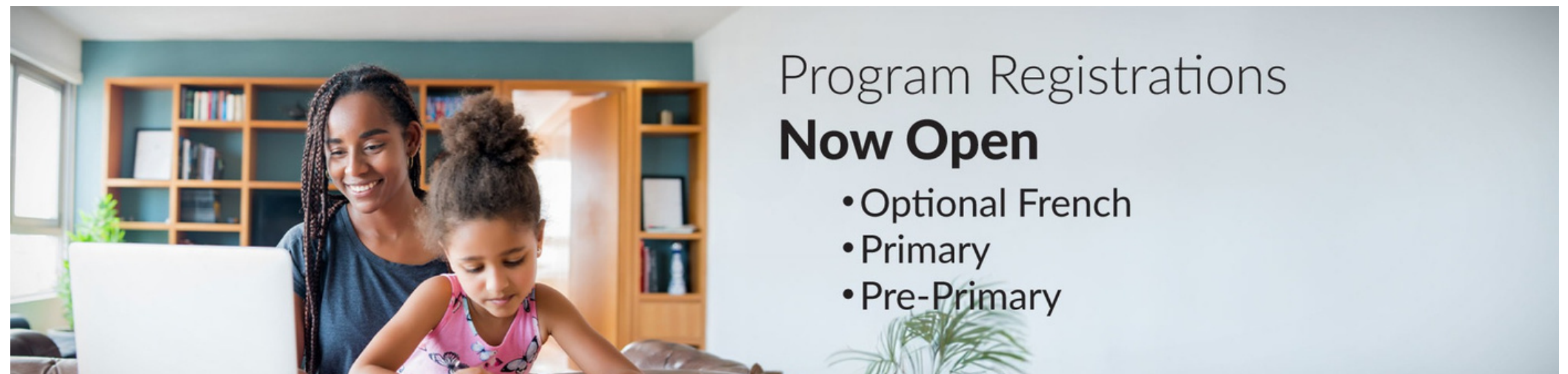
Please remember to have your child/children dress appropriately for the weather when coming to school. The temperature is dropping and students will be expected to be outside for play time unless the weather is too inclement. The play field is open and is not very sheltered from the wind. Students should 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.



**OFFICE HOURS**  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**SCHOOL HOURS**  
9:15 AM - 3:15 PM

## Registrations are NOW OPEN!



### Program Registrations Now Open

- Optional French
- Primary
- Pre-Primary

**Pre-Primary registration** is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. The program is voluntary and open to all children who are at least four years old by December 31st, 2024 and live within a school catchment.

**Primary registration** is now open for students to register for school for September 2024. Children who reside in Nova Scotia and reach the age of five (5) years on or before December 31, 2024, are eligible for enrolment in the Primary program beginning September 2024.

Do you want to spend more time learning French at School? Register now for one of CCRCE's **Optional French** Programs.

## Winter Carnival February 20th - 23rd

### February 20th

- PJ Day & Pancake Breakfast

### February 21st

- Rainbows & Silly Socks Day (snack: cheese & crackers)
- Skating:
  - 10:00 - 11:00 Primary & P/1
  - 11:00 - 12:00 Grade 1/2 & Grade 2/3

### February 22nd

- Sports/School T-Shirt Day (snack: milk & cookies)
- Skating:
  - 10:00 - 11:00 Grades 3/4 & Grade 4
  - 11:00 - 12:00 Grade 5

### February 23rd

- Backwards Day (snack: popcorn)

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## Nuts Allowed

As of now we have zero restrictions surrounding nuts/peanut butter. This means peanut butter is allowed as well as nuts of any kind.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the office.

## Traffic

With our students now being outside every morning from 9:05-9:20, a reminder to please not drive behind the building when dropping off your child(ren) in the morning. You are able to stay in the driveway in front of the building to drop off your child(ren). Thank you for your help with this.

## Safe Arrival

In the interest of student safety, please notify the school in the event your child will be absent from school or late. You can do this via the school messenger app found on your devices app store, by emailing our Administrative Assistant Mrs. Keizer or by calling the school before 9:15 am and leave a detailed message on our school voicemail 902-662-4420.

## In The Spotlight

Each month we will feature a class or staff member ***"In The Spotlight"***

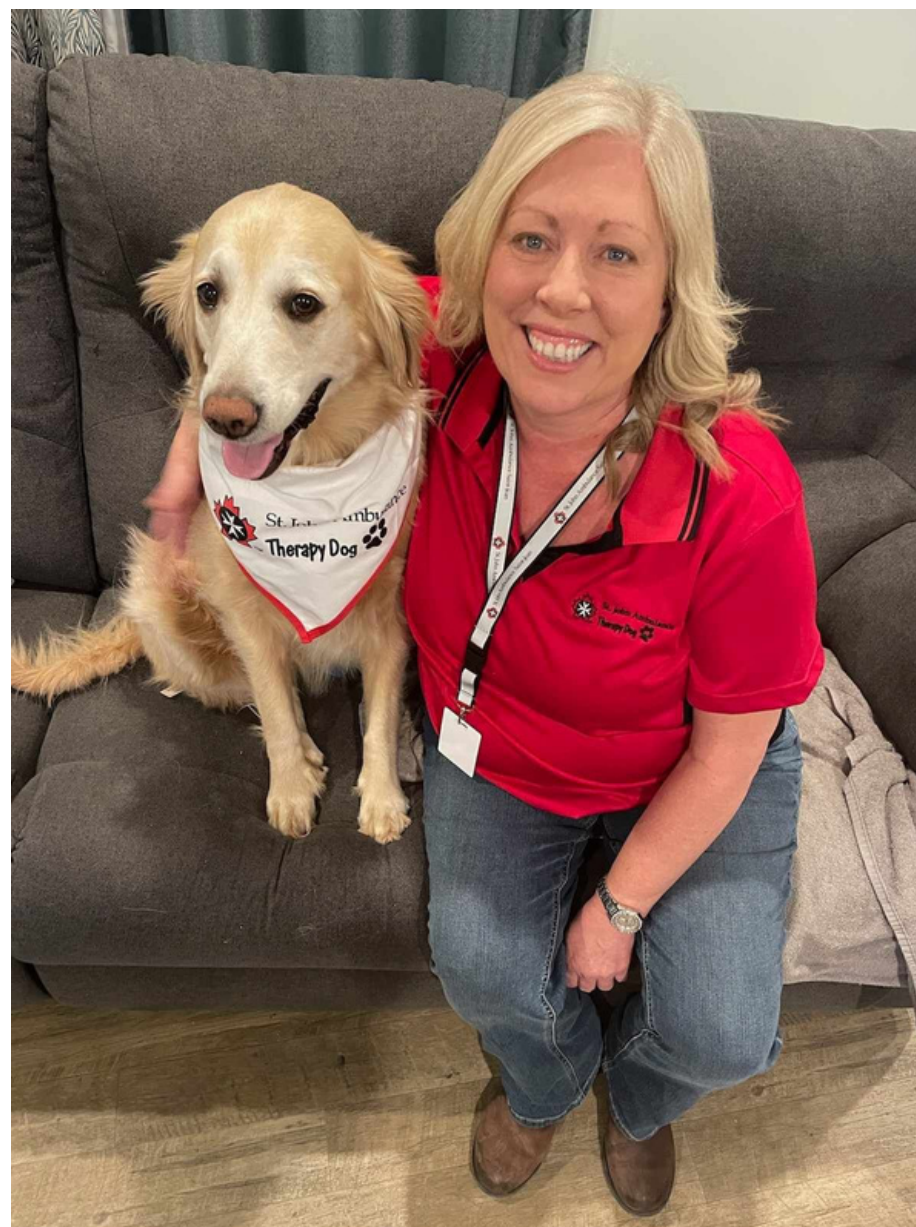
This month we'd like to introduce you to ***Ms. Phillips*** our ***Grade Primary Teacher***

### About Ms. Phillips

My name is Krista Phillips and I live in the community of Masstown. I have been teaching for 28 years and have been at Chiganois for many of them. This year will be my 19th year teaching at this school.

Whenever you see me and I am not at work, I most likely have my dog Maisy close by. Maisy is a 5 year old Golden Lab Retriever. She has a birthday at the end of this month and will soon be turning 6.

Maisy and I love going out together to visit people. She is a registered therapy dog with Saint John Ambulance. We visit a local senior's community once a week right right here in Debert. She also comes to visit our Chiganois School Community once a week (usually Friday afternoon). She loves to get all of the love and pets from the students.



### Favorite Things

**Animal:** Dogs

**Drink:** Coffee

**Color:** Royal Blue

**Favorite Place to Travel:** Beach

**Hobby:** Camping

**Activity:** Going out to eat

**Food:** Thai

### Winter Animals & Math

In February we will be continuing to learn about winter animals. We just completed a class fact book on Polar Bears and will write our own Penguin fact books next!

We are also learning to play many different games with cards to help us develop our math skills. 7-up, more or less, war and go fish are just a few we have been learning this month.



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