



Sir Charles Tupper Elementary School

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Dear Tupper Families,

As the year comes to a close, I wish to thank you for being such a wonderfully welcoming and supportive community during my first year at Sir Charles Tupper School.

Already, we are well into planning for next year...and one of our most important items is to prepare class lists. Here are the classes planned for 2016-2017:

English

Grade Primary - Nicola Disney

Grade 1 - Tom Cleary/Christine Compton

Grade 2 - Lisa VanHouten

Grade 2/3 - Karen Boyd/Paula Layton

Grade 3/4 - Laura Kennedy

Grade 4/5 - Derek vanderMolen

Grade 5 - Lenore Black

Grade 6 - Andrea Fader

As you can see from this list, there are three combined classes planned for next year. This is because classes from grades primary to two are capped at 20 students and grades three and four are capped at 25 students (with some flexibility). Teachers have considered many factors when deciding who to put in which classes – each class will have a range of abilities, needs and personalities. In a combined class, teachers teach the curriculum outcomes for each grade level.

Schools often have changes in numbers over the summer and into the early days of September. Although we do our best to plan, staffing and class lists are not finalized until September 30th when we report our numbers to the Department of Education. For this reason, class lists will not be published for parents to see until the first day of school in September.

Our school is saying “bye for now” to some of our wonderful staff members – Mr. Cochrane, Ms. Harding, Mr. Szeto, Ms. McNeil and Mrs. Ramourar. We will miss them and wish them well in whatever new adventures await!



Dates to remember :

Monday, June 20:

Field Day (9:30 - 11:45)

Monday, June 27:

Grade 6 Celebration of Success

Tuesday, June 28:

Assessment & Evaluation Day (no school for students)

Wednesday, June 29:

Last day of school (10:00 a.m. dismissal)

Thursday, September 8:

First day of school for 2016-2017!



SCT WE Team Change for Change Campaign: Our WE Team will be collecting change over the next two weeks as part of their fundraising efforts. Every class will have a change jar, and we are asking you to help us fill them! The donations will be given to *Free the Children Foundation, Adsum House, and toward Fort McMurray fire relief.* Our WE Team has already raised over \$600.00 by selling their artwork at the

Spring Fling and through a generous donation. They are hoping to reach their target of \$1000.00! Each \$100 raised will mean a special theme day at school (for example, pajama day). Help “WE” create change!



On June 27th, we will be celebrating our Gr. 6 students. We appreciate the fantastic leadership they have shown at Tupper and wish them well!

Calling all gardeners! Our Green Team has cleaned, composted and planted our two small gardens on the Beech Street side of the school. We will need volunteers to water the gardens over the summer - if you would be willing to help with this, please email Ms. Woodbury (pwoodbury@hrsbn.ca). We will likely need to water once a week - Mr. Morris, our school caretaker, will give the volunteers access to the hose so that the job won't be too difficult. We look forward to our fall harvest!



Playground News - Thank you to all who donated at our Spring Musical to the new school playground! We received \$2,321 in donations!

Wilson's Home Heating has also made a generous donation of \$5000.00 to the playground, and we have recently been informed that we will be receiving a \$30,000.00 provincial Recreational Facility Development Program grant. These funds will help to make our playground even better - in addition to the playground equipment, we will be able to get a rubberized surface (great for accessibility and softer landings!) and benches. This will be an exciting back-to-school season at Tupper!



Spring Fair: Thanks to everyone who came to the Spring Fling, and to the fabulous volunteers who made the day possible! Despite the soggy weather, everyone had a great time! At left, some of our Gr. 5 students enjoy some treats at "Cuppa Tupper".

Registration for next year's string classes is now open at the following web address: <http://www.hacm.ednet.ns.ca>. Our string staff are encouraging all students who will be in grades 5-12 next year to register for string classes online.



Student Success Planning (SSP): As a school, we are always working to help our students improve. One way to encourage reading at home and at school is to find out what interests and excites each student. Finding topics that interest a child helps him or her to develop a love of reading...and more reading makes better readers!

Track and Field Meet: Congratulations to all who participated in the track and field meet last week. We are proud of the efforts of all of the students! Thank you to Ms. McNeil for coaching and to all of the teacher and parent chaperones who accompanied the students at the meet.



Canadian Parents for French - NS -Summer Camps: Canadian Parents for French Nova Scotia is launching another exciting summer camp season.

There are four overnight camps and day camps for students covering a range of activities and French levels. Camps are available to students ranging from primary to grade 12 and provide a great opportunity for kids to learn and reinforce language skills over the summer. Imagine having all the fun of summer camp « En français »! Information on all camps can be found here:

<http://ns.cpf.ca/activities/youth-activities/camps/> .

Allergies: We would like you to be aware that we have students who have life-threatening allergies to eggs, nuts, nut products, milk, and sesame seeds.

Please read ingredients before sending food products to school and encourage your child to practice hand-washing and to never share snacks. If you have any questions, please ask Ms. Woodbury, Mr. Cleary or Mrs. Lilly.

Visitors: We welcome parents and other visitors to Sir Charles Tupper School! To ensure that our students are safe and that classroom instruction is not interrupted, we ask that all visitors sign in at the office. You will be given a visitor's tag if you need to go beyond the school office.

Please call our Attendance Line at 902-422-2262 if your child/children will be absent or late. The message system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Thank you!