

In November and December, the Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights Division is offering Community Information Sessions at five schools across AVRSB in partnership with the Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute and the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency. The sessions highlight the SSW program, supports for students and families, collaborations between the RCH Division and community, and opportunities available to parents/guardians and students to formalize education and training in skilled trades.



Superintendent's Monthly Report

Working Together for Students

Winter weather is on its way!



While we may still see green on the ground, winter is starting to make an appearance.

Weather in our region can be unpredictable, and conditions can vary

from one location to another. To help us plan how best to handle winter weather, we will soon be reaching out to students, parents/guardians and school community members through a short online survey. Please watch for this on our website soon.

In the meantime, families and staff are always encouraged to get familiar with our process around weather-related cancellations. We will continue to use PowerSchool AlertSolutions to send text messages and emails to parents/guardians to notify them of any cancellations due to weather or other emergencies. Parents and guardians are asked to ensure their contact information is up to date with their child's school. We will also continue our "Notify Me" subscription-based text/email system to allow

people who do not have children in schools (such as child care providers and grandparents) to sign up for these important messages. As always, we will post cancellation notices on www.avrsb.ca, Twitter (@avrsb) and will continue to distribute information through radio networks such as AVR/Magic 94.9, 89.3 K-Rock and CBC-FM. Full details on our current process are available at www.avrsb.ca/storm-daysschool-cancellations.

The Commission on Inclusive Education began its public consultations this month, to hear views from students, parents/guardians, educators and the public. This is an opportunity to share your views to help shape the future of inclusive education in our province. An online survey will be available until December 15 on the Commission's website, <https://inclusiveedns.ca>.

Over the coming weeks, schools will be celebrating all the many ways we come together with our family and friends at this time of year, to bring cheer during long

winter nights. I look forward to celebrating with students and staff, and wish all the very best for December and the New Year.

Thank you, wela'lin and merci,

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Roberta Kubik, Superintendent

November School Visits

- Dr. Arthur Hines School
- Highbury Education Centre
- Horton High School
- Lawrencetown Education Centre
- Northeast Kings Education Centre
- West Hants Education Centre
- West Kings District High School

Have Your Say!

Opportunities for Feedback

- Input to the Commission on Inclusive Education: inclusiveedns.ca/consultations/
- Student Attendance and Engagement Policy feedback: attendance@novascotia.ca

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- December 12-20 Hanukkah
- December 21 Last Teaching Day before Winter Break
- December 21 Winter Solstice
- December 25 Christmas Day
- December 26 Kwanzaa
- -January 1
- January 3 First Teaching Day after Winter Break



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- Over 500 Students At WE Day
- NKEC AP Capstone Success
- Wolfville School Officially Reopens
- High School Showcase Wrap-Up
- New Aspiring Leaders Program Grads

WE Day: Youth Making a Positive Difference

On November 30, over 500 AVRSB students representing 17 middle and high schools travelled to Halifax to be part of WE Day Atlantic, a day that celebrates the importance of being part of a caring community, and empowers youth to choose compassion, hope and positivity. Students earn their tickets to WE Day by working on projects that support one local and one global cause. Local projects often focus on food banks and shelters, while global causes focus on access to education, clean water and health care.

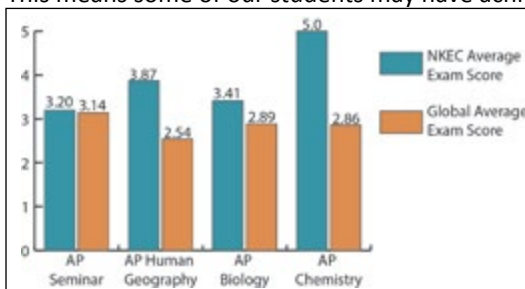
Thank you to all students who are part of WE Day and WE activities, for choosing to help others. Thank you as well to school staff who support these activities throughout the year, to bus drivers and Transportation staff for getting everyone to WE Day safely, and to Stan MacVicar, Vice Principal of Central Kings Rural High School, for championing AVRSB's participation in the WE movement.



A Successful First Year of AP Capstone at NKEC

May 2017 exam results from the first year of the AP Capstone program at Northeast Kings Education Centre show that NKEC students exceeded global average scores in every Advanced Placement (AP) subject area in which they were enrolled.

AP Capstone is a program that encourages students to develop university-level research and communication skills. NKEC is the first school in the Maritime provinces to offer this program, which comprises two Advanced Placement (AP) courses—AP Seminar and AP Research—in addition to discipline-specific study in other AP courses. Principal Kevin Veinot says, "It has been a very rewarding experience to be able to offer such a rigorous academic program at NKEC for our strong academic students. Universities in the Atlantic provinces accept each AP course as equivalent to first-year courses. This means some of our students may have achieved their first year



of university study before they even arrive on campus!"

Congratulations to NKEC's AP Capstone students for this high level of achievement!

High School Showcase



The High School Showcase organizing team

The AVRSB High School Showcase took place on November 10, bringing together all staff involved in supporting high school students for a day of professional learning around the theme of "Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Creativity." Thank you

to our Programs staff and the organizing team for planning this great event; to presenters for delivering informative sessions; and to all participants for your enthusiasm for learning.

Wolfville School Officially Re-Opens

The students, staff and community of Wolfville School celebrated the school's official reopening on November 21. Many alumni, parents/guardians and school community members were on hand to watch the ceremony, which culminated in a plaque unveiling by The Hon. Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, Board Chair Lavinia Parrish Zwicker, and students Bianca Wilks and Jaxon Stirling, assisted by Kings South MLA Keith Irving, Superintendent Roberta Kubik, and Principal Steve Keddy.



Special thanks to Wolfville School staff for hosting this special event, and to the "Clarity" student leadership group for welcoming guests, assisting with event set-up, serving refreshments and providing informative school tours at the end of the ceremony.

New Aspiring Leaders Program Grads

Congratulations to Craig Barbour (based at Horton High School), Bill Doucet (Berwick and District School), Eileen Hiltz (Kings County Academy), Simon Mainwaring (Bridgetown Regional Community School), Peter Morse (West Kings District High School), Tracy Murray (Central Kings Rural High School), and Jan Ross (Champlain Elementary School), graduates of the 2016-2017 cohort of the Aspiring Leaders Program (ALP).

The ALP is a professional leadership training and skill development program for aspiring school administrators, offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in partnership with the Nova Scotia Educational Leadership Consortium and school boards.