



May 2020 Regional Update

Thank you to our families, teachers, and SSRCE staff for supporting children and youth through difficult times.

April 19 marked one of the darkest days in Nova Scotia's history as details emerged about a mass killing. This was shocking news for our province where people know their neighbours and acts of violence like this are rare. The SSRCE sends condolences to all those affected. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the horrific event. We are here to help and have many resources available that can be accessed through our website.

The COVID-19 pandemic and cancellation of school has created challenges and many changes in how we operate. We have moved from attending school every day to learning at home. We are supporting teachers with new ways of connecting with students and families. While remaining safe and healthy, our teachers and staff have been creative, collaborative and student centered. We continue to support students with additional needs including counselling, special programming, learning supports and nutrition.

I am sure that many families have appreciated teachers connecting with them. Some parents will have a new appreciation for the work that teachers do. Some children may be missing school, as teachers and support staff are positive role models in their lives. Our schools are a safe, friendly, caring, consistent and a welcoming place in their lives. I want to thank you for your work at home supporting your child's learning.

The pandemic has brought a pause from the busy schedules that most of us have. There has been cancellation of our children's activities, interruption in travel plans, and life as we know it has slowed down. We now have time to read, eat family meals together, go on walks, play games or watch movies. Please remember these experiences represent wonderful educational opportunities.

The safety and welfare of the students and staff in the region is always our first priority. You have our commitment that we will continue to collaborate with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in order to create the best possible scenario for your children and their continued learning. School closures remain in effect until May 22, at which time the province will reassess and a decision will be communicated to the public.

We are living in an unusual time. We are making history. We are maintaining social distancing to help our community and to help our health care workers. Embrace the opportunities to reconnect with your school and, most importantly, embrace the opportunity to reconnect with your family.

Thank you for your commitment to student learning, for your partnership as parents and for making the south shore a great place, even in unusual times.

~ Please Stay Well ~

Paul Ash
Regional Executive Director
South Shore Regional Centre for Education

UPCOMING Events

- May: Asian Heritage Month
- May 1: Principals & Vice Principals Day
- May 4—8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 14: Elementary and some middle level schools will send mid-year report cards to students who receive one at the end of second term in March
- May 18: Victoria Day
- May 22: Schools remain closed until this date. Watch for updates later this month.

All Education Centres are closed up to and including May 22, 2020, and will be reassessed thereafter. Regional office is closed to public, however, staff is working remotely & are accessible via email/ telephone. Please reach out anytime:

(902) 543-2468—receptionist@ssrce.ca

SchoolsPlus Facilitators and Parent Navigators for the South Shore Regional Centre for Education are available to support students and their families during the COVID-19 situation. Their mandate is to support the success of students and families and to help students and families navigate services in the Education System and the Community. The three Facilitators/Parent Navigators are available to advocate for and support students/families not on the SchoolsPlus caseload.



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Text **NSSTRONG**
to **686868**

Frontline workers can text
FRONTLINE to **741741**

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Post-Secondary Student Helpline

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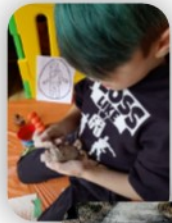
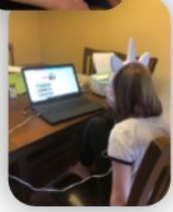


LEARNING FROM HOME

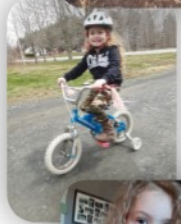


Bayview Community School—Grade 3's have some great learning going on during this pandemic.

Fun and engaging learning continues with BCS students as they: cook using measurement, practice regrouping, listen to stories, build a teepee, work on poetry and collect garbage around their home community! GREAT LEARNING



Great pictures from Bridgewater Elementary School families!

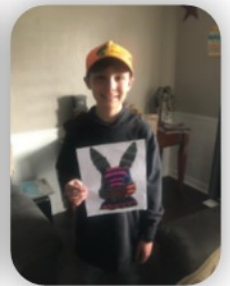


Petite Riviere Elementary School—Our feathery friends have transitioned to their temporary home today. Huge thank you to Peter, Barbara, Oliver, Maude, and Celeste for taking them in and caring for them on the farm. We know they will be well loved. Thank you to all the families who have volunteered, over the past few weeks, to care for our chickens at the school. We really appreciate your support. "It Takes A Village" Everyone please continue to be safe and healthy.

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Pentz Elementary School
Kayla & Nolan completing their art projects
Awesome work you two!



Greenfield Elementary School—A very special thank you to the Freeman Family for their commitment to keeping the green in Greenfield. Our highways and roads are getting refreshed. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to make this happen. The positive comments are encouraging for those who truly care about our wonderful Earth.



Education and Early Childhood Development

Government and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have made learning a priority, while still protecting the health and safety of students, teachers and staff. Students and families will continue to have access to e-learning and at-home options that will be assignment and project focused.

Families without access to technology can sign-up for home flyer delivery via SaltWire at <http://saltwire.com/nshomelearning> or call 1-800-565-3339. If you already receive flyers you will receive the learning package. We understand this is a challenging time for families. If the Learning Plan is causing additional stress, please contact your child's teacher or principal to discuss. Students who need additional support will continue to receive it.

[1st Edition of Primary—Grade 9 NS At-Home Learning](#)

[2nd Edition of Primary—Grade 9 NS At-Home Learning](#)

[3rd Edition of Primary—Grade 9 NS At-Home Learning](#)

We appreciate everyone's patience and commitment to education. For more information, please visit the on-line portal for families and teachers—<https://curriculum.novascotia.ca/> Any student who is on-track to graduate will graduate. Any student on track to move to the next grade will pass. Provincial exams and assessments are cancelled for the remainder of the year.

Keep up the
great work
Newcombville
Elementary School
Students!



Thank you to our families, teachers, and SSRCE staff for supporting children and youth. Thank you to the many people in our school communities who are working hard to keep us all safe and healthy.
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