



South Shore
Regional Centre for Education

June 2019

Regional Executive Director's Report

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Coming Up in June

Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Embedded CLT (90-minute early dismissal)

Wednesday, June 17, 2019
NSVS Exams

Tuesday, June 18, 2019
Principals' Meeting

Wednesday, June 19 - Monday, June 24, 2019
Semester 2 Exams

Friday, June 28, 2019
Report Cards go home - last day of school!

I would like to begin our June report by extending my gratitude to all of the staff, students, parents and community members for the warm welcome to the region. I am extremely excited about what I have witnessed over the last three months and pleased to have the opportunity to be a part of all of the wonderful things happening in the SSRCE. As we enter into the final stretch of the 2018-19 school year, preparations are well underway for September. There are many exciting changes coming that will enhance the learning experience for students in our region. There has been a very clear message that additional supports are required in the area of student well-being.

We are currently in the process of finalizing our budget. There is more money and more supports coming into the region for the 19/20 school year. The regional budget has increased every year for the past four consecutive years. By September 2019, 32 new inclusive education supports will be added to our region. We continue to adhere to class caps. Student to teacher ratios continue to improve. Specifically, investments have been made in: increasing and enhancing inclusive education supports for all students, supports for Pre-Primary, and supports for class caps and other initiatives of the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions.

The SSRCE hosted the School Advisory Council Spring Workshop on Tuesday, May 21 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Presentations were heard from Programs & Student Services, Human Resources, Finance and Operations. I want to thank all School Advisory Members and Principals that were able to participate in this sharing and consultation process. The next School Advisory Council Workshop will be held in the fall. Please consider joining your local SAC next year as your voices are crucial to our decision-making process at the school level.

Several Red Dress ceremonies have been held around the region over the past couple months. Recently, I attended the ceremony at Pine Grove Park in Liverpool on Thursday, May 30. Many guests and community members were in attendance. I would like to acknowledge the hard work by Liverpool Regional High School student, Kinsey Francis. She was the driving force behind the initiative, along with the support of her teacher, Amanda Fisher - thank you for your hard work. The ceremony was both impactful and thought provoking. As always, I encourage you to be on the lookout for some of our school and regional celebrations in print, on our website (www.ssrce.ca), facebook, and via SSRCE twitter (@SSRCE_NS). Our students and staff are doing incredible things!

We have a month to go. As the weather gets increasingly better, it gets more difficult to focus at times. We ask parents/guardians to continue to encourage your children to push themselves to reach the end of the school year - we can see the finish line!

Paul Ash
Regional Executive Director, SSRCE

South Shore School Food Project

Since NSHA and SSRCE started the South Shore School Food Project in June of 2017, we have had numerous successes and learned a great deal along the way. For example, we have been able to pilot a menu of favourites, launch the Munch Card to address issues of equity, begin to establish a consistent financial tracking system, extend the conversation of healthy food into the classroom, develop local food procurement chains, and increase the usage of the school cafeterias through healthy menu options. We have established salad bars in four schools, with another to launch in September, as well as two other schools who independently started their own salad bars! This growth is the result of a team effort!

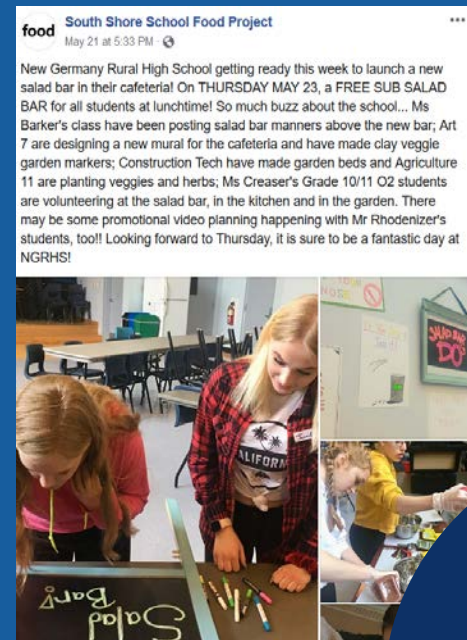
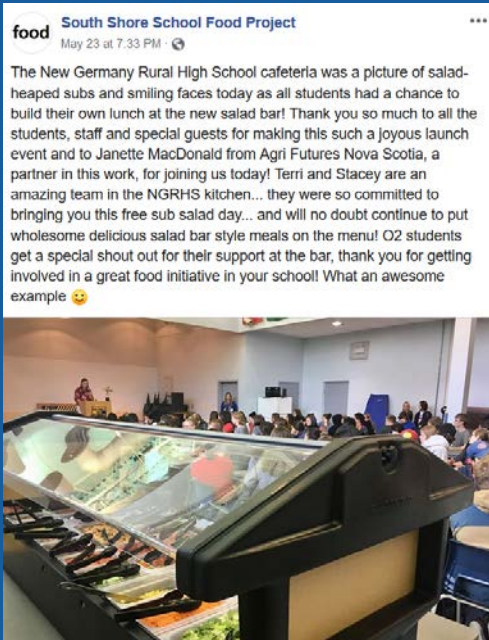
The Steering Committee of the Food Project is planning to develop Phase 2 of a sustainable model for next year. This will include the development of a strong not-for-profit board and at least one additional staff member to continue this important work. Claire-Louise and Rosie's entrepreneurial spirit, skills and passion have been instrumental in these successes and learnings. Their vision has allowed students to be exposed to a variety of healthy foods, in some cases for the first time. We thank them for all their work to get us here.

Contact information is as follows:

- For our pilot salad bar schools, you can contact Connie Martin (Salad Bar Coordinator) at conniemartin@gnsps.ca
- For general questions about the School Food Project, you can contact Shelley Moran at shelley.moran@nshealth.ca or Beth Collins at bwoodfordcollins@ssrce.ca

As we proceed into a model that is sustainable in all SSRCE schools, we will do our very best to communicate updates with everyone. The SSRCE is committed to providing healthy food for all students as we enter Phase 2 of this project.

Follow the South Shore School Food Project on Facebook!



2019 Regional Heritage Fair Award Winners

On Thursday May 9, 2019, SSRCE students got a chance to showcase their heritage projects regionally at the **2019 SSRCE Heritage Fair**. There were many excellent projects showcasing the heritage of the students, local landmarks or people, and more. The displays, depth of knowledge and creativity demonstrated was top notch. There was a lot of diversity among the projects and each student did a fantastic job. Well done everyone!

Provincial Representatives (8)

- Brooke Bent - Sugar Rush
- Teresa Zadra - The Work of Nursing Sister in WW1
- Jada Stevens - Chester Basin
- Alexia Bond - Maritime Fisheries
- Sophie Weir - The Canadarm, Reaching for the Stars
- Charlie McInnis - Canadian Sea Cadets
- Kiara Hiltz - The 60's Scoop
- Keegan Keddy - Who Invented Basketball

Peers Pick

- Amy McCharles - Dragon Slayer

People's Choice

- Charlie McInnes - Canadian Sea Cadets

Acadian Heritage Award

- Riley Dixon - Fort Point

Aboriginal Heritage Award

- Kiara Hiltz - The 60's Scoop

Veterans Award

- Teresa Zadra - The Work of Nursing Sisters in WW1

Literacy Award

- Chloe Loughead - Living in the Dark: Sir Charles Frederick Fraser's Mission

Nova Scotia Heritage Award (3)

- Nick Lowe - Kedy's Landing
- Sean Cotter - Ships & Bricks
- Zoe Steeves - Chester

Young Citizen's Award (4)

- Mallory Saunders - Oxen
- Isaac Naugler - World War II: A Living History
- Alexia Meekin - Battle of Quebec
- Teresa Zadra - The Work of Nursing Sisters in WW1
- Valerie Sia - Railroaded
- Sophie Weir - The Canadarm, Reaching for the Stars

Liverpool Regional High School hosted a **Red Dress Campaign and Cultural Presentation** on May 30 at Pine Grove Park in Liverpool. The event was scheduled from 9am to 12pm with grade level visits from LRHS. There were many guests and community members in attendance.



The SSRCE acknowledges the hard work by LRHS student, Kinsey Francis. She has been the driving force in this initiative. Without her and the support of the RCH division of the SSRCE, this learning opportunity would not have been possible for both our students and the community. Thank you also goes out to students Sophie Francis, Flora McDonald, Ella Stevens and teacher Amanda Fisher who were all instrumental in the success of this event.



South Shore Students Receive Provincial Awards - On Friday May 10, 2019 students from across the province were in Halifax for the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award Presentation Ceremony. Eight individuals and seven teams received these awards and the ceremony was held at the Spatz Theatre at Citadel High School. The Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development also spoke and participated in the ceremony. Congratulations to the South Shore award recipients - Karleigh Huskins of Liverpool Regional High School and the North Queens Grade 9 Citizenship Class. Your leadership and hard work deserve this recognition!

Karleigh Huskins – a grade 12 student at Liverpool Regional High School, has demonstrated incredible leadership in many aspects of school and community life. A young woman of strong personal character, Karleigh volunteers tirelessly for Queens Manor, Nova Scotia Autism Society, minor hockey and aquatic programs. For the past two years she has volunteered as a lifeguard for her school's learning center aquatic program. Karleigh also gives freely of her time on multiple school committees, participates on school sports teams and maintains a high academic standard. Karleigh is a selfless volunteer and is truly a role model for all.



Grade 9 Citizenship Class - North Queens Community School - In collaboration with students from the grade 9 citizenship class, local Wildcat and First Nations community and Native Council of Nova Scotia, an event was held on International Women's Day to honour and recognize the missing and murdered indigenous girls and women. After weeks of research the grade 9 students created three art installations and a video to educate and include the community in their conversations and learning. For their final event, they organized a meaningful ceremony that gathered hundreds of people to pay tribute to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). Their teacher, Julie Ramey, has also demonstrated educational leadership in supporting her students through this project.

Created in 2013 by then Lieutenant Governor Brigadier-General The Honourable J.J. Grant, the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award recognizes young people who show outstanding leadership and commitment to fostering inclusive environments in their schools and communities. The award is administered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and is open to students in grade primary to 12 who attend public and private schools, are home schooled and registered with the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.



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May 23 at 2:16 PM · 🌐

New Germany Rural High School - The SSRCE would like to thank the Health Authority, Invest Nova Scotia and Agri-Futures Nova Scotia as we come together to celebrate the launch of our third school involved with our Salad Bar Pilot Project.



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May 16 at 12:09 PM · 🌐

Grade 8 Outdoor Ed. Students from Bluenose Academy were practicing their a-frame trapping skills this morning for an upcoming day excursion in June. Teacher Kajtek Jaskowiak and students Jasmine and Alisdair explained to CKBW how learning these skills help them outside of school as well. Students gain valuable knowledge about wilderness challenges and safety, planning and problem solving.



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Please Share: The South Shore Robotics Club is fundraising to attend an International Competition - well done to all students involved on this amazing accomplishment!



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Click here to support Help South Shore Robotics Attend Competition organized by South Shore Robotics

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May 21 at 7:25 PM · 🌐

The South Shore School Advisory Council Chairs and Co-Chairs, along with SSRCE Principals and Senior Team are meeting tonight for a workshop to discuss the upcoming school year, share ideas and have conversations about supporting student achievement.



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May 22 at 9:29 AM · 🌐

Students and staff from Dr. J.C. Wickwire Academy is building a Traditional Mi'kmaw Wigwam under the guidance of master craftsman Todd Labrador.



CBC.CA

Students building Mi'kmaw wigwam at Liverpool school | CBC News

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May 21 at 11:40 AM · 🌐

Thank you to our Transportation department for supporting schools and their programs, like Wickwire's traditional Wigwam build.



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May 14 at 8:51 AM · 🌐


Congratulations to the 2019 Regional Heritage Fair Award Winners!



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Thanks to those who donated to our robotics team!



South Shore Robotics
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A special thank you to all of the individuals and businesses who contributed to @SSRCE South Shore @SouthShoreROV team this year! We greatly appreciate all of your support!

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May 6 at 9:47 AM · 🌐

Students from Bluenose Academy are exploring Quebec this week - have fun everyone!






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South Queens Teacher Wins National Award



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The 2019 Physical and Health Education (PHE) National Conference was...

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Congratulations to Selena Davidson-Eno of Bayview Community School for receiving the PHE Physical Education Excellence Award!



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