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GRADE 5 ACTIVITY PASSES WILL BE MAKING A SPLASH THIS SUMMER

ANNAPOLIS CO. JUNE 30, 2010—The school year may have come to an end but the Grade 5 Activity Passes are still going strong; in fact, students are being encouraged to use their passes to take the plunge.

The Grade 5 Activity Pass, part of the Canada Gets Active Program, is a nation-wide pilot project aimed at getting Grade 5 students active. Annapolis County was one of only 6 counties chosen to participate throughout Canada. The Grade 5 Physical Activity Pass allows students free access to participating recreation facilities at designated times and free rides to these facilities on the King's Transit buses for students and chaperones. The program is being offered in Annapolis County through Annapolis County Club 400: The Order of Active Living.

“This program has given about 200 of our young people the opportunity to become more active and, in turn, develop a healthier lifestyle,” said Annapolis County Warden Peter Newton. “The fact local fitness facilities have offered to include their swimming pools, and where applicable their gym, during the summer months speaks volumes of their dedication to this program and the children who are participating in it.”

The passes are being accepted at participating recreation facilities until August 31st. Students can use their passes to go swimming at the outdoor pools in Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown, Lawrencetown and Middleton. Also, the pass is still being accepted at the Greenwood Fitness & Sport Centre for indoor swimming and the use of the gym.

“The County is very fortunate to have close partnerships with organizations that assist in making the most of initiatives such as the Canada Gets Active Program,” said Warden Newton.

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association is also recognized by the County of Annapolis for their contribution and support in successfully obtaining this program.

If you are interested in learning more about the Grade 5 Activity Pass you may contact André Bouchard, Active Living Facilitator, at (902) 532-0286 or activeliving@annapoliscounty.ns.ca .

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