

Annual Report
June 2016
Hantsport School



Principal's Message

2015-16 has been an exciting year at Hantsport School. Our renovations are finally complete and students have modern, clean, and large learning spaces.

Beyond the classroom it has been an eventful year. Here are some highlights:

- Grand Reopening of Hantsport School – May 26, 2016
- Terry Fox Run, Running Club at the Valley Fun Run
- Learn to Fish; Swim to Survive; SMILE
- WE Day – third consecutive year!
- Creation of a GSA
- Winter Carnival
- Concerts, Band Festival, Band Trip to Berwick to play for seniors
- Sports teams winning Regionals and new Track and Field records!
- Science Fair and Heritage Fair
- School Pirate Drama production
- Two plays at Mermaid Theatre for the whole school
- Puppetry Workshops with Mermaid Theatre for the whole school
- Grade 4/5 Trip to the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia for their book gala
- Grade 6 trip to Kingswood Camp
- Grade 7/8 trip to Camp Brigadoon
- Cyber Safety Presentations to Grades 4-8 by RCMP
- Phase III of renovations completed! Classrooms were renovated for the beginning of school and during the year: new Office Area, front foyer, Family Studies, Art Room, Music Room, Cafeteria, and Library!

Hantsport School has an excellent staff that is committed to the education and well-being of our students.

Staff members moving on to new schools are Mr. Beaton, Ms. Conroy, Ms. Bigelow, Mr. Stevens and Ms. Singer. We are welcoming Ms. Hardy back as a support teacher in Math and Language Arts for our First Nation students.

I wish everyone a restful summer and hope you return to school in the fall recharged and ready for new challenges.

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New Classroom!



New Entrance

Student Achievement

Hantsport School continued with their process of School Improvement by working on the following goals for the next school year:

Goal 1: Writing

80% of students in each class will independently apply grade level appropriate writing conventions.

Goal 2: Math

Word Problems will be addressed across all grade levels. Focus will be on how to read word problems including how to take out data, identifying the important information and to really focus on the math language.

Stay up to date. Visit the school web site:

<http://www.hantsport.ednet.ns.ca/>



School and Community

During the 2015 - 2016 school year, there were approximately 165 students registered in Grades P-8. There were 13 teachers, 5 Educational Assistants, 1 Native Student Advisor, 1 secretary, 3 custodians, and 1 Principal. We are very proud of our 16 Grade Primary students who had an excellent beginning to their school experience. We wish all the best to the 28 Grade 8 students who will be off to Horton in the fall. Their contribution to the Horton school community will be substantial in terms of academic achievement, participation on sports teams, membership in clubs and the bands and overall strong leadership. Our graduates will represent this school well!

Thanks

Thanks to all of the volunteers, parents and local businesses. In particular we would like to recognize the Lion's Club, Valley Credit Union and the Hantsport Baptist, United and Anglican Churches who have given time and money to Hantsport School over the past year. Your contributions have been invaluable in making the past year so successful.



Professional Learning for Staff

Early Dismissal time is created when we add instructional time to the school day. This banked time is then used to allow the school to have eight early dismissals during the school year.

What goes on during those Early Dismissal days?

School staff participated in a variety of Professional Development activities. Staff spent two afternoons with AVRSB Technology Mentor Bill Doucet, Literacy Mentor Beth Lamb-Hamilton and Math Mentors Kim Tatlock.

Math Mentors Brad Pemberton and Kim Tatlock worked with teachers on math instructional practice including the new Grade 4-6 curriculum.

Literacy mentor Beth Lamb-Hamilton worked with teachers in Reading and Writing instructional practice.

Our students continue to perform very well on the grades 3, 4, 6 and 8 Provincial Assessments. This, and other classroom data is used to drive our CSI goals and to improve instruction.

There was also a variety of staff initiated professional development including conferences on Behaviour Interventions, Masters level courses, math instructional inservicing and the new 4-6 Curriculum.

The Hantsport School staff members are committed to improving their skills and knowledge in order to meet the needs of their students.



Fun in the Snow!

Safe and Caring Environment

Hantsport Students show respect for themselves, each other, and the staff by giving presentations to the school on anti-bullying. Students take great pride in playing a role in the creation of a respectful, safe school.

Race Relations, Cross Cultural Awareness and Human Rights (RCH) Initiatives

Over the past year students have had many opportunities to experience other cultures and see their importance to our school. We work to represent a diversity of cultures in the curriculum so that students 'see' themselves reflected in the daily life of the school.

We have had classroom presentations on Mi'kmaq culture and tradition by the native Student Advisor Kelly Holleman.

There have been presentations to Middle Level students and staff by members of the LGBTQ community.

Students in grades 3 - 8 participated in the school Heritage Fair with strong representation at the Regional and Provincial fairs!



Heritage Fair Winners



Anti-Bullying Assembly



Studying Geography with a Giant Map of Canada

Student Involvement and Successes

Sports Teams

We are a small school that enjoys strong participation in a wide variety of sports teams for both boys and girls: Cross Country Running, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field and Running Club. Coaches are volunteers from both the school staff and community.

This year both the Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams won their Regional Championships!



Music Program

The school band finished the year with a trip to Berwick to play at a Senior Citizens' Residence. The December and June Concerts filled the gym and the development of the young musicians was notable. Mr. Taylor continued an elementary strings group and an elementary choir and Glee Club as noon activities. We enjoyed various musical guests this year including the Horton Grade 9 Concert band and Glee Club and the Valley Honour Choir.



Clubs

Ms. Doucette held an Art Club at lunch time. There were also Anime, Games and D&D Clubs.

Citizenship Group

Ms. Brothers' Citizenship Group participated in local and international projects. Pajamas were given to local families and funds were raised to benefit families in a small village in Kenya.

The Citizenship Committee participated in We Day in November at the Metro Centre.



Student Leadership

Students participated in We Scare Hunger to collect food items which were donated for the food bank as well as pajamas for local families in need.

Home & School Association

Home and School is a great way to get involved in the life of Hantsport School. One big project that continued this year is a playground fundraising drive to replace the structure at the front of the school. Parent volunteers can support the school by being classroom volunteers, helping with the spring fair and book fair, and by participating in fund raising (Spring Fair, TAN Coffee Sales) which is used for classroom events and resources. The meeting times are on the school calendar which is posted on the school web site.