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REGIONAL UPDATE

Newsletter of the South Shore Regional Centre for Education

New School Announced for New Germany



On Friday, June 16, 2023, New Germany Elementary hosted an announcement where the province's new five-year school capital plan was unveiled.

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Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, Becky Druhan (right) chats with NGE students and Nadia Dahlbeck, ECE (left).

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New School Will Include a Skills Trade Centre

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Students from both the elementary school and New Germany Rural High School attended the event along with numerous government officials, dignitaries, special guests, and media. The Province is investing nearly \$1 billion over multiple years in building and repairing schools and adding modular classrooms.

Part of the announcement included the replacement of New Germany Elementary and New Germany Rural High with one consolidated pre-primary to Grade 12 school, which will include a skilled trades centre and accommodate about 500 students. The new school is scheduled to be complete in 2027. The Department of Public Works is responsible for the build and determining the location of the new school. Part of that process will include looking at the current location of the two schools in New Germany and engaging community.

SSRCE looks forward to working with the province throughout this project and will keep our New Germany families updated throughout the process as we learn additional information.

A Message from the Regional Executive Director

Congratulations, it's the end of the 2022-23 school year!

Whether your student is completing their first year in the education system, or you have a high school graduate, there is cause for celebration. Student success and achievement is an accomplishment that deserves special recognition and our schools find a variety of ways to highlight their students, including graduation ceremonies, award events, and social activities.

While there is much joy this time of year, the last few weeks have also been quite stressful for our province and for all those affected by the wildfires. Our thoughts remain with everyone who has been directly or indirectly impacted. In tragic times, communities rally and that has certainly proved true now. Our schools have come together to offer words of encouragement and support to first responders and those who were displaced or lost their homes. As you'll see in the photos to the right, students at Aspotogan Consolidated Elementary School made thank you cards and a banner for local firefighters. Thoughtful gestures like this have been occurring throughout SSRCE and in fact, all over our province.

I'd also like to take a moment to recognize Pride Month. We are committed to ensuring students feel they belong in an inclusive school—accepted, safe, and valued—so they can best learn and succeed. This is the basis of the Nova Scotia Inclusion Policy and guides our curriculum. Our schools have been celebrating this year's theme: Be Yourself. Change the World. June is also National Indigenous History Month, and just as we do throughout the entire year, we are proud to recognize and honour the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of Indigenous People.

Once again, I send my congratulations to all SSRCE students as you finish your school year. Your accomplishments are well deserved. I'd also like to take a moment to thank our staff who teach, support and serve our students.

Also, thank you to parents/guardians for your contributions to student success. Student achievement is only possible with the support of all of you and your commitment is truly appreciated.

Enjoy your summer and see you in September.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pynch-Worthylake
Regional Executive Director



The grade four and five students at ACES display a thank you banner (above) and cards (below) that they created for firefighters as a thank you for all of their bravery and hard work.



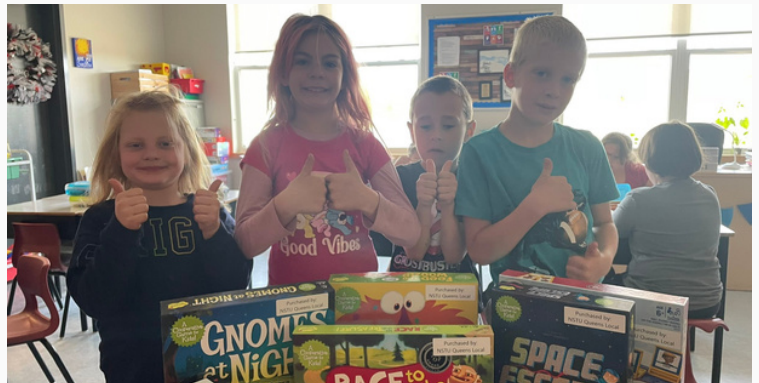
The graduates of LRHS, just one of the many SSRCE graduating classes of '23!

Spotlight on Schools



Thanks to Forest Heights Community School Grade 10 O2 students who cleaned up the school grounds for Earth day (pictured above).

Chester District School celebrates Pride month and showcases the spirit of inclusion and well-being (pictured left).



The NSTU Queens Local purchased cooperative games for North Queens Community School. The games are great for learning how to work together and problem solve (pictured above).

Greenfield Elementary students make wooden boxes for their tomato plants. They would like to thank Liam and Isaac Benne for helping with many projects throughout the school year (pictured left).

Spotlight on Schools



North Queens Community School's run club thanks their coach Danielle Stephens for making the program possible this year (pictured above).

Job coaching is part of the Verge House Transition Program curriculum as they prepare students to be independent and join the work force (pictured left).



Petite Rivière Elementary School held their first outdoor concert on their new Osprey Stage. Special thanks to Mr. Wardell and Mr. Jeffrey for an amazing performance (pictured above).

Bridgewater Elementary School 'Kindness Ninjas' were on the loose, delivering positive messages to schoolmates across the school (pictured left).

Plans to Move?

If your family is moving to a new school catchment area, please let your current school know as soon as possible.

Providing advance notice allows our schools and transportation department to plan for staffing, class schedules, bus routes, etc. You are also encouraged to contact your new school to start the registration process.

We understand the decision to move can sometimes happen unexpectedly. If your move is finalized throughout the summer (when our schools are closed), please register [online here](#).



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