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Happy spring! With the arrival of April, we are all hoping that winter storms are over for the year, and warm weather is on the way.

We have had many school closures this winter due to weather and road conditions. Our Director of Operations, Coordinator of Transportation and I will be working together to review our strategies to ensure we are making the best decisions around these types of closures. This review may include feedback from students, parents and guardians, and consultation with staff of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

African Heritage Month celebrations extended into March this year, with the Annual African Youth Talent Show on March 9. The show was a great success, with students of all ages showcasing a wide array of talents. Many thanks to Lawrence Parker, Student Support Worker, and Kelly Holleman, Native Student Advisor, for leading this outstanding event.

Congratulations to the teams from AVRSB schools who took part in the Acadia Robot Programming Competitions on March 4. Teams from Kings County Academy, Northeast Kings Education Centre, Wolfville School, Annapolis West Education Centre and Horton High School were among 48 teams in this provincial event. AWEC's Royal Robots placed first overall in the First Lego League division, and will be testing their skills at a competition in St. Louis, Missouri, later in April.

The Council to Improve Classroom Conditions met for the first time from March 21-23. Avon View High School Teacher Reagan O'Hara was selected by school board superintendents to be one of nine classroom teachers on the Council. Mr. O'Hara brings 15 years' teaching experience to the Council table, including experience teaching middle and high school students, and French Immersion.

The Council issued its first set of recommendations on March 23, focusing on priorities identified by teachers. Several of the Council's early

recommendations regarding PowerSchool and assessments will be implemented as of April 3. The Council will meet again April 18-20 to prepare its report. Further information on the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions is available at <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/classroomcouncil>.

Staffing and budgeting processes for 2017-2018 are underway.

Students in elementary and middle level grades have received report cards this week, with parent/guardian-teacher meetings happening early in April.

Thank you, wela'lin and merci.

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Roberta Kubik, Superintendent

School Visits

March school visits took place at:

- Avon View High School



Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- April 5 Regular Board Meeting
- April 14, 17 Good Friday, Easter Monday Holidays
- April 19 Concours d'art oratoire (French-language public speaking competition) Berwick and District School, 6 pm
- April 30-May 2 Nova Scotia Pupil Transportation Conference

African Youth Talent Show Another Great Success

The Annual African Youth Talent Night was a great success once again this year. The March 9 event drew a full house to the Horton High School Performance Centre to enjoy the talents of well over 120 students in all grades from Port Williams Elementary, Horton High School, Central Kings Rural High School, New Minas Elementary, Evangeline Middle School, Kings County Academy, Wolfville School, Aldershot Elementary, and Middleton Regional High School.

Student singers, fancy shawl dancers, comedians, contemporary dancers and pianists amazed the crowd, along with the multi-school choir directed by Mr. Parker and Ms. Frampton. Annapolis Valley band *Shoulder to Shoulder*, featuring several AVRSB staff, also joined the show.



Students of Mr. Parker & Ms. Frampton's Choir singing K'naan's "Wavin' Flag"

Thank you to all student performers, organizers Lawrence Parker and Kelly Holleman, teacher Olivia Frampton, tech crew members and *Shoulder to Shoulder* for putting on a great show! Thanks as well to Horton student Rose Schoonhoven who is producing a video of the event, and the many families who came out to celebrate students.

Property Services March Break Projects

March Break is a time for rest and relaxation for many students and staff members, but for many Property Services staff, it's a busy time for projects that keep schools safe and in good condition, such as:

- Front entrance security doors at West Kings District High School
- Washroom partitions in Evangeline Middle School locker rooms
- Wireless data installation at Port Williams Elementary School
- Removal of old score clock and new score clock installation at Wolfville School.

AVRSB Hosts Tech Tune-Up 2017



During March Break, AVRSB Information Technology Division staff welcomed more than 120 information technology professionals from across the province for Tech Tune Up 2017 at Horton High School.

This biennial conference for school board technology offers opportunities to share professional knowledge and learn about the latest tech trends and products from industry experts. The event was initiated by AVRSB in 2002, with organizing duties rotating from board to board every other year. Thank you to Matthew Henshaw, Claire Carter, and all of our talented IT staff for making Tech Tune Up 2017 a great success.

DELFL RESULTS

In November, 81 AVRSB students from Bridgetown Regional High School, Horton High School, Middleton Regional High School and Northeast Kings Education Centre wrote the *Diplome d'études en langue française* (DELF) exams. The DELF is an international diploma awarded by the Ministry of Education of France to prove the French-language skills of non-francophone students.



The next DELF exams will occur in April, with 55 AVRSB students from Avon View High School and West Kings District High School set to take part.