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Supporting Excellence in Teaching Through Professional Learning!

"Phys-eders" from the SRCE had the opportunity to participate in either an elementary or secondary PD day. They were exposed to a variety of presenters from St. F.X. who presented such topics as: Adapted PE, low organized games, Canadian Physical Activity Standards and ways to incorporate movement throughout the day. Colleen MacDougall, PE teacher at SACS, led a session on pickers and techniques on how to assess in PE class for any grade. The sessions on the second day included: Baseball Five which was a pilot project on how to use our wheelchairs to adapt this new sport. In addition, Kim Talbot, PE teacher at Dalbrae Academy led a session on dance for our PE teachers of grades 7-12. Finally, they ended the day with a session on pickleball, lead by two local gentlemen from Antigonish. Overall, a very productive and effective two days with lots of physical activity and fun!



Teachers in the SRCE participated in a Food Trainer's course in order to properly manage food for various courses such as Food and Nutrition. A variety of representatives from schools including teachers, secretaries and teacher assistants had the opportunity to receive the training at both EAEC/A and Dalbrae Academy.



As a result of the school-based professional development survey shared with all teachers this semester, workshops on *high impact instructional strategies* were held in three locations throughout the SRCE. In addition to reviewing the framework of effective teaching as defined in the Nova Scotia Teaching Standards, teachers were introduced to and participated in activities that research has shown to have the most impact on student learning.



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Good Physical Health Leads to Good Mental Health!

As part of a Healthy Promoting School Initiative, stencils were purchased for schools in the SRCE to use outdoors around the bus loop and courts for students to encourage movement during both instruction and recess time. A great way for teachers to integrate their activities for various subjects with movement!



Students in Grades 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 12 at IEC/A had the opportunity to perform some fun gymnastics activities with Scott Goyetche, Health Promoting Schools Consultant, and teachers, Phil Blackwood and Robert Lelievre. Gymnastics is a big part of the PE curriculum and students benefit tremendously from the skills they acquire to build physical strength, spacial/body awareness, balance and coordination in order to help them perform in other activities and sports. Pictured below are Grades 7/8 and 12 performing support activities, known as "statics", which is one of the six dominant movement patterns in gymnastics.



Grade 12 Students Across the SRCE Supported in Their Transition from High School Using *Know Before You Go!*

Students at Dr. J.H. Gillis Regional High School participate in Know Before You Go, a program developed by Teenmentalhealth.org in collaboration with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, which address mental health, personal development, self-care, stress reduction and help seeking as students transition from high school.



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System Improvement Planning

Principals, Vice Principals, Regional Coordinators and Consultants, and Teachers from across the SRCE have been reviewing school, regional and provincial data to help inform regional and school priorities for the 2019-2020 school year. Evidence of student learning will inform goals and strategies related to student achievement and student wellness, with a focus on raising the bar and closing the gap for all students!



Thank you for years of dedicated service to the students in the Strait Regional Centre for Education!



We extend congratulations and sincere best wishes to Mark Pettipas, Family of Schools Coordinator/Coordinator of Science/NSVS Lead and to Cathy DeCoste-Couture, Reading Recovery Teacher Leader, for their many years of dedicated service to public education. Both Mark and Cathy have fulfilled many roles throughout their careers and their knowledge, collegiality and commitment to students has had a tremendous impact on students and teachers alike. The Regional Programs and Student Services team greatly valued working with you both, and wish you good health and much happiness in your retirement!

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Regional Programs and Student Services Support 2019-2020

The SRCE will be divided into five Families of Schools in the 2019-2020 school year. One Coordinator will be assigned to each family, and will facilitate an integrated approach to the support they provide to teachers and administrators within their assigned schools.

Co-ordinator # 1 - Elizabeth Teasdale

Bayview Education Centre

Cape Breton Highlands Ed. Centre / Academy

Dalbrae Academy

Inverness Education Centre / Academy

Whycocomagh Education Centre

Co-ordinator # 2 – Tanya Carter

Felix Marchand Education Centre

East Richmond Education Centre

Richmond Education Centre / Academy

SAERC

Tamarac Education Centre

Co-ordinator # 3 - Darryl Breen

St. Andrews Consolidated School

Antigonish Education Centre

St. Andrew Junior School

H.M. MacDonald Elementary School

Co-ordinator # 4 - Wanda Fougere

Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional High School

East Antigonish Education Centre/Academy

Co-ordinator # 5 – Kevin Walker

Chedabucto Education Centre/Guysborough Academy

Fanning Education Centre/Canso Academy

St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy

Additional information on regional supports for Programs and Student Services will be provided in the new school year. We look forward to working with you in 2019-2020!

Have a safe, restful and enjoyable summer.

