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Nova Scotia vehicle owners with peeling paint on their vehicle's licence plate is required to visit an Access Nova Scotia Centre to obtain a replacement plate. Defective plates will be replaced at no cost. Some Nova Scotia licence plates produced in 2008 have experienced peeling paint. The plates are in the ENG001 to ETA499 range. If the plate is within the identified range, it does not need to be brought to an Access Nova Scotia Centre. If a plate outside the identified range has peeling paint, drivers are asked to bring in the plate. Out of the 85,000 Bluenose plates manufactured in 2008, about 17,000 have been replaced to date for various reasons, including peeling. Under the Motor Vehicle Act, Nova Scotians are responsible for ensuring their licence plates are clearly visible and legible to law enforcement agencies.

ABLE Engineering Services Inc., an engineering and land-survey consulting firm based in Chester with an office in Tantallon, has merged with Hiltz and Seamone, a Kentville-based consulting firm established in 1959.

Salmon fishermen in Nova Scotia were pleased to learn The Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation (ASCF) has awarded \$102,137 to eight separate conservation projects in Nova Scotia. The eight projects funded in Nova Scotia range from salmon habitat restoration in the East River Watershed in Pictou County to invasive species research in the LaHave River Watershed. As well, Dalhousie University is being funded for a research project into the life history of the Atlantic salmon. Conservation awards for 2017 in Nova Scotia include: Acid Rain Mitigation Plans for the 13 priority watersheds for Southern Upland Salmon in Nova Scotia. Amount: \$15,000 for 2017 (3rd year of 3 year project, total: \$45,000). Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation: LaHave River Watershed Project - Aquatic Connectivity Assessment and Restoration - 2017 and Invasive Species Research Project. Amount: \$15,000; Cheticamp River Salmon Association: Fish passage improvements within the Cheticamp River watershed. Amount: \$9,500; Inverness South Anglers Association: Southwest Mabou River Salmon Habitat Restoration Plan. Amount: \$5,000; Nova Scotia Salmon Association: The West River Acid Mitigation Project 2017. Amount: \$20,137; Pictou County Rivers Association: Restoration of Atlantic Salmon Habitat in the East River Watershed, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Amount: \$7,500; Sackville Rivers Association: River Restoration 2017. Amount: \$5,000 and St. Mary's River Association: Salmon Habitat Enhancement (West River St. Mary's). Amount: \$25,000. Also awarded was the following Applied Science funding of \$39,500 to: Dalhousie University (Hutchings): Life history modelling project for wild Atlantic salmon. Amount: \$37,500 for 2017 (1st year of 2 year project, total: \$75,000)

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Chiganois Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

Virtue of the month of April was Service. The students worked hard this month at demonstrating service through their actions.

Thank you to all who helped with the pot pie fundraiser. It was a great success with \$1500 raised.

The PTG held a glow party spring dance on April 21st from 6:30-8pm at the school gym with a canteen, glow sticks and 50/50 draw. Proceeds will go toward PTG purchases for the students.

A shed for the Outdoor Play and Loose Parts initiative at the school is currently being built by students at Cobequid Educational Center in the CEP (Career Exploration Program). The shed will house current playground equipment as well as other items so that students can be inventive, imaginative and creative in their play.

The students and staff of Chiganois Elementary School celebrated Easter with a delicious Ham dinner provided through the cafeteria on Wednesday, April 12th during the lunch hour.

The School Advisory Council is an integral function of Chiganois Elementary School. The Council meets about six times throughout the school year. During the last meeting Council was updated on the major maintenance requests that are submitted to the school board yearly. Also, the data from the provincial assessments for grade three and four were reviewed and discussed. The School Advisory Council is a great way to get involved

in the life of the school. A big thank you to the parents, community members, and staff who volunteer their time to the school in this capacity. It is greatly appreciated by all.

Just a reminder Chiganois is a scent free school. This would include items such as perfumes, hair gels and hand sanitizers. Also, we are peanut free due to allergies on site. Please be aware when packing a lunch for your child. Wow Butter is fine.

Parents are asked to inform the school of any contagious student illness to prevent its spread including Impetigo, Foot and Mouth, and Fifth's. Also, parents should inform the school of head lice so we can provide information to our school community to prevent it from spreading to others. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

This coming year the school will be handling student supplies differently than in the past few years. The school will no longer be collecting student supply money, rather each classroom teacher will be preparing a supply list that will be sent home in June and it will be the responsibility of parents/guardians to purchase the student supply items on the list to begin school in September. Also, the lists will be made available for parents through the school website to access in case the paper copy gets misplaced throughout the summer months.

Thanks to all the volunteers who help make many things possible at Chiganois Elementary for all students! Your Time,

Treasure and Talents that are shared through volunteering are appreciated whether a contribution is big or small. The school is always looking for support with the Library Services offered at the school. If you have a couple hours to spare each week it is a great way to get involved in the community school. As well, if anyone would like to be a set of ears for students who may need a bit of reading practice and you or someone you

know is interested, please do not hesitate to contact the school. All paper work necessary for volunteering is required.

A special assembly for earth day was held on Friday, April 21st.

Looking ahead to May: Virtue Assembly will be held on May 1st. The Chiganois Showcase will be held on May 16th. May 19th is a Professional Development Day, no school for students and May 22nd is Victoria Day Holiday. SAC/PTG meeting will be held on May 30th.



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