

Race Relations Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights (RCH)

# RCH NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

My name is Lamar Eason and I am the new RCH Coordinator for South Shore Regional School Board. I am very excited to be starting this work with so many great educators in the South Shore. Throughout the year, I will be in schools seeing and helping with the great work that our board does for our students.

As you begin to get ready for this school year, remember to keep

in mind the idea of social justice in our classrooms, schools and communities. Social Justice is the idea that everyone in a society, regardless of the identities they embody, can have an equitable shot at success and happiness.

This is my work for the year and I look forward to making it a reality.

Remember that our goal is to prepare our students for a globally diverse world.

### RCH STRATEGIC GOALS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

1. To raise the profile of the RCH policy and procedures by providing ongoing and varied professional development in 25% of SSRSB schools and communities.
2. Begin a campaign to increase the level of cultural self-identification for all students.
3. Continue to collect and analyze data from the same population of students as compared to the whole student population.
4. Use baseline data from 2012-2013 to identify instructional strategies that focus on student improvement for identified African Nova Scotian and First Nations/Aboriginal students.

### STUDENT SUPPORT WORKERS

The Student Support Worker supports students of African and Aboriginal descent academically, culturally and socially. They can help in classrooms as well as provide programming and educational support. If you have questions or need support, please contact the RCH coordinator for more information.

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**This program gives under-resourced youth the chance to play organized hockey by providing grants for equipment and league registration fees through charitable partner, KidSport. The program is currently seeking applications from youth who require financial assistance.**

Every year, too many Canadian children sit on the sidelines, unable to play organized hockey because financial barriers keep them out of the sport. To get more kids in the game, Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. has partnered with national not-for-profit organization KidSport™, to create the [Hyundai Hockey Helpers](#) program. Now in its third year, the program provides under-resourced youth with grants for equipment and league registration fees.

To date, the program has helped nearly 5,000 kids get into the game. We couldn't be more thrilled with the success and, this year, we aim to help even more children get off the sidelines. To do that, we are asking for your help as we spread the word about the program in your community and realize our goal of putting at

least 2,000 more kids in the game this season.

Canadians that are in-need can visit [HyundaiHockey.ca](http://HyundaiHockey.ca) to download an application form. The process is completely confidential and managed entirely by KidSport. As such, KidSport reviews the applications, identifies eligible recipients, and distributes grants. Anyone aged 18 and under can apply for a grant and the program is available in every province across the country.

In order to assist more families, we need your help to inform Canadian hockey families that grants are available. Included with this email is some pre-packaged content you can share with members of your association explaining what Hyundai Hockey Helpers is and how to apply for a grant. We also ask that you help spread the word through social media, and have provided content that is yours to share if you choose to.

By helping raise awareness of Hyundai Hockey Helpers in your community, we can improve access to our nation's favourite sport. We hope you'll join us.

Sincerely,

Don Romano  
 Jamie Ferguson  
 President and CEO  
 Chair KidSport  
 Hyundai Auto Canada Corp

## September

### September 4

AIDS Walk

### September 8

International Literacy Day

### September 10

World Suicide Prevention Day

### September 11

Stand Up Against Bullying Day

### September 14

Terry Fox Run (National School Run Day is September 24th)

### September 21

International Day of Piece

### September 24

Rosh Hashanah (24th-25th) Beginning of the Jewish Calendar

## October

\*Mi'kmaq History Month (Nova Scotia)

\*Women's History Month (National) Canadian

\*Canadian Library Month

### October 1

Mi'kmaq Treaty Day

### October 2

International Day of Non-Violence

### October 13

Thanksgiving Day Canada

### October 17

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

### October 18

Persons Day

### October 24

United Nations Day

### October 27

World Day for Audiovisual Heritage