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Evangeline Middle School

Caring and Sharing

Track and Field starts this week at EMS.

April 13, 2017

Dear Parents /Guardians:

Happy Spring! As we emerge from the past month of seemingly endless interruptions we are very pleased to welcome and *welcome back* our student interns from Acadia University. We are fortunate to have six interns working with us this term, they are:

Student Intern	Cooperating Teacher (grade)
Justin Ferguson	Tim Robertson (6)
Hannah Parsons	Mandy Deveau (6)
Kathryn Brewster	Stephen Rovers (7)
Jillian Thurber	Luke Smith (Physed)
Allison Birdsall	Rebecca Johnson (8)
April Muirhead	Joann Greenough (8)

Student interns, like the robins and the greening of the grass, herald the coming of spring and new beginnings. They bring with them lot of positive energy that spreads throughout the building.

As always there has been a lot going on here at EMS and there is plenty more to come. Since the break, EMS students have successfully participated in trips to the Greenwood Flight Museum and to the NSCC Waterfront Campus to take part in the Skills Competition. Sadly, the Prime Minister waited until we had already left to show up. Last week grade 8 student Kaitlyn Wohlmuth and friends sold cookies for the *Light it Up Blue* campaign in support of autism awareness.

I continue to be proud of all of our students for their growing social awareness, their desire to make a difference, and their willingness to support worthy causes.

Finally, It was great to see everyone out last week for Student Led Conferences. It is inspiring to see students and their parents having positive sharing experiences and I always value the chance to chat with you all as we emerge from winter hibernation.

On the horizon we have a trip for all of the grade 8's to see the award winning play *Chasing Champions - The Sam Langford Story* at Neptune Theatre in Halifax on April 26th. I am excited to be able to extend this opportunity to our students. Not only does it showcase a significant figure in Nova Scotian history but it also demonstrates the talents of local actor and playwright Jacob Sampson in what one anonymous local theatre authority has called "one of the best pieces of theatre I have seen in Nova Scotia"

I wish you all a safe and happy Easter long weekend. Don't blink; this next part flies by quickly.

Matt



CSTADS Survey

Our school has been chosen to take part in Health Canada's 2016/2017 Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Survey (CSTADS). CSTADS asks students questions about tobacco, alcohol and drug use, bullying, mental health, and school connectedness. In Nova Scotia, the survey will be implemented by Dalhousie University and the University of Waterloo in partnership with the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness.

On May 15, 2017, students in grades 7 and 8 with parental permission will take part in the survey. The school will receive school-specific results and a \$100 honorarium by participating in the survey. Permission slips will be sent home in the near future.

Please visit the project at cstads.ca for more information or call 1-855-494-8855

Dates to Remember

Friday April 14 and Monday April 17 - Good Friday/Easter Monday - **No School**

Wednesday April 19 - Concours d'art oratoire at Berwick School 6-8 pm

Wednesday April 19 - Home and School Assn. meeting at EMS 7:00 pm

Wednesday April 26 - Grade 7 Immunizations

Wednesday April 26 - Grade 8 students travelling to Neptune Theatre. **Pick up 4 pm at EMS**

Thursday April 27 - EMS School Dance 7-9 pm \$5

Saturday May 6 - Provincial Concours d'art oratoire at Mount St. Vincent University

Monday May 8 - Regional In-service **No School** for Students in AVRSB

Tuesday May 16 - **Full day** of school for students (was previously scheduled as a half-day)

June 12-21 Grade 8 IDU . with the **Showcase** taking place on **Friday June 23rd**

Stay Up-to-Date With All Things EMS:

1. Visit our website (ems.ednet.ns.ca)
2. Add the EMS Community Calendar to your device (it's on the website)
3. Subscribe to cancellations at avrbsb.ca

EMS INSIDER REPORT

Grade six students participated in trips to the Greenwood flight museum. Thank you to all volunteers who chaperoned the event.

Grade seven Acadia Math Outreach is finished for the 2016-2017 year. Thank you to Jim Pulsifer who guided students through a variety of challenging and enriching math activities this year.

On Friday, April 7th, our grade seven students travelled to the NSCC Waterfront Campus in Dartmouth, NS. Students were introduced to some of the many programs that are available through the community college. Hands on experiences included a chance to drive heavy machinery simulators, a carpentry project and much more. NSCC students were on hand to demonstrate some of the projects they are working on. These included a group traveling to Tanzania to install a chemical free water softener for a community college there as well as a group building a submersible robot to explore the ocean floor.

A big thank you to Ms. Hanneman for her work in organizing the trip and to our volunteers who helped make the day such as a success.

Concourse d'arts oratoire

Congratulations to all EMS students who have been chosen to take part in the discours on April 19 at Berwick School. Good luck ! We are proud of your efforts!

On a Lighter Note....

Spring Fever - Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire.

Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

Grade 8 Opportunity

Encounters with Canada is a unique opportunity for Canadian teens (age 14-17) to meet other young people from across the country and spend an adventure-filled week in your nation's capital! Check out future career options, discover your country, share your hopes and dreams. For more information visit: Encounters with Canada website.

Earth Day

Get out and play!

April 22. Visit earthday.org



Canadian Parents for French

Nova Scotia has an exciting summer camp season for 2017. There are week-long overnight camps available that cover a range of French levels and activities. All camps provide a great opportunity for kids to learn and reinforce language skills over the summer. Imagine having all the fun of summer camp « En français »! For more information and application forms, visit ns.cpf.ca or call [902-453-2048](tel:902-453-2048)/toll free [1-877-273-5233](tel:1-877-273-5233)

Girls Warrior Yoga

There is still a month left in the Girls Warrior Yoga program, taking place at school on Fridays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. This is a free program that emphasizes girls coming together in a positive non-judgemental way to be introduced to the life long skills of yoga. Classes cover breath and **relaxation** techniques, a variety of poses, from simple to challenging and ways to conquer negative self-talk helping to bring about the strong young warrior within. Permission slips are available at the office.

Funding Opportunities

If your family needs financial assistance for students to be able to participate in activities in or out of school, please do not hesitate to let us know at the office. There are a number of avenues that can be explored in this regard.

Visit <http://campaignforkids.com/burgerwars/>

BURGER WARS April 1-30

1. Head to one of the participating restaurants
2. Order the special burger
3. Go to the website to vote and earn chances to win prizes

\$1 from every burger goes to Campaign For Kids to help kids in financial need in Kings County

