Tantallon Junior Elementary - 2025

## April Newsletter

### Dates to remember

April 2nd - Parent teacher
Conferences 4:30-6:30pm.
April 3rd -Professional Practice
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Conferences 1-3pm/ No school
April 18th -Good Friday
April 21st- Easter Monday
April 23rd - TESPA meeting
(6:30pm TSES)
April 25th -Popcorn Day

April 29th - SAC Meeting (6:30 - Virtual)
April 30th - PD day/No school



Lost & Found

Please check our Lost & Found for any missing items during Parent

Teacher Conferences this week.

All remaining items will be donated on Friday, April 4th.

### Welcome to April

April is here and we are ready to start our 3rd term of the school year. Spring has arrived and that means lots of mud on the property.

There has been lots of cooperative play on the school grounds. Dressing for the conditions is recommended (rubber boots, splash pants, etc), as we go outside in most weather conditions, the exception being heavy rain.

Spring time also means we will be conducting the remaining safety drills for this school year. We will have a fire drill next week and the remaining two in May and June.

#### Measles prevention in Nova Scotia

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We are sharing the following on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health: Measles cases are rising in Canada. Measles is a virus that spreads easily and can cause serious complications. The best way to prevent measles is vaccination. Nova Scotia offers free vaccines to eligible people. These can be given by primary care providers, pharmacists and Public Health.

Parents are encouraged to check their family's vaccine records and get the measles vaccine if missing doses. Check your vaccine records at vaxrecordns.nshealth.ca.

Who should get vaccinated?

#### Anyone born in or after 1970

should get two doses of vaccine, typically given at 12 and 18 months. If missed, children and adults can catch up for free.

Adults born before 1970 are

generally considered immune but can get a single dose if travelling.

#### Infants 6-12 months old can

get a single dose if travelling but still require two doses after their first birthday to complete the series.

Find out more about measles vaccination: www.nshealth.ca/measles.



#### World Autism Awareness Day

Recognizing and celebrating World Autism Awareness Day in our schools fosters inclusion, understanding, and support for those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). On April 2 and every day, we strive to raise autism awareness among peers and educators, celebrate accomplishments and promote acceptance for those with ASD. Join us in creating a positive community where all students can thrive and learn about each other's diverse experiences.

# Did you know? Teachers use the <u>Six Pillars of Effective Reading</u> <a href="Instruction">Instruction</a> (<u>Français</u>) to support students' learning.

Reading is best learned when children get clear and structured support in key skills: listening, recognizing sounds in words, learning letter sounds, building vocabulary, reading smoothly and understanding what they read. These skills work together and when you strengthen one, it helps improve the others.

Good reading instruction includes learning how letters and words work and practicing reading in books. The goal is for children to understand what they read, enjoy reading and learn new things from books.

The links below may help you support your children with reading at home:

- ·Ideas for parents to help children to practice their reading and writing skills
- ·10 Ideas to Raise A Reader



#### Purple Tag Program reminder

Just a friendly reminder that children in Pre-Primary to Grade 2 who use school transportation must have a purple tag on the left side of their backpack. This is to ensure they are not left alone at a bus stop. If your child doesn't have a purple tag or needs a new one, please reach out to the main office. Children who use special needs transportation do not require a purple