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are now 11 million Canadians who have opened accounts to save money for their priorities.

Enhancing Canada Loans and Canada Student Grants: Eliminating in-study income from the Canada Student Loans Program needs assessment.

Supporting Job-Creating Businesses: Economic Action Plan 2015 proposes to increase the Lifetime Capital Gains Exemption for qualified farm and fishing property to \$1 million.

Supporting Seniors: Economic Action Plan 2015 proposes to provide more flexibility for seniors by reducing the minimum withdrawal factors for Registered Retirement Income Funds to

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room so teachers can teach and students can learn.

In January, 2015, I introduced the Action Plan for Education that will set the path for change over the next 5 years. That change begins in September, 2015. In addition to the new P-3 curriculum, there will be a Ministerial Policy on Homework and another on Code of Conduct. These will replace all existing poli-

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agriculture over the past 20 years up along our shore. Then we look up through Masstown, all the farmland, down along the shore road, move up into Onslow, over across the bay Old Barns, Clifton and Princeport and then over to the Stewiacke valley.

I think it would really shock us to know the true farm gate value, how many are directly employed in this industry and what the spinoff is to other small businesses supporting the agriculture industry. I believe their future is bright and they deserve our recognition and support.

The second point, I feel worth noting, is as the world population continues to grow and the demand for food products

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poured into this project. I hope all will agree they have produced a viable disposal solution which we all can live with.

It is important to remember this wastewater has passed through dual treatment before evaporation. It meets the Canadian Council of Environment Ministers and Health Canada guidelines

permit seniors to preserve more of their retirement savings. Economic Action Plan 2015 also proposes to introduce a new, permanent, non-refundable Home Accessibility Tax Credit for seniors and persons with disabilities.

National Security: To ensure that our Armed Forces continue to have what they need to accomplish the dangerous tasks Canadians ask of them, Economic Action Plan 2015 proposes increase National Defence's budget by \$11.8 billion over 10 years. We are also providing new funding to help counter violent extremism and terrorism.

The province of Nova Scotia will receive record high transfer payments to support health care, education, and social programs. Specifically, Nova Scotia will receive \$3 B in federal transfers this

year, an increase of 31 per cent since the old Liberal government. Only our Conservative Government can be trusted to manage Canada's economy and keep taxes low for the people of Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office toll-free at 1-888-752-0552; visit my website at [www.scottarmstrongmp.ca](http://www.scottarmstrongmp.ca); add me as a friend on Facebook; or follow me on Twitter @Armstrong MP.

**Scott Armstrong, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister of Labour. MP Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley.**

a Government that, in spite of having real fiscal challenges due to over-spending by previous governments, has made a commitment to stand up for parents and students to make them a priority, and to re-invest \$65 million dollars back into public education in Nova Scotia.

**Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North, Minister of Education & Early Childhood Development**

I am proud to be the Minister of Education, and to be part of

increases and as traditional food producers such as California decline their production levels, we will see more and more food imported from Countries that do not have the same government oversight and health and sanitary concerns. For example, Mexico/China and other developing countries. It sure would be nice to be better able to feed ourselves with products grown closer to home.

Most are aware by now the Municipality has purchased the Palliser property. I have received a lot of very positive feedback on this and many very good suggestions on what could go there that would benefit Colchester and in particular West Colchester.

There was some suggestion we should try to save some of the existing buildings. Two weeks ago council toured the property

and I can assure you there is very little value and the cost of repairing and bringing the buildings to current standards would be extremely costly.

As a result, tenders will go out very soon for the demolition and clean up and we will start with a clean slate. As for future use, the Municipality will be holding public meetings to get input and gather ideas prior to determining the future best use of this property. I will do my best to ensure that one of those public meetings is in District 10.

Enjoy the summer; we sure deserve a good one!  
**Tom Taggart, Councilor District 10, Colchester County**

for release into a freshwater source.

On another note, when I first heard the news in the spring of 2011 the Palliser Restaurant & Motel, a local landmark, was closing for good I couldn't help but think about the potential this property could have for tourism. Now that the County has purchased the property we are all going to get a chance to think about it, if you wish.

County staff and councilors are going to be looking for the public's input into the best way to develop this property. Council plans on holding public meetings to consult with everyone on the best way to celebrate our beautiful County from this location.

**Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County**

## CIC Wants You to Share Other Cultures

By Maurice Rees

Most people along the shore believe today's purpose of the Cobequid Interpretive Centre (CIC) is to provide a few jobs for college or university student during the July and August to assist tourists from near and far of things to do and see in the area and explain the history of the World War II facility.

However, CIC board member, Diane Giroux has been spearheading a project to open the centre's doors to local residents who come from different origins and cultures. Giroux says, "As the tides come and go people of different origins and cultures live, develop and enrich this

beautiful region of Nova Scotia. We want to know who you are, then and now".

She feels getting to know more about the customs and cultures of people, who live in the area, will enable CIC board to better serve those of similar cultures who visit the area. She says, "The CIC board wishes to open the Centre to people of our Shores who come from different origins and cultures, for them to share with the rest of the communities a part of the heritage they bring with them when they decide to stay and make a life here in West Colchester".

CIC members would like to invite members of the community who moved here

from afar to share their knowledge and experience living on our shores. As a way to know each other better the Cobequid Interpretive Centre will facilitate the venues for all who wish to present a part of their culture in their own fashion... music, lecture, video, storytelling, arts & crafts making demonstrations, etc...

For a few hours or for a special event of your choice, contact Diane for details 902-647-2205 or 902 305-0142. All donations will go to sustain and develop the Cobequid Interpretive Centre, a historical, cultural and geological organization that represents all people of the West Colchester Shores.

## Chiganois Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

The virtue for the month of May is TRUSTWORTHINESS. "Doing your best to follow the expectations at home and school, even when no one is watching", is the motto used for the month. Families are asked to have a conversation as to how this looks in your home. The students have been doing a wonderful job at using all of the virtues worked on this year.

Chiganois students ROCKED the Science Fair. All six participants took home hardware. Katrina Altenkirk was awarded a Gold medal and The Environmental Challenge Award. Maria Putnam took home a Bronze medal. Cameron Myatt was awarded a Silver medal and the award for the Information Challenge. Lauren Sooksom received a shiny Silver medal. Emily Crosby earned a Bronze medal and the Best Scientific Design Award. Jillian MacMillan rounded the group by winning a Bronze medal and the Most Practical Application Award. Great job and congratulations to all!

A drop in "Talents Are Blooming" event was held at Chiganois on May 14th to take time to thank the many won-

derful volunteers and parents. This was a time for all students to shine!

The PTG held a Family Dance on April 16th, thank you to everyone who donated items for the canteen and volunteered their time. Again this year each class received one trip thanks to PTG. The Primary classes will be travelling to Hidden Hilltop for some outdoor fun. On May 13th, the Grade One students travelled to the Wildlife Park. The Grade Two class is participating in a Nature Walk at McElmon's Pond on May 11th. The Grade Two/Three and Three students will be heading to Victoria Park for some adventure on May 27th. All of the Grade Four students will be participating in the Webfoot Project at the Wildlife Park on June 3rd. Grade Five overnight trip to Parrsboro's Fundy Geological Museum. Will take place on June 24th. Thank you to all those who support school fundraisers.

Students are enjoying taking turns using the new outdoor scooters and soccer balls.

All Grade 3 students went to the RECC for swimming in May.

After school Basketball Grades 3-5 was held on each

Thursday in May.

Grade 5 students went to the musical Grease at CCJHS, Onslow on May 13th.

Principal Breakfast for May will be held on May 28th.

Grade 5 students will go to CCJHS on May 29th, for school orientation.

The next SAC Meeting is June 17th.

A Year-End Assembly will be held on June 18th beginning at 2:30. Students will help celebrate Mrs. Davidson's retirement from teaching. At 3:15, there will be an Open House Retirement Party for Mrs. Davidson. All are welcome to attend.

Chiganois Field Day with a Family Picnic at noon will be held on June 19th. Bring your own lunch or pre-order. The 2015/16 Primary students will visit the school in the morning.

Principal Breakfast for June will be held on June 22nd.

The annual Chiganois Talent Show will be held on June 23rd.

Grade 5 Celebration will begin at 9:30 on June 24th, followed by their afternoon party and overnight trip to Parrsboro.

June 25th -29th are marking days, no school for students with report cards given out on June 30th.

## Homework Survey Runs Until June 12

Parents, teachers and students can contribute to new homework standards through an online survey launched May 19th. The online survey will help guide the new ministerial policy on homework for students from grades Primary to 12. The policy will come into effect in September.

The survey runs from May 19th to June 12th. It can be found at: <https://eapps.ednet.ns.ca/educationSurveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=7601464>

The new ministerial policy on homework is one of 21 new initiatives coming to schools this September as part of government's five-year education action plan. The plan focuses on fundamental changes to renew, refocus and rebuild the education system for the first time in a generation. The action plan can be found at <http://www.ednet.ns.ca/>



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