

Bridgetown Regional Community School

September 2018 Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember

September 18—Regional Inservice—no school for students

September 20—Middle Level & Senior High Dance (gr.6-8 6:00-8:00/gr.9-12 8:00-10:00)

September 27—Early Dismissal at 11:45

September 28—Terry Fox Walk and Orange Shirt Day

October 8—Thanksgiving Day Holiday—no school for students

October 17—School Photo Retakes

October 19—Early Dismissal at 11:45

October 26—Provincial Conference—no school for students

BRCS supports a safe and inclusive school for everyone!



Things to Know About Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day has been established in order to acknowledge and remember children who attended Residential Schools in Canada. These schools were in operation between 1870 and 1996. Some children who attended Residential Schools survived; however many did not. Orange shirts have become a symbol for the day because of the story of Residential School Survivor Phyllis Webstad. Orange Shirt Day takes place on September 30th each year. This year it falls on a Sunday. For this reason we have decided to honor the day of Friday September 28th.

- Friday, September 28th in AVRCE schools.
- Support Truth and Reconciliation through Residential School Survivors' stories and remembering those who were lost.
- Phyllis' story - brand new Orange Shirt was taken when she arrived at the Residential School.
- Survivors are reminded that they matter even if they are adults now - Every Child Matters.
- This is the time of year when children were taken from their homes to attend the Residential Schools.

BRCS Music

Rehearsals

Jazz Band Tuesdays 3-4:15

Concert Band Thursdays 3-4:15



Elementary Music

Recorder order forms have gone home with students in grades 3-5. Please complete and return these forms before September 28 so we can start working with recorders in October!

Upcoming Events

Nov 8 Remembrance Day Ceremony (School)

Nov 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony (Legion)

Dec 4 Elementary Concert

Dec 5 Grade 6's, Jazz Band, Concert Band

Please like our Facebook page (BRCS Bands) for up-to-date information regarding fundraisers, performances, and all things band!

Student Services

- Grads - to receive updates on scholarships and bursaries, join Mrs. Blanchard's Google Classroom titled, "BRCS Scholarships & Bursaries." The code to join is qt09bch
- All students - to receive updates and news from guidance and student services, join Mrs. Blanchard's Google Classroom titled, "BRCS Student Services." The code to join is 2pxa9y

For Gr 10, 11, and 12

AARAO Tour - Monday, September 24

Post-secondary institutions will set up information booths at BRCS, and senior high students will have the afternoon to explore options available to them after Gr 12.



Annapolis Valley Speed Skating Club

Registration and skate fitting

Dates: September 10 and 17

Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: Credit Union Centre, Kingston (room upstairs).

Regular Practices and Fall Program Fees (one session per week for 12 weeks)

Monday evenings (to be confirmed)

Group C – Learn to Skate 6:15-7:00 pm \$170

Group B & A – Recreational & Competitive 7:10-8:15 pm \$220

Family discount – 10% for two or more skaters (program fees only)

We are hoping to be on the ice by late September/early October. Registration skate fitting will also occur on skate nights.

Skate Rentals Fees for the 2018-2019 season:

Free for first season for new skaters. For the 12 week program rental fees:

Beginner skates \$30

Advanced skates \$55

All skaters must be registered with Speed Skate Canada- fees vary depending on level. Minimal equipment required for this sport.

Pre-Season Dryland Practices: Sept. 10th and 17th; 18:30-19:30 at the Credit Union Centre field in Kingston. A fun way to get ready to hit the ice and get to know the other skaters. These sessions are FREE and open to all.

Open house: FREE - Sept. 16, 2 pm to 4 pm at the Kentville arena. Give it a try! The Annapolis Valley Speed Skating Club is offering a FREE introductory on-ice "Speed Skating" session to unregistered members.

*This activity is eligible for Jump Start and Kidsport subsidy funding. Contact your local Recreation Department for information and an application.

AGE 4 TO INFINITY, ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

Valley Speed Skating Club
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annapolisvalleyspeedskating https://sites.google.com/view/annapolis_valleyspeedskating/home



Are you....

- ...a parent or guardian of a student in grade 10 to 12?
- ...curious to identify your child's unique values, interests and skills?
- ...looking for some practical tips to help your child explore their educational and career choices?
- ...wanting to learn about future job opportunities?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, please join us for a free workshop at Bridgetown Regional Community School to learn how to help your child make informed decisions about their future!

Wednesday, October 17th, 2018 at 6:30pm-8:30pm

Thursday, October 18th, 2018 at 6:30pm-8:40pm

Hosted at BRCS, Open to all parents/guardians across Annapolis County

Register at: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/cbl/parents-career-coaches> or contact BRCS office at 902-665-5400 if you cannot register on-line.



Welcome Back from the Student Support Workers Program! I am pleased to be back serving the Annapolis Area Schools of MRHS, BRCS, AWEC, CRMS as well as my newest addition AEES ... YAY!!!

I look forward to reconnecting with students currently in my program as well as new ones. We have a great calendar of initiatives/activities coming up for elementary, middle level and senior high students. We will also be going on several educational and cultural trips. My focus for this year is to continue to make personal connections to students, staff and community. This is a unique program that offers support to students of African descent and their families.

If you wish for your child to be part of the SSW Program, or have questions, please feel free to contact me at Carmelita.Johnson@avrce.ca or phone 902-532-3157.

"Dedicated to enhancing the learning environment and experiences of students of African descent."

Student Sign -In/Out Procedures: If at any time a student must leave school grounds (unless recess/lunch/study halls for SH students), a parent/guardian must notify the school. Please call the school, write a note, or come to the school and report to the office. Do not text or phone your child during class time, as phones are not permitted to be used in the classroom unless it is for school purposes. If arriving late, students must sign into the office (with a note or phone call from a parent/guardian) prior to reporting to class.

Students Leaving School Property: Middle Level Students- BRCS is a closed campus and the expectation is that students in grades 6-8 will remain on school property at all times. They may leave school property if accompanied by an adult.

High School Students- BRCS is an open campus and students may leave school property during recess and lunch breaks, as well as study halls. Parents/Guardians should be aware if their child is off campus, however a note is not required in the office.

Bus Notes: All students must have parental consent to travel on a bus that is not their regular bus. Students may pick up a bus note from the office, one can be printed from our BRCS website, or a parent/guardian may write a quick note including the following information:

- * Name of student who is requesting an alternate bus
- * Alternate drop-off location (i.e. grandparent's home, friend's home, etc.)
- * Regular bus number
- * Alternate bus number
- * Date
- * Parental/Guardian signature

Bus notes require a school stamp and this may be done during free time only.

AVRCE Volunteers in School Policy

The AVRCE has had a *Volunteers in Schools* Policy since 1999. As stated in this policy, the Regional Centre for Education takes its obligation seriously to ensure safe environments for learning by taking all reasonable steps to minimize risks and threats to students. Because student safety is a top priority, in January 2015, this policy underwent an extensive review to ensure that any potential gaps in practice are closed or minimized. All recommendations for change were presented to our school community members and was circulated to our school stakeholders for the opportunity to respond to the proposed changes and to provide further input. To highlight some of the changes:

- clearly defines volunteers versus visitors;
- requires volunteers to complete a standard application form for any volunteering;
- will continue to require the completion of Criminal Records Check (including the Vulnerable Sector) and Child Abuse Registry checks prior to working with students but will now require re-checks be completed every (3) three years; and, as of January 8, 2015, will require all current volunteer to renew their Criminal Records Check (including the Vulnerable Sector) and Child Abuse Registry if it has been over (3) three years since it was last completed.
- Only Criminal Record Checks and Child Abuse Request for a Search Approval Letters dated within six (6) months received by the Human Resources Department will be accepted.

The changes to the *Volunteers in Schools* policy are not to discourage volunteering in the AVRCE. It is to employ the best practices to ensure our policy is as effective as possible for decreasing the chances of student harm from volunteers. We will be reminding our volunteers throughout the remainder of the school year so that we are well prepared for such events, as Class Trips.