

# NOVA SCOTIA SPORT HALL OF FAME

“Education Program Wraps Up a Busy Winter Season”

Education Program Update



*Former NHL star and Stanley Cup winner Jon Sim spoke to over 350 students at West Pictou Consolidated School in Pictou County, sharing his experiences and the challenges he faced during his hockey career.*

## January to April 2014

**41** Presentations and Over **6500** Youth Reached this year.

- Over the past four months the Hall of Fame education program visited schools throughout HRM and travelled to the Chignecto, Strait, & Cape Breton Regions to conduct school presentations.

## FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS & HALL OF FAMERS INCLUDED:

**Jon Sim:** Former NHL Dallas Stars Stanley Cup winner. Spoke of his hockey career and how he got involved. He shared the obstacles he faced from not being a tall player and how he overcame them.

**Luke Demetre:** 2014 Olympic bobsledder. Touched base on his Olympic experience and the challenges and injuries he faced chasing his dreams.

**Mickey Fox:** Two-time NBA Draft pick & 2010 Basketball Inductee. Mickey shared messages with the kids about having role models and trying your best.

- For March Break our program travelled to The Tim Hortons Tatamagouche Children's March Break Camp. The week-long camp experience involved youth from across Nova Scotia.
- This spring the program will be visiting schools in the Annapolis Valley, along the South Shore and Cape Breton. Multiple school groups are scheduled to visit our facility in the Metro Centre for presentations as well.
- The Hall of Fame Fox Harb'r Invitational Golf Tournament held annually in the second week of September raises important funds to support the Hall of Fame education program. This year's tournament is September 11-12.
- If you are interested in attending an education program presentation, please contact Bill Robinson or Sarah Conn at 421-1266.

*Hall of Famer and basketball star Mickey Fox spoke to Middle River Consolidated students located on the Cabot Trail in Cape Breton. Eleven students from Grades 2 to 6 were on hand in this small rural school presentation.*



## **SCHOOL FEEDBACK:**

**Rebecca Bain, Resource Teacher**  
**Atlantic Memorial/Terence Bay Elementary**

“After your presentation we held a little optional writing challenge for students. We asked them to write about how the presentation inspired them. Two of the pieces were drawn from a hat to win the T-shirts provided. We were overwhelmed with the response and felt we should share all the writing with you. It is evident that the presentation had a huge, positive impact on the students and motivated them to write. I’ve copied all the pieces and sent them to the mail address listed on your email to your attention.”

Enjoy reading them!

Thanks again,

Rebecca Bain

Dear Mr. Fox and Ms. Conn,

Thank you for coming to our school! We think it is pretty cool that you take the time to visit classrooms! We liked watching the presentation and seeing how people have achieved their goals. Ms. Conn was really good at explaining things.

Mr. Fox was very funny and inspirational. His story about Terry Fox and his mom were very moving. We wish we could have met them both. We liked Mr. Fox's quote: “You only fail if you fail to try”. This made us realize that we can do anything if we try! We thought it was great that Mr. Fox was a gym teacher and wish he could come and teach us some basketball skills.

Thanks again for coming! We hope to see you again sometime!

Sincerely,  
The Students of Grade 6 Bradfield/Thornhill  
Central Spryfield Elementary School

**James King, Principal**  
**Atlantic View Elementary School, Lawrencetown, NS**

“I found the presentation to be very thought provoking for the students on a topic that can be overlooked. It has inspired a number of teachers and staff to consider the NS Sports Hall of Fame a destination for future class trips.”