



May 11, 2016

*Parents and Guardians you are reminded that students do not attend school on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> as Teachers and Staff will be attending Meetings and Professional Learning Workshops.*



### **Helping Your Child Develop Social Skills ...**

As children grow, friends become more important. Friends help children learn social skills like co-operation, communication, empathy and conflict resolution. Some children have trouble in social settings because of shyness, conflict, teasing or impulsive behavior. Parents can do a great deal to help their children become socially successful such as:

- ✓ Use family time to teach your child important lessons. Example, sharing, respecting privacy and treating people the way they want to be treated.
- ✓ Model positive social skills by sharing how you handle hurt feelings, arguments and misunderstandings.
- ✓ Teach good manners and practice them with your children. Manners give children lifelong skills and a lack of manners can cause difficulty with friends, family and teachers.
- ✓ Encourage your children to bring friends home. This gives you a chance to get to know your child's friends and to see how they interact together. This also lets your child know you support their friendships.
- ✓ Encourage children to talk to you when problems arise with their friends. Sometimes just talking about an issue will help your child with problem solving.
- ✓ Help your child explore different social settings. Team sports, clubs or youth groups give them an opportunity to meet other children with similar interests.

Article from Comprehensive School Health Article



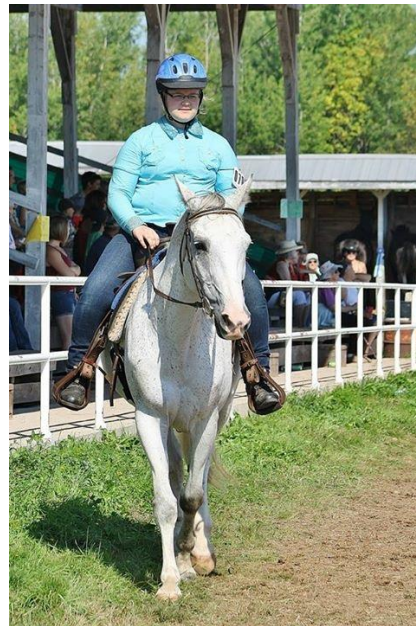
### **Congratulations to Ms. Hogan**

Congratulations to Ms. Hogan for receiving the NBTA Elementary Teacher of the Year Award for 2016. She was awarded the award on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and was one of 6 Elementary Teachers to receive the provincial teacher award.



### **Jennifer Thomson wins the Kingswood Turnaround Award**

Congratulations to Jennifer Thomson who was awarded the Kingswood Turnaround Achievement Award on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza. She was amongst 20 other recipients from Anglophone School West District...Way to go Jennifer!



### **Spring Recycling Contest**

Thank you to everyone who saved and donated their unwanted, single use batteries to Gagetown School's "Eco Kids Battery Busters Spring Cleaning Contest"! The more batteries we collected increased our chances of winning prizes which will help to support future school-based environmental initiatives. A \$2,500 prize will be awarded to the school that collects the most used batteries...fingers crossed.





### Grade 5 to 8 Indoor Rowing Club

Congratulations to the following students who competed in a District Indoor Rowing Club Meet on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in Fredericton. For the grade 6 girls' category, Sage Whittaker won the gold, Amy Gosman won the silver and Victoria Dow won the bronze. Helen Stoney and Patrick McLaughlin finished top eight in their age categories. Well done Eagles! Thank you to Ms. Meek and Ms. Allain for coaching the club.



### Middle Level Volleyball

The Eagles continue to be undefeated! They will be playing in the Championship Game against Minto or Cambridge Narrows Community School on Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30. Thank you to coaches Danielle Thompson, Mrs. Francis and Miss Mills for leading the Eagles! We would also like to thank Rebecca Thomson for being the referee at the home games.

### Grade 4 to 8 Wrestling

Congratulations to Xavier McIntyre and Emily Randall who won gold medals recently at the Maritime Wrestling Meet. John and Helen Stoney took home the silver. This Maritime Meet was held on Saturday, April 30th in Riverview. We would like to thank all students who participated and a special thanks to the coaches – Bill Jackson, John Hall and Doug Hall. Well done Eagles!

### Home and School Association

Gagetown Home and School Association will be having their next meeting on Thursday, May 12th following the Hot Lunch program. The Home & School Association, under Jenny McConchie's leadership continues to be very active at Gagetown School! Presently, they are planning for the Year End BBQ and Special Day that will be held on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please reserve that day in your calendar! The students, staff and parents appreciate your on-going commitment towards Gagetown School and Community.

### Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)

The next meeting for PSSC will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 6pm. The PSSC members would like to thank Elizabeth Nason (DEC Liaison) for attending many meetings and for her support and Welcome Wallace Carr will now be Gagetown School's DEC liaison. Congratulations Mr. Carr! For more information about PSSC or for meeting times, please contact Kelly Estabooks at 468-2047 or [kellyestabooks@rogers.com](mailto:kellyestabooks@rogers.com).

### Warmer Weather Upon us!



With the warmer weather upon us, we would like to remind students that the mornings can still be chilly...including recess time. So please prepare for the weather as we do get a great deal of wind from the North. Students are also reminded that indoor sneakers must be worn during the Physical Education classes...no sandals are permitted as they do not provide good support for being physically active. Students wearing shorts or skirts are reminded that the length of these clothing items must be long enough that when your child fully extends their hands, their fingertips go to the bottom hemline. Please refer to the agendas to see about the clothing expectations at Gagetown School. Do not forget to wear your sunscreen and hat when you are outside.

### Kindergarten Students Share their findings of their Bird Watching with the Middle Level Students.



Important Dates to Remember - Mark Your Calendars	
May 13 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 & 8 Quebec Trip
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	NBTA Branch Meeting - No School for Students
May 17 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4 Provincial Assessment (Reading, Math, Science)
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Victoria Day - No School
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	PSSC Meeting
May 24 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 2 Provincial Reading Assessment
May 30 <sup>th</sup> - June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grade 6 Provincial Assessment (Reading, Math, Science)
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Volunteer Tea