

Great Village Historical Society Notes

By Linda Shears

After a break for the summer, the Historical Society resumed monthly meetings on October 7th at 7:30 in the Legion Hall. Copies of the History of Great Village have been selling well. The history



Great Village Historical Society members Enid Cooper, Lois Bray, Meredith Layton, Gus Chisholm and Logan Spencer are shown with the ship which originated in Great Village. Linda Giddens is shown inspecting the deck.



Great Village Historical Society President, Logan Spencer, prepares to sell copies of the History of Great Village at the Farmers' Market.

books are currently available at the Great Village Antique Store, the Colchester Museum in Truro, as well as from Logan Spencer, Meredith Layton and Linda Shears. Thanks to the Great Village Farmers' Market for allowing us to make use of

their community service space several times this summer to sell the history book as well as the Elizabeth Bishop's Great Village tour guide. Plans were made to have both books for sale at the two Christmas sales being held in the village on November 7th and November 28th. Both these books would make the perfect Christmas gift for anyone with an interest in our community's history.

Our annual trip on July 13th was enjoyed by the 17 people who made the trip to the Tatamagouche area. We toured Balmoral Grist Mill, Creamery Square Interpretation Centre and the 44' sailing ship which Bob Cooper began building in 1992.

Plans were made for storing the information panels from the Pergola for the winter months. It was noted that there was a lot of interest shown in the Pergola this summer, with many tourists as well as local people stopping to read the history of the area and to learn about Elizabeth Bishop.

We enjoyed looking at some old photos and a book of recitations which had been donated to the Society for safekeeping.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 5th. If you have an interest in local history and interesting "yarns", you're welcome to join us.

Breakfast Program Launched at CCJHS

By Linda Harrington

Hungry students find it harder to concentrate on morning lessons. A new Breakfast Program at Central Colchester Junior High School hopes to ensure all students are starting the day with a healthy meal.

Most students at CCJHS catch their bus shortly after 7AM and arrive at the school close to 7:30AM. This early start to the day has meant that some students were missing breakfast and it was difficult trying to concentrate on their lessons with an empty stomach.

A committee was formed, made up of teachers, parents and Respect Ed students to address the problem. They decided it was time to look at providing a Breakfast Program at the school. "The program is universally accessible," says organizer Jackie Chambers. "We know there are many reasons why students may not have breakfast before getting on the bus and we wanted to provide a program where there would be no stigma attached. All students are welcome to have something to eat."

The program was offered for the first time on Oct. 19th and the number of students receiving the breakfast foods has continued to grow. "The students are becoming more comfortable with the program and by mid-week we were up to over 150 students," says Ms. Chambers.



A new Breakfast Program has started at CCJHS. Respect Ed students such as Geoffrey Mills (left) bring an assortment of breakfast items to the grade 6 and 7 classrooms. Gabby Hamilton, Madison Murray, Jacob Currie and Zack Boudreau (left to right) were eager to see what the new program would offer students. (Harrington Photo)



Doug Probert, Daniel Terrio and Dylan Probert (left to right) stopped by the cafeteria at CCJHS to check out the new Breakfast Program which began on Oct. 19th. Students in Grades 7 & 8 are offered toast with jam, an apple and juice in the cafeteria before heading off to classes. (Harrington Photo)

The Grades 6 & 7 students receive breakfast food in their classrooms, delivered by their Respect Ed classmates. Foods include servings of dry cereal, apples and milk. The Grades 8 & 9 students can stop by the cafeteria for toast, apples and juice.

The CCJHS Breakfast program received a start-up grant and Jackie Chambers is very pleased with the community support, as well. Donations have been received from McCallum's Produce, local lawyer Grant MacNeill, John Calvin Christian Reform Church, Central Equipment, Harris Home Hardware, Sobeys, Home Hardware on Willow St., and Atlantic Superstore.

To offset costs an account has been set up at Subway Bottle Exchange, where anyone can have their bottle returns credited toward the CCJHS Breakfast Program.

Donations from businesses or community members would be greatly appreciated. A list of recommended dry cereals can be found on the school website, under the September Newsletter, at <http://ccjh.ednet.ns.ca/>. These items can be dropped off at the office.

The Breakfast Program will need a few parent volunteers to help out each day, also. Please give the school at 896-5570 if you have some time to offer.

Playschool Patter

By Joann Michelin

Well, our year has started with a bang. We have 34 children registered at our center. We celebrated Share Day at Thanksgiving with each child bringing in a favourite food to share with their class. We collected 88 pounds of food for the Food Bank, thanks to all.

We have started our Fall fundraiser, we are making Christmas cards so if you have bought them before and would like these unique creations, please contact someone at playschool. We are in a bit of a dilemma as to our continuing at our present place.

As many know, sadly some churches in the area have to close and one is ours.

We are hoping to continue our center there and are looking for support to start a Community Center in the upstairs, to keep the building in our community. Any one with any ideas please contact me.

We are asking for anyone who has attended the Playschool to send a letter of support. I can be contacted at 662-4075. Thanks to all who have already submitted a letter. Until next month... remember to color outside the lines.



Students from Lower Onslow Playschool display the 88 lbs of food collected for the Food Bank. (Michelin Photo).

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