

# Gagetown School

## Parent Page



"Soar with the Eagles"

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### Principal's Message

*It is hard to believe that yet another school year is quickly coming to an end. This year has been busy as students participated in many co and extra-curricular activities, programs and events. We continue to be excited as for two years in a row, every student participated in at least one club, event or team and that over 100 volunteers gave endlessly to the Gagetown School Community. From the Gardening Club to Soccer to Breakfast of Champions, you have all left a positive impact and made a difference in our school. Thank you to all Volunteers who continue to give so graciously to the students.*

*A special thank you to our PSSC Chair, Ms. Kelly Estabrooks and to the other Committee members for their support over the past year. Thank you to the Home and School Association President, Jenny McConchie and other members for the many hours in planning, organizing and fundraising for several activities and events. These efforts do not go unnoticed!*

*Thank you to the staff who continue to go above and beyond their call of duty as they create conditions that foster students' academic and personal development.*

*To all the students, parents, volunteers and staff have a healthy, safe and wonderful summer!*

*Dr. Monique Allain*  
 Dr. Monique Allain, Principal

### Jump Rope for Heart School Challenge

Thank you to all the students and staff who participated in the fundraising program for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The school Jump Rope and Physical Activity Challenge occurred on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Thank you to Ms. Meek for leading the activity and to Roxy for leading a great Zumba warm-up. The school raised over \$2000 towards this worthy cause. Mya Kennedy raised \$400 while Taylor Lloyd raised \$ 340.



### Volunteer Tea

The Volunteer Tea was held on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Over 60 volunteers attended the tea and were recognized for all their efforts. A special thank you goes to the Gagetown School Teachers and Staff for making such great snacks and refreshments. Also, thank you to Elizabeth Estabrooks, Helen Stoney and Connor Logan for emceeing the evening.



### Harlem Dream Team Visits Gagetown School



Students and staff were visited by former professional and NBA basketball players on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gagetown School was one of two schools selected to hear the players share their journeys and how they overcame personal life challenges. The Dream Team also played against a group of students. At the end of the Assembly, "Lefty" threw out a challenge to the students to "finish strong" (academically and behaviourally)...two students who continue to practice expected choices and work hard will be given an autographed basketball.



### Canteen

This week (June 13-17) is the final week for the canteen to be open. Thank you for your ongoing support in purchasing items from the canteen throughout the year. Thank you to Evan Coy for being the student manager of the canteen.

### Breakfast Program

This week will also be the final week for the Breakfast Program. Thank you to all the volunteers for serving such great breakfast throughout the year. Also, thank you to the local organizations, businesses and groups for your continuous financial support. This program would not be made available without your support.

### Library Books

If your child has a Gagetown School library book signed out, we asked that the books be returned no later than this Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. No books are being signed out as we are preparing to do Inventory of books before the end of the school year.

### Important Dates to Remember - Mark Your Calendars

June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 Farewell Dinner & Dance
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 2-5 Track & Field Meet at CNCS
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year End BBQ - Sponsored by Home & School
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day for Students
	Year End BBQ Rain-Date



### Grade 8 Farewell Celebrations

Grade 8 students, family members and staff have been invited to the Farewell Reception that will be held on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the gymnasium. Snacks and Refreshments will be provided. Grade 8 students will be presented with a certificate and awards. This year's celebration will be held in the gymnasium.



### Middle Level Dance

Middle level students are invited to the dance from 7:00-9:00 pm, immediately following the Grade 8 Farewell reception. The cost is \$5.00 per student. Grade 8 students are allowed to sign in one guest in grade 9 or 10, who has finished grade 8 at Gagetown School and is in good academic and behavioural standing at their respective High School.

### Middle Level Volleyball Champions

The grade 6 to 8 volleyball team, who won the Championship at Cambridge Narrows have challenged Staff and parents to a friendly game on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am. If you are able to play, please speak to Mrs. Francis.

### Grade 2 to 5 Track and Field Meet at CNCS

The Grade 2 to 5 students have been invited to participate in a Track and Field Day at Cambridge Narrows Community School on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Ms. Meek for leading the team. Students will be bused to and from Gagetown School. Parents and guardians are encouraged to come watch. If it is raining, the Track and Field Day will be cancelled.

### Gagetown School Yearbook

Students can purchase a 2015-2016 Gagetown School Yearbook for \$15. This yearbook is full of great memories and includes photos of clubs, teams and activities. Students were given an order form. Please visit the school web-site if you need an order form. Payment is due by Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Home and School Year End Celebration

The Gagetown Home and School will be leading the End of the Year Fun Day. We are happy to announce that the Gagetown Volunteer Firefighters will also be part of this day as we celebrate the end of another school year. We will also have entertainment from Quill's Family Fun Factory, including various bouncy castles, a huge wave slide and a Velcro climbing wall. From 10:00am until 12:00pm on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be celebrating with a student and community BBQ, face painting, relay races, and much more! All families are welcome to attend! We hope to see you there!

### Year End Field Trip- Tuesday, June 21st

On Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, students and staff from Gagetown School will be travelling to Fredericton to view a private showing of Finding Dory, then they will go to the Fredericton Indoor Pool for an afternoon swim. A notice went home last week and parents were asked to sign the form. To help off-set part of the cost for the day, students are asked to pay \$10 (this covers a movie ticket, snack at the cinema, pizza for lunch, bus and swim). If your child/children have not yet handed in their permission form to their homeroom teacher and the \$10 fee, please do so no later than Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>. Parents and Guardians can attend the movie for a reduced ticket of \$8.00. Pizza will be provided and served at the Indoor Pool. Students who have food allergies/sensitivities are encouraged to bring a lunch. Transportation will be provided for students and staff only due to limited space. Please note that there will not be an early bus run and students will be bused later on that day (regular route) as they are not expected back to the school until 3:20.

### Home and School Reflections

It has once again been a very busy year at Gagetown School, and the Home and School association has been a big part of it! We would like to thank our volunteers and supporters, without you, we would have not been able to offer all the opportunities our school has had to offer: from Jingle Bell Hops to Easter Egg Hunts and the coming Year End Celebrations - we have had a lot of fun with and for the students. Of course, we would be remiss if we did not mention our thanks to our tireless Hot Lunch Program coordinators and chefs for making sure that Gagetown School students have a delicious lunch options 2-3 times a week all year long. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

### Parent School Support Committee Reflections

The Parent School Support Committee met five times this past year to discuss policies, DEC elections and district initiatives and how they impact students of Gagetown School. We are proud of our students and strive to provide them with optimal educational opportunities. Promoting and protecting the interests of our students will continue to be very important in the years to come, and we reach out to all parents to become active and engaged in the school community. Our first 2016-2017 meeting will be held the evening of the Welcome Back BBQ in September. Nominations forms are available at the office.

Good luck and best wishes to the graduates of Gagetown School as they look ahead to new challenges - we are very proud of you all. Go Eagles! Gagetown School would like to thank Kelly Estabrooks (Chair) and the rest of the PSSC members for their support over the past school year.