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Newsletter for the Community Schools of Prince Edward Island
Making Island Communities Stronger

February 2017

School Visits ...

This week, Joan Adams (committee member from Kensington school) and I had the pleasure to get out and visit two of our winter schools. These visits are always enjoyable and there is always something to be learned so I thought it might be nice to share our experience with all of the committees ... a way to pass on some positive experience from school to school.

On Monday we visited **Alberton school**. Kelly Gillis, the Chair, was very gracious to tour us around their bustling campus (140 students strong!). All the usual suspects were present along with a few added bonuses, a



Kelly and her team are working hard to celebrate the people who are putting in time and effort to make their school and their community better.

Lug a Mug/Fuzzy Slipper program, a thank you board and a Youth Support Team.

Evangeline school has fewer students than Alberton but no less passion for their community. It is important to note that while French is spoken fluently at this school, English-speaking students are also welcome. In fact, Jane comes all the way from Summerside every week to do rug-hooking.

I was very curious to find out from Jane how she got introduced to Community School and what made her decide to drive all the way out to Wellington for her class because every school seems to have the same concerns on their minds, how do we build ourselves up so we can deliver Community School for another fifty years.



Jensen Dumville (left) and Laura Gillis set up a facebook event to announce school registration, they run the 50/50 draw and the lug a mug contest as well as help people to find their classrooms on the first few weeks of school. With 140 students that is a blessing!



Jane is learning rug-hooking from Stella

Jane and her Dad are new to Community School. Jane decided that she wanted to learn a craft and knew what she wanted to learn but didn't exactly know how she would go about that. She went online and did some searching and found what she was looking for on the website but facebook was her main go to. Jane also gave me some excellent feedback to help make the website more user-friendly!

**Want to learn more tips
and tricks from other
Community School
committee members? ...**

**The PEI Association of Community Schools
Spring Evaluation Workshop
is scheduled for:**

**Friday, April 7th and Saturday April 8th
Causeway Bay Hotel
Summerside, PE**

**Committee members are encouraged to
attend and to bring feedback and ideas
about how we can continue to grow
Community School for the next 50 years!**

Contact Shelley to register:

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Lines of Communication ...

PRINCE COUNTY

Patti Richard

- Alberton
- Red Oak Court
- O'Leary
- M.E. Callaghan – fall

Alfred Bridges

- Maplewood Manor – afternoon
- Lady Slipper Villa – afternoon
- W.J. Phillips Residence
- Alice Duncan Centre – morning
- St. Eleanors.

Blair Strongman

- Kensington
- Tyne Valley/Ellerslie
- Chez Nous
- Evangeline
- Summerside Intermediate – fall

QUEEN'S COUNTY

Lynn Nicholson

- Donagh, fall
- Stratford, fall
- Bluefield

Barb MacFarlane

- Vernon River, fall
- City Centre
- The Mount Continuing Care

Kathleen Koughan

- Charlottetown Rural
- Englewood

KINGS COUNTY

Eileen Higginbotham

- Murray Harbour
- Montague

Lori Coffin

- Cardian
- St. Margarets

Roger Kelly

- Souris
- Morrell

2017-2018 List of Chairpersons

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W.J. Phillips Residence	Carla Butt, 16630 Central Kildare, Alberton, PE C0B 1B0	853-3109
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	Helen Dawson, 5060 Murray Harbour Rd. RR#2 Vernon River, PE C0A 2E0	651-2171

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2017-2018 Nominating Committee

Every year, one new person is elected to the Provincial Board from each County. Each new Board member serves a three-year term unless, of course, for some reason, you are unable to finish your term. If this should happen, the Provincial Board will select someone to finish out your term in order to keep your County properly represented.

If you are interested in running for the Board, please contact one of the names below and they will see to it that you get a nominating paper to sign. This will officially indicate your intention to the Board and the membership.

Elections will take place during the Annual General Meeting which occurs each year during the Fall Workshop.

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to put their name forward for a position on the Provincial Board.

Thank you!

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Gerarda Gallant – 963-3431

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Eileen Higginbotham – 838-4003

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Gerarda Gallant, Chairperson of Charlottetown Rural, finds that her classroom list helps students find their room a little more quickly and efficiently.

2017-2018 Provincial Board of Directors PEI Association of Community Schools

PRINCE COUNTY

Patti Richard	Secretary	62 Coopers Lane, Porthill, RR#1 Tyne Valley, C0B 2C0	831-2364
Blair Strongman	Treasurer	141 Patrick Drive, Summerside, C1N 6E6	436-0880
Alfred Bridges	Nominating	477 Conway Rd., RR#2 Ellerslie C0B 1J0	

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Barb MacFarlane	President	34 River Rd. Johnston's River, PE C1B 3E6	569-3577
Lynn Nicholson	Merchandise	358 Tryon Point, Albany, C0B 1A0	658-2536
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Planning a Visit?

**Community Schools Committee members are encouraged to visit other schools.
Please give the chair a call before visiting.**

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

WINTER SCHOOLS

Alberton	Bluefield	Charlottetown Rural	Cardigan	
Alice Duncan	Chez Nous	Englewood	Evangeline	
Lady Slipper Villa	City Centre	Kensington		
Montague & Area	Morell	Maplewood Manor		
The Mount	Murray Harbour	St. Margarets		
	O'Leary	St. Eleanor's		
		Tyne Valley-Ellerslie		

FALL SCHOOLS

ME Callaghan (fall)	Donagh (fall)	Stratford (fall)		
Vernon River (fall)	Summerside Intermediate (fall)			

Happy Anniversary

Fifty years (now in our 51st year) is usually noted as an anniversary of great significance to most people. It is a recognition that something has worked well enough to endure the ups and downs that fate likes to throw our way. Like a marriage that has reached a golden anniversary, the PEI Association of Community Schools has certainly experienced these ups and downs. But through all the struggles, all of our volunteers have stood together and have endured all these little curves which have come our way.

Today, we have programs and courses to offer our people of which other Provinces of Canada are envious. As we move ahead it is important that we note the dedication and commitment of all our volunteers. It is because of their commitment that we are where we are today. Whatever the future holds for our PEI Association of Community Schools, we must build on our successes and learn from our mistakes.

We must continue to listen to each other's point of view, respect these views and live with the decisions that we make. This has been the recipe that has worked for the last 50 years. If we remain true to this recipe it will guide us for the next 50 years. So *'hats off'* to Rudi's dream, to all Board members and Provincial Coordinators, and, especially, to you, all the volunteers.

So, in closing, we are thankful for these and all the good things in life. We recognize that they are part of our common heritage and come to us through the efforts of all our volunteers the Province over.

What we desire for ourselves, we wish for all.

Sincerely, Blair Strongman



Charlottetown Rural has a large swing dance class as well as belly dancing.



O'Leary School has a strong youth contingent and adult students who step in to help when their teachers can't make it in.



O'Leary Community School veterans teach the younger students how to paint.



Rug hooking in O'Leary