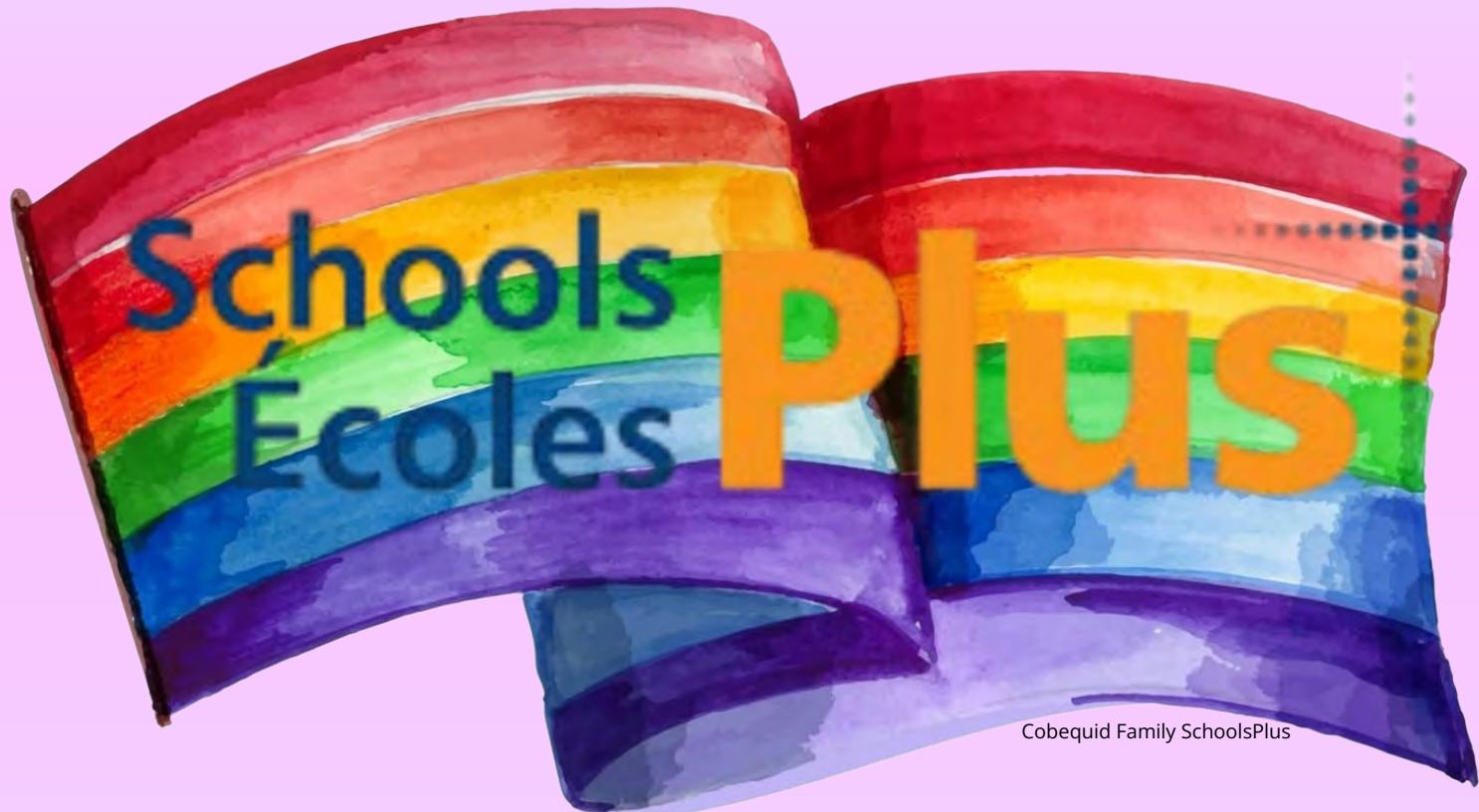


Schools
Écoles **Plus**



NEWSLETTER

MAY - AUGUST 2025



SUMMER



Despite it being the hottest and driest summer, SchoolsPlus staff, together with their local community partners, organized and delivered a variety of fun activities across the province — including lawn games, painting, bracelet making, cooking classes, a bake sale, and kite flying.

pop on over

AND CHILL WITH US



pop up playground games & rock painting
for grades P-6 (with a parent/guardian)

JULY 29

1-2:30PM

WEYMOUTH CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND

RSVP to
MORGAN GLAVIN 902-250-0632
or CANDY MULLEN 902-247-4083

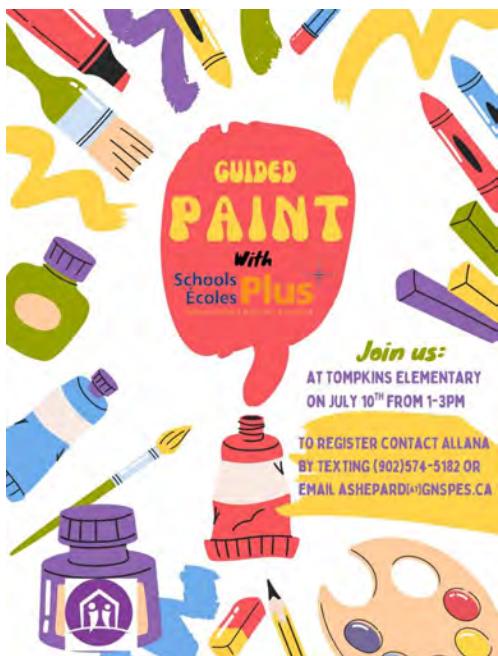


Activité de cuisine

Salade, lasagne et gâteau aux fraises

LE MERCREDI 9 JUILLET 2025
9 H 30 À 14 H
80 CHEMIN PLACIDE COMEAU, LA BUTTE

POUR LES ENFANTS DE 12 À 16 ANS
ACTIVITÉ GRATUITE AVEC ESPACES LIMITÉS
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With Schools
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Join us:

AT TOMPKINS ELEMENTARY
ON JULY 10TH FROM 1-3PM

TO REGISTER CONTACT ALLANA
BY TEXTING (902)574-5182 OR
EMAIL ASHEPARD@GNPES.CA



SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
PREScott HOUSE MUSEUM, 1633 STARRS POINT RD, PORT WILLIAMS



Bracelet Making!

August 5th
1:30pm-2:30pm

Tatamagouche Library
170 Main St, Tatamagouche, NS

Craft a Bracelet, Color Your
Summer! Swing by the library
for a crafty good time
All supplies provided

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Questions? Text or Call 782-370-2716

Ages
5+



SUMMER

Oh what fun Summer 2025 was



Halifax West SchoolsPlus hosted a Performing Arts program where students got an immersive two days to try all things acting - improv, monologues, scene work and theatre games. All while getting to be on stage at the Bella Rose Theatre!





OUR STAFF



**Cumberland County SchoolsPlus
staff had a very successful and
fun**

**3rd Annual Kick Off
to Summer Fun Fair!**

**Under beautiful blue skies,
it was wonderful to see everyone
enjoying a variety of fun activities
- from bubble making to a foam
party, and of course, a delicious
BBQ.**



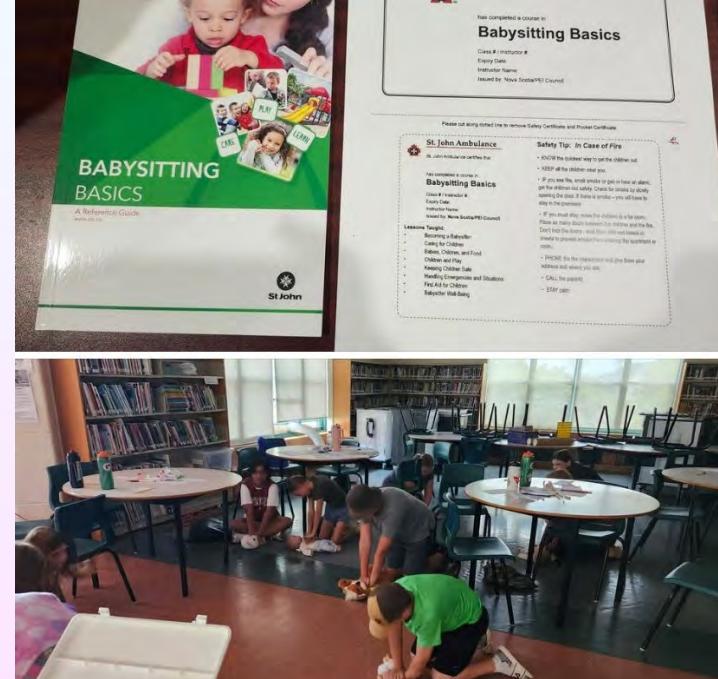
**Roots of Empathy (ROE) were pleased to
welcome Alex and Alec (dad) with baby
Marcey and trainer Margaret Bennett for
the 2025 training session**



OUR STAFF

**Antigonish SchoolsPlus
Community Outreach Worker
Marisa Murphy and CYCP
Renee Hodgson facilitated the
St. John Ambulance Babysitting
Course.**

**13 Students completed the
course and are newly certified
babsitters!!**



**SchoolsPlus Cobequid team
members had a great day
celebrating in the Truro Pride
Society's Pride Parade!**





To our SchoolsPlus partners; our deep appreciation for your unwavering commitment to our schools.



Parks Canada Parcs Canada



SchoolsPlus would like to send a big Thank You to Sobeys Head Office Retail Store Support for helping to support our families this summer with nutritious meals! Pictured from left to right are Ashley MacDonald, Carol MacDonald, Nicole Bencit, Anna Murphy with Sobeys and Megan Bond with SchoolsPlus Pictou County



United Way of Colchester County – in partnership with Maggie's Place Colchester Site and SchoolsPlus – works to provide essential school supply starter kits for students from primary to grade 12.

Each child will receive a backpack, and school supplies will be provided as needed.



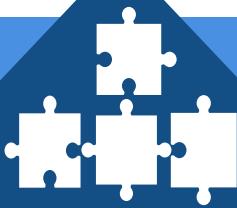
Sending a big Thank You to all that donated and all that showed up to our Free Clothing Market!
401 bags of clothing donated, 15+ hours of sorting and set up, 846 laundry sheets handed out, 513 people through the doors of the St Paul United Church, Countless snacks, smiles, and new to you outfits found!



Antigonish Women's Centre & Sexual Assault Services



Thank you for supporting our students and families!



OUR PARTNERS



The Prom Shop

Looking for the perfect prom outfit?
Come check out our selection of gently used prom clothing, including dresses, suits, and accessories.

All items are FREE, while supplies last!

Saturday, May 10, 2025
Woodlawn Public Library
31 Eisener Blvd., Dartmouth
10:00am - 5:00pm

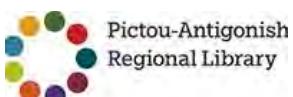


Backpacks for School!

Where: SAJS Schools Plus Space
When: Wednesday, Sept 3rd 2:30pm-5:00pm
Drop in!



The number of clothing and school supplies drop off events throughout Nova Scotia were beyond a success! These events help make a difference in a student's life by donating gently used clothing and essential school supplies! These drives help families and provide student's with the items they need to feel confident and prepared for the school year. Every donation helps ensure that all students have the tools to succeed both inside and outside the classroom



THE TOWN OF ANTIGONISH





ANNAPOLEIS VALLEY REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

WHO: SchoolsPlus Middleton

WHAT: Megan Saunders SchoolsPlus Facilitator reached out to a network of community partners in mental health and education and together, they collaborated to keep the drop-in centre open for local youth throughout the month of July 2025. To encourage engagement during a time when students can be more vulnerable, SchoolsPlus provided free meals and transportation for youth receiving direct services as well as any interested youth from the wider community. This partnership helped maintain a safe space for social connection, mental health support, and positive summer activities.

Throughout the month, youth were able to enjoy some free lunches and snacks and take-home bags, along with a variety of activities that ranged from baking and bracelet making, to pool, darts, and other games. The Spot provided an air-conditioned, youth-friendly environment where students could relax, socialize, feel supported and check in with their support people over the summer. Thanks to these combined efforts, twelve student visits took place that otherwise might not have happened during the summer. The time at The Spot gave staff a chance to check in with students about how their summers were going, while also introducing both youth and community partners to a resource that continues to be an important part of Middleton.

WHEN: July 2025

WHERE: The Spot Youth Centre, Middleton, Nova Scotia

WHY: When SchoolsPlus Middleton learned that The Spot Youth Centre in Middleton, NS would have to close during the summer due to a lack of volunteers, they took action to ensure youth in the community continued to have a safe, supportive place to connect to support social inclusion.

PARTNERS: Nova Scotia Health, SP-MH Clinician, Adolescent Outreach Worker, youth Health Centre Coordinator, a Community Health Worker, and Community Support Workers and long with AVRCE Staff and many SP supports



CAPE BRETON-VICTORIA REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION



WHO: Incoming grade primaries attending St. Anne's and Donkin Complex in the 2025/2026 academic year

WHAT: Transition Program - There was a need for orientation for children entering grade primary, for whom it was their first year at school, and may have some uneasy feelings about transitioning to school. To address this, a "Buddy Builder" program at St. Anne's Elementary and Donkin Complex was created. This 9-11am event welcomed parents/caregivers and students to meet, tour the school, and participate in fun activities like coloring, healthy snacks, and playground time. The program helped children feel more comfortable, encouraged peer connections, and gave parents/caregivers a chance to ask questions and receive helpful resources. It was successful and will continue to support families and students during this transition.

WHEN: July and August 2025

WHERE: Schools where the new students would be attending

WHY: To help address identified need of transitional support for those attending school for the first time





CHIGNECTO-CENTRAL REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

WHO: Cumberland SchoolsPlus and Partners

WHAT: FREE Back to Cool Clothing Boutique

WHEN: August 20, 2025 from 10:00am until 4:00pm at Spring Street Academy School

WHERE: Spring Street Academy School, also an online order pre-option for families unable to attend the event in person

WHY: Having children return to school each fall can be costly for families. Supporting families with back-to-school clothing needs helped ensure all students could return to school with confidence and dignity. Remaining clothing items were donated to Parrsboro for additional distribution



PARTNERS: Cumberland County Community Health Boards, Nova Scotia Works/CANSA, Anchor Youth Services, Town of Amherst Police Department, Municipality of Cumberland, Community Members who donated and dropped off clothing and essentials

CONSEIL SCOLAIRE ACADIEN PROVINCIAL



WHO: Beautiful Group of Students

WHAT: Paint Acadian Pride T-Shirts

WHEN: July 29, 2025

WHERE: NDA School

WHY: Peindre son propre chandail: célèbrent la fierté acadienne à l'École NDA! EcolesPlus (Mme Celine), en collaboration avec Mme Denise (École NDA) et Mme Michelle (La Pirouette) se sont rassemblées avec un beau groupe d'élèves le 29 juillet, pour peindre des chandails d'Acadie! La créativité, la fierté acadienne et l'enthousiasme étaient contagieux, et le résultat est tout simplement magnifique! L'esprit acadien est bien vivant à l'école NDA.





HALIFAX REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION



WHO: Students in grades 7-9 in the Woodlawn Family of Schools

WHAT: SchoolsPlus Entrepreneurship Week: Two full week programs for students in grades 7-9. Each student was given \$50 from YDI (Youth Development Initiative) funding to create their own small business. Staff provided short lessons throughout the week on various aspects of entrepreneurship/employment, such as how to create a business plan, how to budget, and how to build a resume. Staff then helped students purchase the supplies for their business, and they developed their products (examples included; baked goods, jewelry, slime, games, etc.). At the end of the week, we hosted a business fair for students' friends & family, and other SchoolsPlus staff. All attendees were given tokens to 'purchase' items from the student businesses. Students then got an Amazon gift card to take home at the end of the week so they could continue their business after the program completed!

WHEN: July 7-11 & July 21-25

WHERE: Woodlawn High

WHY: To help students develop skills related to employment, such as resume writing, budgeting, and business planning.

PARTNERS: Funding from Youth Development Initiative

STRAIT REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION



WHO: Ages 6 and under

WHAT: Teddy Bear Picnic - teddy bear themed games, snacks and fun for the littles

WHEN: July 23, 2025

WHERE: Sailors Rest Park, Canso

WHY: Providing a fun-filled activity outdoors - children enjoyed the beautiful weather while having fun with their favorite bear!





SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

BRIGADOON 2025



WHO: Students grades 9 to 12

WHAT: Violence Prevention Camp

WHEN: Summer

WHERE: Camp Brigadoon

WHY: Fifteen students participated with facilitators, community outreach members, and mental health partners serving as chaperones. The camp featured a full day of varied activities designed to empower participants. Events included get-to-know-you icebreakers, meditation, mindfulness, and intention-setting exercises, along with archery, nature walks, and dance, all supported by our outreach worker. A highlight was a facilitated campfire.

We provided a consent presentation, delivered by our community partners in partnership with SchoolsPlus. In addition, community partners shared video clips of encouragement, allowing young women to witness firsthand the impact of community champions dedicated to violence prevention throughout the western region.

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION



WHO: We had 22 participants from Grades 4, 5, and 6 from across Yarmouth County

WHAT: The community of Yarmouth saw the return of our 4-day Biz Kidz day camp. Students learned valuable entrepreneurial skills (e.g., product design, marketing, and financial literacy) and were tasked with creating their own businesses. This included brainstorming, product design and development, and selling strategies. Students engaged in a real-life simulation by taking our loans from the 'bank' to cover the cost of materials for their products. They then designed and created products such as posters, stickers, candles, jewelry and decorations, which were sold at a 'market' open to the community. Many visited the sale to show support and shop the students' products. Students repaid their loans, and any remaining funds were theirs to keep as profit. The group of young entrepreneurs collectively earned **\$1,370.00!**

WHEN: From July 21st to 24th, 2025

WHERE: Held at the Yarmouth SchoolsPlus Hubsite.

WHY: This hands-on experience provided an opportunity for fun and interactive learning and allowed students to develop entrepreneurial skills involved in running a successful business.

PARTNERS: Strong partnerships with local businesses and organizations made the program possible – Guest speakers from *The Store Next Door* gift shop, *Jade Therapies* spa and studio, and *Nova Scotia Works* shared their expertise, offered guidance to our young entrepreneurs, provided insight into running successful businesses.



Transition is a process that involves changes in the passage from one environment to another and occurs at important milestones throughout a student's life, such as transitioning from home to school, from grade to grade, from school to school, or from school to community.

Supporting Students and families at times of transition helps ensure better outcomes, and maintains connection through each of these transitions.

SchoolsPlus teams provide opportunities for collaboration to help with transitions including building experiences for students before the start of a new school, strengthening peer networks to help in new environments, and supporting parents and caregivers in preparing their child for the changes that come along with transitions.

When students, families, school teams, and service providers work together, transitions go more smoothly and wellbeing and achievement are positively impacted.”



Riverview High School

Level Up to Grade 9

Attention incoming Grade 9 students attending Riverview High School in September

Join us at RHS for

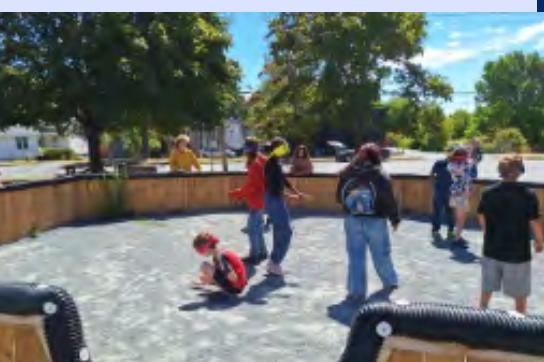
- Tour of School
- Scavenger Hunt
- Questions & Answers
- And more!

Thursday, August 28th 10:30am - 12:00pm

To register, contact
Danielle at
(902) 574 1428 or dkorem@gnspes.ca



Cape Breton-Victoria Regional Centre for Education **Buddy Builders:** Meet & Mingle Programming for Students Registered for Primary in September 2025 & their guardians



**THE AMAZING RACE
SYDNEY ACADEMY**

ATTENTION ALL NEW SYDNEY ACADEMY STUDENTS!

QUESTIONS ABOUT SA?
WANT TO LEARN HOW TO GET AROUND YOUR NEW SCHOOL?

Join us to get the inside scoop on Sydney Academy with the help of students, staff, and SchoolsPlus! Get all of your questions answered during a group tour and have a blast with our "Amazing Race" challenge!

**AUGUST 28TH 2025 FROM 10-12PM
@ SYDNEY ACADEMY**

Lunch is provided.
Space is limited.

To register please email [Emily @ eandrea@gnspes.ca](mailto:Emily@gnspes.ca)
Deadline for registrations is August 27th 2025

Sessions will be offered in July & August at each elementary in the Glace Bay/New Waterford Family of Schools. Please contact your respective SchoolsPlus Facilitators for more information & to register:

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