



Grade 3/4 student Ryan Miller puts some decorations on his gingerbread house while Mckayla O'Brien gets some help from her mom Tanya O'Brien. The Great Village Parent Teacher Group had volunteers come to the school on Dec. 8th to assist students with building their own gingerbread houses which were on display later in the week at the annual Christmas Concert. (Harrington Photo)

Casey: Heating cost assistance program still available

With recent temperatures dipping well below the freezing point, Progressive Conservative leader and Colchester North MLA Karen Casey is reminding area residents that the Salvation Army's Good Neighbour Energy program is available once again this year.

Now in its 13th year, the Good Neighbour Energy

Fund allows Nova Scotians on fixed or low incomes to receive assistance designed to offset the cost of their primary household heating source. Administered by the Salvation Army, it exists through funding from external partners that, until this year, included the provincial government.

In 2008-2009, the

Progressive Conservative government contributed \$800,000 to the program; this year, the NDP government eliminated the program from its budget entirely.

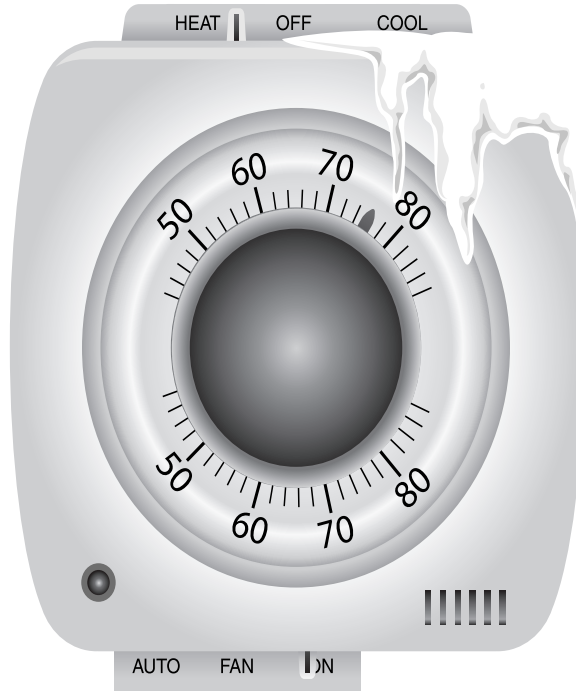
But Casey said the continued support of corporate and community sponsors has allowed the program to carry on in spite of this significant funding challenge.

"Good Neighbours allows money to be put back in to the pockets of people who need it," Casey said, adding that it assisted about 1,400 Nova Scotia families last year alone. "I would encourage

those struggling to pay for home heating this winter to find out if they qualify for this very worthwhile program."

For more information, Truro-area residents can contact Karen Casey's constituency office; in person at 30 Duke Street, Suite 10, in Truro; by phone at 893-2180, or by email: karencasey@ns.aliantz-inc.ca.

People can also visit the local Salvation Army, located at 14 Outram St., Truro, Ph: 893-1862; email sa.truro@ns.sympatico.ca or contact the Good Neighbour Energy Administrator at 902-422-3435.



Chiganois Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

A warm welcome to Kim Keizer, the new Administrative Assistant at Chiganois. Maxine Ryan retired on the last day of December. Congratulations and best wishes to Maxine.

Students in Grades Four and Five will be busy working on Heritage Fair projects over the next few months. The School Heritage Fair will be held on April 15th.

A note to parents about school bussing. If busses do not travel on dirt roads in the morning, then they will not be travelling on them in the afternoon.

Radon monitors will be installed in schools. Radon is a radioactive gas that can only be detected by instrument monitoring. Health Canada has recommended that schools be tested for a minimum of 3 months. For more information please contact Alex Manicom at 896-5599.

The Wildlife Park demonstrations for Primary/One students were enjoyed on January 14th.

Family Literacy Day is Jan. 27th. Please read a book with your child.

Thursday, January 28th is Primary Registration. Any child who will be 5 years of age as of Dec., 2010, and who will be attending Chiganois Elementary, is asked to register. Birth certificates are required. Contact the school to set up an appointment. There is no school for current Grade Primary students on that day.

Dept. of Health will not be attending the primary registrations. Public Health recommends all children have their eyes checked by an optometrist before beginning grade primary.

Welcome back to Mrs. Allison MacLeod, who is replacing Miss Roberts in the Grade Five classroom for

the remainder of the school year.

The Principal's Lunch, for students with birthdays in January, will be held on Jan. 29th.

Custodian Louella "Granny" Cummer will be leaving her work with the CCRSB at the end of January. Best wishes Louella, with your job at NSAC.

The PTG will hold a Staff Appreciation lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 9th.

Winter Carnival is being held the week of March 8th-12th. The PTG will hold a Pancake Breakfast on March 6th from 8:30-11:30, with special guests the Truro Bearcats. Tickets should be purchased in advance by calling the school. The person selling the most tickets will receive a special prize.

Mrs. MacIntyre reports skating is taking place on Tuesdays from 4:00 - 5:00PM at the Debert arena. Volleyball is held after-school on Monday, Kilometer Klub is held on Mondays and Wednesdays. There will be a Sports Fair on April 22, at Cobequid Elementary, during Education Week. More info to follow.

The next SAC meeting is Feb. 10th at 6:00PM. Class configurations for 2010-2011 will be reviewed. All are welcome.

The next PTG meeting is Feb. 10th at 7:00PM. Winter Carnival activities will be discussed. All are welcome.

No school for students on Feb. 12th. Staff will be working on their accreditation goals during the inservice. Monthly Assembly will be held on Feb. 23rd at 1:20PM.

The Principal's Lunch, for students with birthdays in February, will be held on Feb. 26th.

March Break is scheduled for March 15th-19th.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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 Sunday January 31, 2010
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Valentine's Day Specials
 Sunday February 14, 2010
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Celebrate a romantic Valentine's evening on February 14, 2010 with your loved one or make it an outing with friends and family. Choose from two delicious dinners which include a slice of homemade Black Forest Cake for dessert. Chef Albert will be serving up his famous roasted loin of pork for \$16.95 (includes duchess potato, sauteed vegetables, roll and gravy) or prime rib of beef for \$19.95 (includes duchess potato, Yorkshire pudding, sauteed vegetables, roll and au jus). Reserve your seats by sending an email to manager@roadsidewillies.ca or by calling 843-3486.

Theresa Malenfant & The Instigators (60% sold out already)
 Saturday February 27, 2010 (Theresa's birthday!)
 8:00pm to 12:00am

The November 2009 show was completely sold out and this time around the party will be better than ever with the addition of keyboards and saxophone and an area up front for dancing. Joining Theresa (vocals) to celebrate her birthday are Scott Medford (guitar, vocals), Mike Hanlon (bass), Terry Patterson (drums), Shirley Jackson (saxophone) and Barry Cooke (keyboards).

Please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Preference will be given to those reserving seats for dinner before the show. We do our best to get people the seating they want. However, in order to maximize the seating, private tables of less than four people are not available. Please bring your friends, especially those who have not left the house for months! There are a limited number of single bar seats. Tables for all three sections (front, middle and back) are sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Tickets are \$15 each and must be purchased prior to the event. Reserve your seats by sending an email to manager@roadsidewillies.ca or by calling 843-3486.

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