

PHOTO FEATURE

Masstown Market Holds Community Supper on April 19th- the tables were filled with friends and neighbours chatting together as they enjoyed hearty beef stew.
(Harrington Photos)



Masstown Market's Laurie Jennings chats with neighbours at the Community Supper.



Eric and Priscilla Jennings, who started Masstown Market back in 1969, joined friends and neighbours at the Community Supper.



Joy Reid, Phyllis McCully, Carrie and Vernon McCully pick up their Market-made beef stew and rolls.



Dessert was cake an ice cream with the cake decorated to show the new link on Masstown Market's webpage where everyone can find out "What's Happening in Masstown".

Embracing Spring at West Colchester Consolidated School

By Heather Boyd

We are into the third term already and our sights are set on June! Second-term report cards went home and parent teacher meetings took place April 5th and 7th. Students continue to work hard at their studies and activities, and we look forward to everyone striving to do their best in this final term of the year.

Spring weather is finally here and WCCS will embrace it to the fullest. Students and staff have several activities planned to celebrate spring this year. Mr. Matthews is doing board games with P-3 students after school on Tuesdays during April, and Mr. White will begin Thrive Girls for the junior highs.

Junior high students will be enjoying a trip to the Rath Eastlink Community Centre to swim; grades P-3 will be bound for Truro to visit the library, police station, and town hall; and grades 4-6 will be venturing to the Wildlife Park in Shubenacadie.

Our leadership crew will begin plans for our school's end of year dance and our yearbook committee is hard at work taking pictures and logging important events such as basketball intramurals, hockey, and badminton during lunch. We are pleased to say that all year-end plans for prom and yearbook will proceed as normal.

The Home and School and SAC had productive meetings in March and they will be looking for volunteers in the coming weeks. They will be putting a call out for help with our Breakfast Program in the fall and planning the Peace Keepers Luncheon in late May. We appreciate everyone's continued support.

A reminder to community members. You can get in our delicious lunches every Tuesday...this is NOT your typical school cafeteria food, it's good home cookin'. Call 647-3500 to order.

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More than 1,000 students across the province are enrolled in skilled trades courses which was announced over a year ago by Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and MLA, Colchester North. On April 3rd Casey announced seven additional high schools will benefit from the centres. The province's Capital Plan, announced in January, included \$5 million to expand Skilled Trades Centres across Nova Scotia. Funding will be allocated during 2017-18 and 2018-19. Discussions with the school boards and school principals will determine what course offerings will be available in each community. By 2019-20, government plans to have 25 Skilled Trades Centres across the province. Schools that will become Skilled Trades Centres are: Cobequid Education Centre, Truro; Riverview Rural High School, Coxheath; Sir John A. MacDonald High School, Upper Tantallon; Digby Regional High School, Digby; Richmond Academy, Louisdale; Amherst High School, Amherst and Central Kings Rural High School, Cambridge.

In a meeting in Saint John, NB on April 12, Atlantic premiers focused on clean energy's potential for job creation and economic growth and established the Atlantic Clean Energy Partnership. Nova Scotia leads all provinces in greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions through work to transform the electricity sector to cleaner energy sources. Nova Scotia signed on to the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change last December and has committed to establishing a cap and trade program to further reduce GHG emissions. The premiers agreed to establish the Atlantic Clean Energy Partnership with a focus on identifying potential enhancements to electricity generation and transmission infrastructure, promoting energy efficiency, as well as the demonstration, deployment and adoption of clean energy technologies. The partnership will see provinces working together, along with the Government of Canada, to identify opportunities to improve the region's energy sector while meeting provincial objectives under the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. These objectives are closely aligned with the goals of the Atlantic Growth Strategy, a regional initiative announced in 2016 to stimulate economic growth, support innovative and resource-based industries and increase job opportunities for Atlantic Canadians.

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Spring Clean Up Tips and Reminders

Spring Clean Up will be taking place May 29th to June 2nd in Zones 1 & 2

- **Bagged garbage MUST be placed in CLEAR BAGS** for collection. Black, blue or other solid coloured bags **WILL NOT** be collected.
- All items must be placed within 10 feet of the road by **7am on the MONDAY of your collection week. Smaller items must be bagged or bundled.**
- The total amount to be set out **cannot exceed 650 lbs** (imagine the amount that can fit into the back of a half tonne truck).
- A number of trucks will pass by your home collecting specific items. **These trucks will pass by once.** Roads are inspected at the end of the day ensuring all acceptable items are collected. **Material set out after the trucks have passed will not be collected.**
- **Electronics, such as televisions, computers, printers and monitors will NOT be collected curbside during clean up.** Visit www.recyclemyelectronics.ca or call 1-888-567-4535 to find out your nearest drop off location.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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