# Gagetown School Parent Page



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## UNB Computer Science Presentation

On Friday March 24th Sarah Jarvis, a recruiter for the UNB Facility Computer Science, attended Gagetown School to give a presentation on the true meaning of computer sciences. She explained that computer science/programming is not just hacking or playing video games, it includes figuring out puzzles, problems and formulas to create something such as a game or website. I never quite realized how much these sciences really do for our world nowadays. Sarah also spoke about the impact of computer programming and sciences and how they are part of our everyday life!

Jarvis also included a video Mrs. speaking to the workplace, community and teamwork behind all of our favourite games and programs. Furthermore, Sarah sampled some coding games that we can try at home for free! Sarah explained that you don't actually have to be a math whiz to be a computer programmer, she elaborated by saying that you need only one math credit, science credits and mostly English credits in grade twelve to be accepted into their coding classes. You could clearly see that Sarah truly enjoys what she does and loves sharing her knowledge with The presentation was others! intriguing, informative and I believe opened up career possibilities to students who had never thought of such a career.

#### ~ Elizabeth Grade 8

#### PRUDE and the Human Rights Commission

On March 17, the Gagetown School had 3 guest speakers from Prude and the Human Rights Commison. The grade 5-8 students were thrilled to welcome Ralph Thomas, Sheri McAulay (the Cultural Awareness Facilitator) and Carl White into our lovely school. Sheri even said that Gagetown was the best behaved most welcoming school she has ever spoken to!

The speakers had beautiful posters, and activities to give us an insight on discrimination and stereotyping. Sheri had a lovely exercise about making assumptions. Everyone seemed to have a fantastic time trying to guess the voices of the girls from around the world, and looking at all of the gorgeous displays.

Mr. White and Mr. Thomas also spoke about the History of Black Settlers in New Brunswick and the many challenges and obstacles they overcame. I think all of us left that presentation with a deeper insight on racism, discrimination, stereotyping and assumptions.

- ~ Elizabeth Grade 8

\*Students have been encouraged to enter an essay writing competition.

## <u>Gagetown Heritage Fair</u>

At the Heritage Fair there were a lot of projects. There was a long bridge project by Robbie and Owen, an old track project, and Gwendolyn had a quiz and if you got it right you would get double sided tape! Grades K-2 got to sing "Canada Is" and Delaney sang O'Canada. I think Evan in Grade 8 did a project on the Meadows School in winter. Constance did a project on the Titanic. Tyra did a maple syrup stand. It was yummy! Mrs. Francis was the announcer. There were prizes and I did not win anything. I was inspired to do projects from the old tracks project.

- ~ Preston Grade 2



Last week we had the Heritage Fair at our school. Every student from grades 3 to 8 were involved The K to 2 sang a wonderful song called "Canada Is" and did a magnificent job! The students were judged in two categories; 3-5 and 6-8. There was a first, second and third place winners. There was even a student choice award and an honorable mention award. This was the first Heritage Fair that I participated in and I felt I did very well due to the fact that I got first place. The Heritage Fair is a great experience for students to learn how to make a project, write an essay, and learn how to present a project. I can't wait for next year's Heritage Fair!!

~ Olivia – Grade 5



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Heritage Fair Winners:

<u>Middle Level:</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Place Elizabeth Estabrooks: *Importance of Rural Schools* 



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Helen Stoney: *Charles Ingram Gorham* 



Isabel Francis: Sara Edmonds Civil War Spy



Honorable Mention: Rayleen Conway & Maddy Hawkes: Steamers on the St. John



Teacher's Choice: Evan Coy: Meadow Brook School



<u>Grades 3-5</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Olivia McDougall: *NBCCD* 



2<sup>nd</sup> Place-

Lily Murphy: Native Crafts



Place-Emily Randall & Delaney Mallery: *McConchie Farm* 



Honorable Mention: Brian Beattie: Viola Desmond



# Health Note National Nutrition Month 2017

By Fredericton and Upper Valley Horizon Public Health Registered Dietitians

March is Nutrition Month and in honor of this, your local Horizon Public Health Dietitians along with Dietitians of Canada are helping to support Canadians in taking the fight out of food. The slogan for the 2017 campaign is Take the fight out of food! Spot the problem. Get the facts. Seek Support.

Eating should be joyful, not a source of everyday frustration and confusion. Try this three-step approach:

1. Spot the problem. Define what's causing your fight with food first.

2. Get the facts. Use facts from credible sources to decide what needs to be done to solve the problem.

3. Seek support. Put the plan into action with support from a dietitian, family and friends.

## Check out

# www.NutritionMonth2017.ca

to find all the resources. If you are looking for free apps to get you started, check out the "Get the Apps" link on this website. These apps are a convenient way to access dietitian expertise any time.



In support of Nutrition Month all students were given a fruit cup and a bagel from the Great Canadian Bagel. Students enjoyed trying new fruits and the bagels were delicious!



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## Middle Level Basketball

This year's basketball team had a great year. The Gagetown Eagles played a great season, only losing 2 games the first and last. This year the Eagles won second place against Chipman Forest Avenue School in the finals. The members of the team were: Connor, Jimmie, Willard, Helen, Faith, Isabel, Patrick, Constance, Xavier, Emily, Logan and Evan. They all played their hardest and we look forward to seeing them on the team next year, except for Jimmie, Willard, Helen, Connor and Evan who will be in high school next year! Great season to the Eagles, we look forward to seeing the gold around your neck next season!

~ Helen – Grade 8



## **Medication at School**

Parents this is a friendly reminder that students should not be bringing medication with them to school, unless stated in a plan that was developed with the school team. Policy 704 does go into detail the requirements of when medication needs to be administered at school, we do have temporary forms that need to be filled out and the medication is to be brought to school in the original container. If you have further questions about this policy feel free to call the school and we will go over the process with you, the number is 488-3561.

#### Prude Presentation Pictures



