



# Fanning Education Centre/Canso Academy



## Newsletter

December 2023

### Message from the Office

Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe December has arrived! We've had a very busy three months of school and are ready for the excitement that December usually brings!

We would like to begin by thanking all who joined us for our first "Student-Led Open House". We had 90+ people in attendance who had the chance to view samples of our students' best work and creativity. As well, there were student-parent challenges and chemistry experiments for all to enjoy. We look forward to planning our next Student-Led Open House scheduled for April 3, 2024. Our students have already made suggestions for the next event and if parents/guardians have any suggestions, we'd love to hear them too!

During the lead up to the holiday season, lesson plans for our students will continue to be focused on well-being, literacy and math; ways for students to give back to our community will also be explored. Our Holiday Concert is a great example of this. Our students have been practicing for the big event which will surely bring joy to those in attendance.

On behalf of the staff and students of FECCA, we would like to wish everyone in our school community, a "Happy Holidays" and a "Healthy and Happy New Year".

All the best,

Ms. Richards and Mrs. MacLean



### Important Dates

<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Schools Plus Family Fun Night</b>
<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Holiday Feast for Students (free for everyone 😊)</b>
<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Holiday Concert</b>
<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>Grad Photos</b>
<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Last Day of Classes before Holiday Break</b>
<b>Jan. 2</b>	<b>Classes Resume after Holiday Break (Day G)</b>



## A Special FECCA

### “Thank-You”

The Class of 2024 would like to send a heartfelt “Thank-You” to the Canso Lions club for hosting their recent prize bingo. This graduation fundraiser was a great success! Also, thank-you to everyone who donated prizes, came out to support or helped in any way. Lastly, thank you to Janet Delorey for donating her time as caller. We are overwhelmed with gratitude with everyone’s kindness and support!



## A Special FECCA

### “Thank-You”

FECCA staff and students would like to send a special “Thank-You” to the Kinsmen Club of Antigonish for the \$500 donation to our Breakfast Program. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated!

Parents/Guardians, if you know a member of this organization, please take a moment to thank them for supporting our students!

## Holiday Concert

We are very pleased to invite family, friends, and members of our school community to our Holiday Concert. The concert is schedule for Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 pm (storm date is Monday, Dec. 18 at 6:00 pm). Doors will open at 5:15 pm. Admission is free. We will be accepting donations to the Food Bank.

Please come and join us as we kick off the holiday season with some of our old favorite tunes and maybe even learn a new one!

*We hope to see you there!*



## Cold Weather

It’s that time of year when temperatures are getting colder. Just a reminder to encourage your child to dress in layers and to pack mittens and a hat to stay warm while enjoying outside playtime.



## Nova Scotia International Student Program (NSISP)

Since 1997, The NSISP has welcomed more than 12 000 students from 40 countries around the world into homes across Nova Scotia. Working in partnership with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, students are given the opportunity to improve their English language skills in one of the world's best public education systems. They are currently looking for host families to open their homes and hearts to an international student and be a part of this amazing program. Open your home and heart to an international student and bring the world home to you!

If you are interested in becoming a host family, please contact FECCA administration who will assist you with the process of contacting our homestay coordinator.



## FECCA Home & School Association

Our Home & School Association boasts 50 plus years of service to our children and entire school community. They are always looking for new members and ideas to continue offering programming and supports such as this. If you are interested, join us on Dec. 7 at 3:45 pm at the FECCA Library or call 902-366-2225.



## FECCA School Advisory Council (SAC)

Would you like to join our SAC? School Advisory Councils play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. A School Advisory Council is an advisory body to the school principal, Regional Centre for Education, and the Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial on a range of issues related to the school and the school system. Membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents, teachers, and other community members. Please contact us at 902-366-2225, if you'd like to join.

## Before and After School Program

Nova Scotia BAP (NS BAP) is an affordable quality childcare program for children in pre-primary up to grade 6 who are enrolled in the public education system. It comes from a collaboration between the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) and the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Cultures, Tourism, and Heritage (CCTH) – *Let's Get moving Nova Scotia Action Plan*.

NS BAP encourages and promotes outdoor play with all seasons, outdoor play is a very effective approach to encourage physical activity in children; it facilitates cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. Child-initiated outdoor play contributes to the development of problem solving and critical thinking skills, which improves executive function and supports self-regulation.

We are very excited to have the Municipality of the District of Guysborough offering an after-school program at Fanning Education Centre. For more information or to register please contact Angie Tavares at (782) 452-4003.

NSBAP is built with the framework that focuses on 4 guideline pillars: 24 Hour Movement Guidelines, Outdoor Play, Physical Literacy, Inclusive & Culturally Responsive Practices. By promoting these four pillars, it will contribute to a better health for children, the acquisition of lifelong skills, and quality learning experiences.



## Schools Plus Family Fun Night



Please join Liz and Amanda for a fun evening of stories, crafts, cookie decorating, and games.

**When: Weds., Dec. 6, 2023**

**Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Where: FECCA Cafeteria**

Please pre-register by calling Amanda at 902-631-4699 or email at [amanda.millar@srce.ca](mailto:amanda.millar@srce.ca).



## Holiday Feast



On Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, our students will be treated to a Holiday Turkey Dinner! This dinner will be free for everyone. Thank you to the staff of the Canso Pharmacy who have made a donation to put towards the cost and the remainder will be covered by other donations/funding. A very special thank-you to everyone who made this possible!



## School Counselling News

### December Events:

- Student-Led Kelso Lessons: Grades P-6
- Career Presentation: Grades 9-12
- Just Talking Sessions presented by the MHA Outreach worker: Grade 12
- Kelso Kindness Assembly
- Wellness Day



### Holiday Kindness Challenge



This month we are kicking off December with a Christmas Kindness Challenge, encouraging all classes to complete at least one act of kindness each day. Each class was provided with a Christmas Kindness Challenge Calendar. Students and families are encouraged to complete random acts of kindness at home and in the community. A copy of the December Kindness Bingo is attached.



### FECCA Caring Closet



The grade 9/10 Uplift Grant Committee are busy preparing the opening of the FECCA Caring Closet. The committee will be visiting classes in December to discuss the Caring Closet and how students can access it. The closet will be open during the school day. Students and community members can visit the closet and take items they need. Community members can also call the school and have items sent home with students. **Caring Closet Items:** Clothing and Personal Hygiene products (toothbrushes/toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, shampoo)

## Strait Regional Science Fair

Science Fairs help students develop their critical thinking, problem-solving skills and appreciation for science. Science Fairs can spark a lifelong interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The Strait Regional Science Fair will take place this year on April 9, 2024, in Port Hawkesbury, NS. It will be hybrid model again this year with both in-person and virtual judging. The SRCE Science Fair Committee encourages students to begin thinking about completing a project for one of the following categories: Environment, Energy, and Resources; Information Technology and Innovation; Health and Social Sciences; or Discovery. The Strait Regional Centre for Education recognizes the science behind traditional Indigenous Knowledge. A new prize will be awarded this year to a project that shares Indigenous Knowledge about environmental management or relates Indigenous Knowledge to any of the project categories above; or Connects Two-Eyed Seeing to a scientific concept; or is relevant to Indigenous community needs. For more information about the Regional Science Fair, check out the [SRSF](#) website!