Congratulations the Class of 2015

Summer is fast approaching as students across CCRSB celebrate another successful and rewarding school year.

During this past year, students of all ages have demonstrated their skills and talents in so many ways. Whether it was in the classroom, on stage or in a sports venue, CCRSB students have excelled. We have witnessed success in theatrical productions, concerts, science fairs, heritage fairs, math league, debates, spelling bees and in arenas and gymnasiums. It is very easy to be proud of CCRSB students.

Eighty students, representing all of our high schools, participated in the inaugural CCRSB Student Forum. Four student forums were held, one in each Family of Schools. The participating students grappled with the following questions:

- If you could re-Imagine how technology is used at your school, what would it look like?
- What does a socially-just school look like to you?
- What can students and staff do to improve the climate at your school?
- What do healthy relationships between students and staff look like?

The elected Board and staff are looking forward to the collated results of the forums as we plan the future strategic direction of CCRSB.

As Superintendent, I am proud of CCRSB staff who, year-after-year, provide students with the programs, services, supports and interventions they need to maximize their success. From teachers in classrooms to bus drivers, finance and HR employees, custodians to trades people and Family of Schools staffs, every action is undertaken in the best interest of our students.

Congratulations to the elected board and all members of the CCRSB community, particularly the graduates of the Class of 2015.

Thank you & Farewell

This issue of the Superintendent’s Report will be the last written by me, after 36 years as a school board employee. My career has been an incredible journey. I feel very fortunate to have worked in such a progressive and student-centered education system. The multitude of experiences I have had over the years as a member of the CCRSB team as a teacher/administrator and now Superintendent have been rich, meaningful, and memorable. I have really loved my work. Sharing in the development and delivery of programs and services to maximize the success of our students has been truly rewarding and has provided many highlights in my career. This was only enhanced by having had the privilege of working with such a dedicated team of individuals, on all levels, throughout my career who are also committed to student achievement and success.

Being a member of this warm community of people has offered me unique opportunities and created memories that I will never forget. It has often been said that our work is all about relationships. That is the absolute truth. The relationships I have established during my career have transcended the professional realm and will undoubtedly carry on in my personal life. I am very thankful to each and every person whom I have had the pleasure of interacting with over the last 36 years. I am especially indebted to the elected Board members who have been positive and supportive in so many ways. You have all enriched my career more than you know.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the students, schools, staff and communities that make-up CCRSB. I wish you all the best.

Take care!
Nine CCRSB students recently competed in the 2015 Canada-Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The students earned seven medals and almost $16,000 in scholarships and prizes. Well done!

### CWSF Participants & Results – 2015

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| Maria Duynisveld         | Eggs-aming the Connection Between Foraging Behavior and Egg Characteristics | Excellence Award - Junior - Gold Medal - $250  
4-H Canada Award – Junior - $500  
Western University - $4000 Entrance Scholarship |
| James Lees               | Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind                                     | Excellence Award - Senior - Bronze Medal  
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Western University - $2000 Entrance Scholarship |
| Saisrihari Prithiviraj   | Savior from the Sea!!                                                  | Excellence Award - Junior - Silver Medal  
Western University - $2000 Entrance Scholarship |
| Viraji Rupasinghe        | The Secret to Pumpkin                                                  |                                                                                   |
| Caitlyn Sandluck         | Can We Prepare? Altering Innate Behaviour & Preparing for Invasive Fish Species | Excellence Award - Senior - Bronze Medal  
University of Ottawa $1000 Entrance Scholarship  
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| Kent Smith               | A Possible Solution for Ionic Pollution                                | Excellence Award - Senior - Bronze Medal  
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Celtic Family News

On May 19th, the junior high students from Thorburn Consolidated held a Multicultural Art Show. Grade 7 and 8 students created works of art to showcase various cultures and art styles from around the world. Many different mediums were used, including acrylic and watercolor paint, pastels, clay sculptures, pencil and ink. It was a true celebration of the global community.

Dr. W.A. MacLeod Consolidated’s Grade 2 and 3 students recently had a visit from Angie VanKessel of West River Greenhouse. As a connection to their science curriculum, students learned about the different parts and needs of plants and discussed many different types of plants. The students enjoyed having the opportunity to plant their own flower while learning how to care for it!

Cobequid Family News

Students and staff at Bible Hill Junior High recently spent time exploring culture and community through “What’s Your Story?” day. The goal of the day was to promote and advance cultural awareness and appreciation within the school and the community. The day started with a key note address from Patsy Paul-Martin, the coordinator of First Nations Cultural Services for CCRSB. A smudging ceremony was performed and then students broke out into a variety of sessions offered at the school and in the community. The day went beyond looking at Mi’kmaq and African-Nova Scotia culture to investigate the many voices in our community through conversation, craft making, dance, cooking, and so much more. Presentations were put on by current students, former students and members of the community.

North Nova Education Centre (NNEC) recently hosted the 8th Annual Scholars’ Banquet in celebration of academic excellence at the Grade 12 level. In 2007 – in partnership with Scotiabank – the Scholars’ Society was created to acknowledge Grade 12 students for their academic achievements ahead of graduation. To attend the banquet, a student must be enrolled in Grade 12 and maintain an average of 90% while taking Grade 12 courses. Students can also become life members in the Society if they have maintained a 90% average at each grade while at NNEC. The names of Life Members are permanently mounted on the Scholar’s Wall at the school; they are given also given a chance at a $1000 scholarship. Scotiabank generously supplies financial support for the Banquet and scholarship. A big thank you goes out to Scotiabank, the amazing caterer Chef Heather Wyatt and all the teachers and administrators who helped make this year’s banquet such a success!
2015 Graduation Ceremonies

Students across CCRSB are enjoying many end-of-year activities, participating in everything from fun days to field trips to sports and academic awards dinners and evenings. But, perhaps, most poignant of all are high school graduations. After approximately 13 years in CCRSB schools, these students are preparing to take the next big step in their lives. CCRSB wishes all of our graduates well as they move on to become part of the work force, or as they pursue further education.

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The Great Village Elementary Home & School Association organized the school’s first-ever Read-A-Thon. Students collected pledges from family and friends promising to read for a minimum of one hour a day for 10 days over a two-week period. Students were given a “30 minute credit” each school day for reading activities completed at school. As an incentive to read even more than one hour each day, students received a ballot for every hour read to be entered in a draw for swim passes donated by the Rath Eastlink Community Centre. The response to the Read-A-Thon was overwhelming, with hundreds of reading hours recorded, and $1400 collected in pledges. The success of the reading challenge was celebrated by all students coming together to share a story and to make delicious yogurt and fruit parfaits.

Grade 2 students from Valley Elementary School have started a gardening club with their teachers, Mrs. Thiesen and Mrs. MacDonald. Marigolds have been started in the indoor growing station, which will be transplanted into the flower bed at the front of the school. Staff and students are looking forward to enjoying the brightly coloured flowers later this spring.

Chignecto Family News

Mr. Skabar’s Mi’kmaq Studies 10 class and Mrs. Harrison’s Junior High Social Studies classes from River Hebert District High travelled to the Millbrook Cultural and Heritage Centre in May to receive an overview of the 10,000 years of Mi’kmaq history in the Maritimes. Students were greeted by two interpretive guides who sang the national anthem of the Mi’kmaq people; interacted with the centre’s unique exhibits by participating in a scavenger hunt, and completed their visit by creating their own Journey Stones. Each student drew an image of a symbolic animal on a polished stone - called a Journey Stone - representing their personal journey. Journey stones serve as good-luck charms. A big thank you is extended to the staff of the Millbrook Cultural Centre!

The E.B. Chandler Junior High Grade 8 Concert Band recently received a gold standing at the Atlantic Festival of Music at Mount Saint Vincent University. Their director, Kaitlin Conrad, couldn’t be more proud of this group and all the hard work they have put in over the past months. EB Chandler’s final concert was held on June 3rd. Well done!
Regional and Provincial Heritage Fairs 2015

On May 1, almost 200 projects from schools across CCRSB were on display at the Truro Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College during the annual Chignecto-Central Regional Heritage Fair. Our Grade 4-9 students wowed the volunteer judges with their ingenuity, research, presentation skills and enthusiasm. From the Regional Fair, seven projects were selected to move on to the provincial heritage fair at Saint Mary’s University, June 4-5:

- **Morgen Barnes**, Debert Elementary School
- **Emma Haines**, Uniacke District School
- **George Lawless**, Wallace Consolidated Elementary School
- **Patrick Liebmann**, Pugwash District High School
- **Cole MacNutt**, Truro Junior High School
- **Natilie Scotland**, River John Consolidated School
- **James White**, Riverside Education Centre

Thank you to the community workshop presenters who helped to make the Regional Fair such an exciting educational experience for students, and to our many, many volunteer judges. Special thanks is extended to the staff of the Nova Scotia Community College, Truro Campus for their fine support, and to the CCRSB Operational Services staff who assisted with the setup and tear-down of the facility. The Regional Heritage Fair committee, under Ken Henderson’s leadership, is to be commended for the excellent job in organizing and planning the Regional Heritage Fair for students across CCRSB.
Springhill Junior Senior High was a-buzz with Techsploration in late April. The goal of Techsploration is to increase the number of women working in science, trades, technical and technology-related occupations by assisting young women from diverse backgrounds to explore a wide range of career options in these fields.

On May 6th, Nicole Hebb, facilitator for Bricks 4 Kidz, provided Kennetcook District Elementary Students from Primary to 6 with the opportunity to become engineers using LEGO. Pairs of students were given a LEGO kit and instructions to build an item related to the overall topic. Each construction the students worked on was designed by engineers, and each kit can create 2000 different builds. Students in Ms. Thomson’s 3/4 class made a whirlpool simulator after learning about extreme weather. When the builds were done, the motors were connected to a battery and the whirlpool was activated. Students were excited to see the success of their build when the gears started turning. It was a wonderful learning experience for all!

On Friday, May 15th, students and staff at South Colchester Academy celebrated the International Day to End Homophobia. The middle school Gay Straight Alliance applied for and received a $500 Student Action Grant from CCRSB to hold an event in honour of the day. A speaker from the Youth Project in Halifax visited with all middle school classes in the afternoon to talk about homophobia and LGBTQ issues. Students also enjoyed a rainbow cake, music and celebrations in the cafeteria. Parents and community members were invited to celebrate by dropping in for a piece of cake and signing SCA’s pledge to end homophobia and transphobia. Staff and students were also encouraged to wear pink or rainbow colours and accessories to show their support.

On May 5th, Grade 4 students from Winding River Consolidated School had the opportunity to participate in the Learn to Fish program. After a classroom session learning about types of fish, their habitat, food and how to prepare for a fishing adventure, the students travelled to the pond at nearby Fox Hollow Golf Course to try their luck in a stocked pond. The students were very excited to give the sport a try; several went home with fish for supper!
On Thursday, May 14, 28 Grade 11 students from across the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) received the Lieutenant Governor’s Education Medal in recognition of their academic performance, leadership and service to their school and community.

Presented by His Honour, Brigadier-General, J. J. Grant, C.M.M., C.D. (Retired) Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, the ceremony was hosted at North Colchester High School in Tatamagouche. CCRSB extends its congratulations to all those students who were honoured.

The Lieutenant Governor’s Education Medals are awarded annually to one male student and one female student in Grade 11 from every high school. Students are nominated by their school based on academic performance and qualities of leadership and service demonstrated in their school and community.

CCRSB extends its congratulations to all those students who were honoured.

On Tuesday, May 26, elected members and staff paid tribute to 26 employees from across the school board, in attendance, at the annual 25-Year Service Awards Ceremony.

Gary Clarke, CCRSB Superintendent/CEO, thanked employees for their dedicated service and their commitment to students. “On behalf of the students, staff and elected members of CCRSB I want to express our deepest thanks to all of you for your many years of service,” said Clarke. “I know that our students would not realize as much success without all of you.”

This year CCRSB celebrates 25 years of service for 35 employees across the system, totaling 875 years of combined service!