



Grades 4 to 6 award winners for March at Debert Elementary included (l to r) Amy Millican, Paul Newman, Jessie Steeves, Jessie Weatherby, Brennan Fraser, Brad Metlin-Rendle, John Carrigan, Matthew Cook. (Missing from photo was Michaela Priest). (Harrington Photo)



Monthly awards were presented to students at Debert Elementary on April 9th. Grades Primary to Three winners included (left to right): Jared Otterson, Bradley Weatherby, Lindsay Fraser, Jordan Fisher, Myah Murphy, Christina Rines, Ryan Benoit, Cavan MacLean, Blaise Taylor, Ethan Totten, Harlan Morrissey, Chyler Smith. (Harrington Photo)

Debert Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

Maritime Marionettes paid a visit to the school on April 2nd. Earth Day was celebrated on April 22nd with a general clean-up of school grounds. Family members were invited to join students. Students were encouraged to dress green as well as carry a "litter less" lunch.

RCMP Constable Jane MacDonald has been appointed Community Liaison Officer and she is working with the school and community. The PTG donated \$1000 to the library for purchase of new books. Heritage Fair was held on April 22nd.

Safety of staff and students is always top priority at the school and a new secure entry system will help increase this level of safety. All doors remained locked from the outside and those wishing

to enter must push the buzzer and identify themselves prior to entry.

DES presents monthly award certificates to students who display outstanding effort in different areas. The certificates for February were awarded at the March Assembly and March's were awarded at the April assembly as follows:

Primary- Wesley Frizzell, Jessica Wilson ~ Respect for Others; Ryan Benoit, Respect for Others, Blaise Taylor, Respect for Others;

Grade 1-Colby Singer, Extra Effort, Madison MacLean, Good Citizenship, Madeline Hepburn, Academic Achievement; Bradley Weatherby, Extra Effort, Christina Rines, Citizenship, Myah Murphy, Academic Achievement;

Grade 2 -Jared Staples-

Sears, Joseph Wood, Respect for Learning; Lindsay Fraser, Jordan Fisher, Respect for Others;

Grade 3 -Connor Debison, Hannah MacIntosh, Academics; Cavan MacLean, Respect for Learning, Jared Otterson, Respect for Self;

Grade 4 - Brandon Barclay, Respect for Others, Justin McNutt, Respect for Learning; Brad Metlin-Rendle, Respect for Others, Michaela Priest, Respect for Learning;

Grade 5 - Austin Murphy, Matthew LeBlanc, Academics, Ashley Cooke, Jonathan MacInnis, Respect for Others, Anna Staples-Sears, Respect for Learning; Brennan Fraser, Respect for Others, Jessie Steeves, Jessie Weatherby, Respect for Learning;

Grade 6 - Travis Scott, Respect for Environment; Taylor Geldart, Respect for Learning; Paul Newman, Respect for Learning.

The next Assembly will be

May 7th at 1:30PM. A reminder to have the pizza/garlic finger fund raising forms in to the school by April 30th. Thank you to Barnhill's Superette for their support.



On April 1st, the Debert Elementary School PTG co-chair, Gena Priest (left) presented Kelly Ryan-Connelly, librarian, with a cheque for \$1000.00 to be put towards library improvements. (Submitted Photo).



Push buzzer to enter! Debert Elementary School has recently added a new security feature to help ensure the safety of students. Doors are kept locked and anyone wishing to enter must push the buzzer and give their name to administrative assistant Lecia McNutt. Lecia can then push a remote button to unlock the door. (Harrington photo)

Good News From your Member of the Legislative Assembly - Colchester-North MLA Karen Casey

March 24 - signed contract to deliver Telecare to all Nova Scotians (telephone contact with Registered Nurses 7 days a week, 24 hours a day)

March 25 - launched the Colorectal Cancer Prevention Program

March 26 - Guest speaker at Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Nomination Meeting

March 27 - presented textbooks for Physical Active Learning (Grade 10 Physical Education) to students at North Colchester High
- presented textbooks for Physical Active Learning at Cobequid Education Centre
- participated in luncheon for winners (students) in Recycling Day Contest

March 28 - presented cheque to Bluegrass Society (\$4 000) to assist with costs for annual Bluegrass Festival
- Guest speaker Great Village & District Fire Brigade Annual Banquet and Awards night

March 30 - met with Dr. David Henderson re Hospice Society and Palliative Care (in Colchester East Hants and at the provincial level)
- preview tour of Shannex Long Term Care facility in Debert (scheduled to open June 2009)

April 1 - presentation to Great Village Historical Society to assist with publishing the Great Village History (\$2 000)

April 2 - met with Board Members of Capital District Health Authority (Halifax and area)

April 2-3 - hosted Ministers of Health Conference for Atlantic Canada

April 5 - presented Bass River & District Fire Brigade with cheque to cover costs for flagpole and flag (\$1 649)

April 7 - met with Mayor and Councillors in Parrsboro

April 14 - met with Board Members of South West Nova District Health Authority

April 15 - toured Yarmouth Regional Hospital

April 16 - attended Truro/Bible Hill Nominating Meeting

April 17 - spoke to 580 members of the Society of Rural Physicians at their annual conference
- attended the School Accreditation Awards at Tatamagouche Elementary School
- presented Royal Canadian Legion Branch 64 in Tatamagouche with financial assistance (\$12 000)
- presented Tatamagouche Tattoo Committee with financial assistance (\$2 000)

April 18 - met with Federal Minister of Health, Leona Aglukkaq to discuss Health Care priorities for Nova Scotia

April 19 - attended the Pancake Breakfast in Economy

- presented Economy Recreation Centre with financial assistance for building upgrade (\$23 000)
- attended 90th birthday celebration for Hattie Simpson (Great Village)

April 20 - presented Mayor of Truro (Bill Mills) and Mayor of Colchester County (Bob Taylor) with financial assistance from Service Nova Scotia, \$7 898 to Town and \$14 074 to County
- presented Wild Blueberry Harvest Co-operative with financial assistance (\$5 000) for the annual Blueberry Festival

April 21 - met with the board of GASHA
- Guest speaker of the Dartmouth East Nominating Meeting

April 23 - attended IODE Annual Meeting (Dartmouth) on behalf of Province

April 24 - participated in sod turning for Shannex Long Term Care Facility in Bible Hill

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