

# Inverness Education Centre Academy

SEMESTER 2 | MARCH | 2022



## Important Dates

March 1 <sup>st</sup>	SAC Meeting 6pm
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Admin Day – Gr. PP-8 no classes, Gr. 9-12 Regular Classes
March 14-18 <sup>th</sup>	March Break
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Spring Fling – School Colours Day
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Spring Fling – PJ/Jersey Day, Gr. P-6 Book Bingo (am)
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring Fling – Decades Day (Dress in 70's, 80's, 90's ...) Grade 7-12 Lip Sync, Grade P-6 Audience
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Fling – Celebrity/Idol Day (Dress like a celebrity or your idol) Gr. P-6 Activities (am)
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Fling – Class Colour Day, Gr. P-6 Movies (pm), snack provided. SAC will be providing Sundae's as a treat.

## Parking / Pick up & Drop off Areas



Please be reminded that the main driveway/fire lanes in front and at the side of the school are **NOT** for parking. If you are picking up a student or need to come into the building, please park in the designated spaces in the parking lot.

## After School Arrangements

For the safety of our students there is a need for IECA to enforce our policy on after school arrangements. It can get very busy at the office, and it can be difficult for our secretary to get messages to students and teachers in a timely manner.

Parents/guardians are required to send a note with your child in the morning informing the homeroom teacher of any changes in after school arrangements.

If something unexpected comes up and your child is already at school, you are asked to email the school, ([ieca.office@srce.ca](mailto:ieca.office@srce.ca)) before **12:30pm** to have the arrangements updated.

## Water Bottles



Please do not forget to send your child's water bottle to school. SRCE has removed the older style water fountains for COVID-19 safety reasons and replaced them with water bottle fill stations. Please make sure your child has a water bottle as there will be no cups available. This will also help reduce plastic waste.



## African Heritage Month

To celebrate African Heritage Month, the students in Grade 4 created African art as well as researched and presented African Canadians and their contributions to our shared history



A huge thank you goes out to our teacher Robert LeLievre who has been the lead on providing students with the breakfast program. With Robert's dedication to the breakfast program, he has been able to encourage other staff members and students to become very dedicated to the program. It has been so rewarding watching how dedicated some of our high school students have become. These teenagers are arriving to school early each morning ready to prepare breakfast.

We are so proud of you all!





Our Co op Ed students exploring electronic engineering.



Grade 12 Chemistry class made some mixtures of solutions this week.



Our breakfast program featured banana muffins made by our students.



## TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT



On March 26, Inverness Education Centre/Academy is hosting a circuit tournament of the Nova Scotia Table Tennis Association. Anyone, regardless of age and skills, who is interested can register for the tournament. Players from all over Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and PEI register for the tournament. Naturally players of school teams are especially encouraged. All Inverness County residents can register for a reduced fee of \$10.00 (Students) or \$15.00 (Adults). Inverness ECA students are free to attend. Play starts at 9.30 AM. Doors open at 8.15 AM. Players play in divisions (Round Robin competition) that match their playing level. Each division will have prizes for first and second places. Players will play at least 8 or more matches.

Equipment: 12 Double Fish Match ITTF approved tables.

Register by emailing [peter.goosens@srce.ca](mailto:peter.goosens@srce.ca) by March 23, 6 PM.



March break programming announcement: In partnership with St. John Ambulance and the school CYCP, SchoolsPlus will be offering a babysitting course for students (age 11+) and a movie day for students in grades 3-5 on Wednesday, March 16th. For more information or to register, please contact Diane MacDonald, SchoolsPlus Community Outreach Worker at (902) 258-7372. Program spaces are limited.



**EXPLORE**



## **It's not too late to apply!**

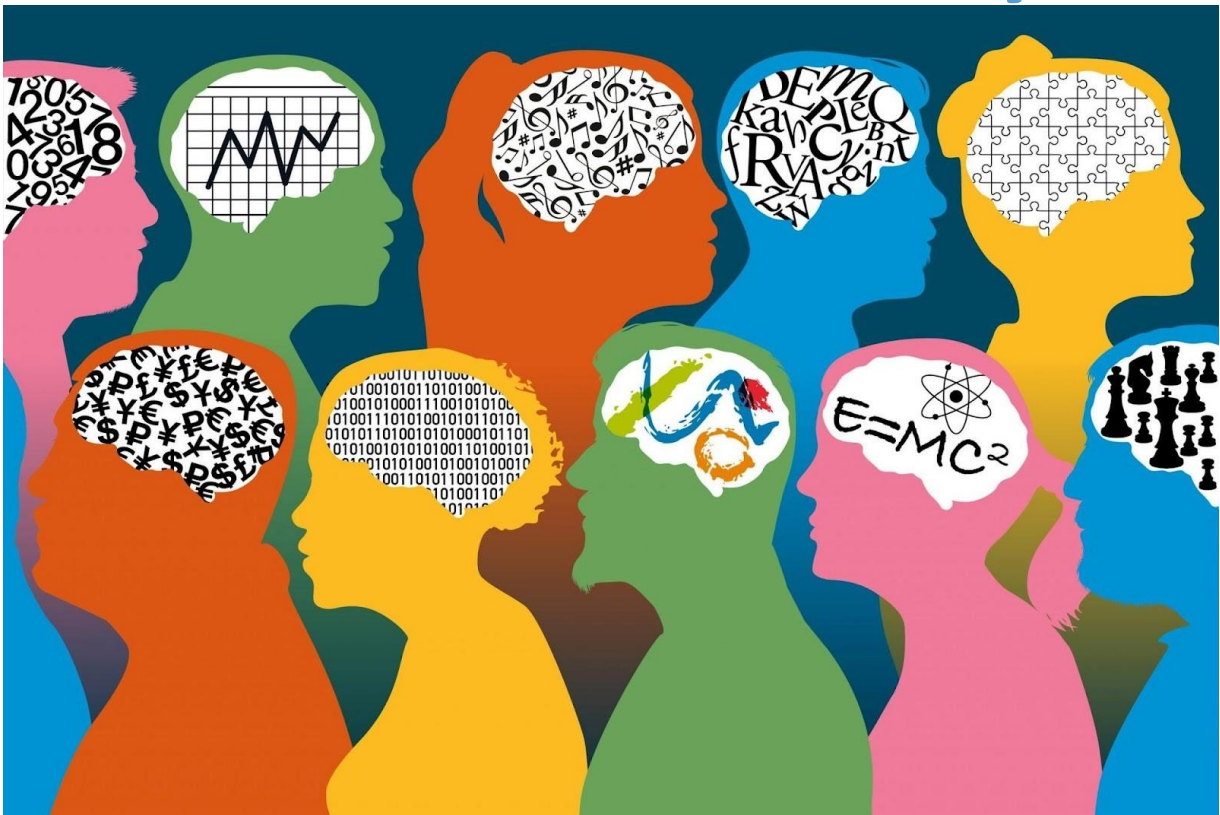
Explore is a once in a lifetime experience for all students aged 13+. This French-immersion summer program is more than just a French course, it's an opportunity for you to experience Francophone culture in a whole new way! The program allows participants to travel somewhere new and make new friends! It is open to all French levels; you are not required to be in French immersion to participate. The Official Languages programs (OLP) are funded by the government of Canada, and it's a great way to learn and practice French outside of the school year.

Candidates can select up to three preferences in their application, choosing which sessions interests them the most based on their location and what the host institution has to offer in to make the program unique! The OLP is happy to offer Explore sessions in-person and virtually. The sooner you apply, the better your chances are of being selected for a spot.

For more information and to apply, visit [EnglishFrench.ca](http://EnglishFrench.ca). Have questions? Contact Nova Scotia's promotion agent, Caroline Hitchcock – [caroline.hitchcock@novascotia.ca](mailto:caroline.hitchcock@novascotia.ca), 902-424-8352.



# Devoted to Diversity



With help from a Community Health Board grant, a small group of volunteers has created *Devoted to Diversity*. The goal is to create a safe space and community for neurodiverse children and their families. There will be monthly meetings for parents and caregivers to offer support and friendship. The meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm at the Belle Cote Community Centre. Volunteers will be present to play with children in a separate room so parents can attend the meeting. These informal meetings are intended to give parents a safe space to talk openly about challenges and successes. Guest speakers will be invited if needs are expressed. Our first meeting on **Wednesday, March 2** will be an informal meet and greet and refreshments and light snacks will be provided.

Family events will also be hosted. On the third Saturday of each month, there will be family events. These events will vary in activity and location as we hope to cater to all families in Northern Inverness County. Our first family event will be held at the Cranton Crossroads Community Centre in Margaree on **Sunday, March 20th at 2:00pm**. There will be play time in the gym and snacks.

There is so much room for this group to grow and provide children with fun activities and parents with a community to support each other through the challenges and successes of raising a family. As the group name suggests, we are devoted to diversity, so if you feel this group can benefit you, your child(ren) or your family in any way, we invite you to join us. There is a Facebook group called ***Devoted to Diversity - Inverness*** that you can join for more updates and information. You can also email [devotedtodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:devotedtodiversity@gmail.com).



Get in gear at the Museum of Industry this March break. Kids can see some real drag racers and custom-built cars, plus our vintage Nova Scotia – built cars in our exhibit galleries. Test your driving skills by taking a ride-on Plasma Car for a spin around our racetrack. Design your own car with modelling clay and compete for finish line on the toy-car racing ramp. There will be lots more to see and do, so race as fast as you can to The Checkered Flag!

March 12 – 20, 2022, 10:00 – 4:00 each day.

**Drop-in Programs, each day:**

RC Grand Prix: Get behind the wheel of a remote-control race car

Race Track: Race your friends around our track on a ride-on Plasma Car

Drag Race Ramp: Choose a toy car and compete on our Race Ramp.

Art Activity: Design your own car with modelling clay, to take home.

Craft: Make a car puppet to take home

Scavenger Hunt: Search the Museum galleries for clues, complete a puzzle and collect a prize.

**Scheduled Activities:**

Saturday March 12, 1:30 – Meet a Junior Drag Racer for a talk about his experience racing cars.

Tuesday March 15, 10:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:00 – Join artist Ryan MacDonald and learn how to draw cars.

Thursday March 17, 1:00 – 3:00 – Meet a mechanic from New Glasgow's Bespoke Motor Company, and hear how they build and restore cars right here in Nova Scotia



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[Museumofindustry.novascotia.ca](http://Museumofindustry.novascotia.ca)

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