



Grade Five teacher Deanna Graham assisted with the craft corner at Debert Elementary which was popular among students including Taniah Friel, Dana Spencer and Mercedes Swan. An evening of activities was held on May 22nd to raise money for the IWK Children's Hospital. (Harrington Photo)



A week long series of fund raising events for the IWK wrapped up on Friday, May 29th at Debert Elementary School. Cute little kittens Alyssa Newman, Marlee Green, Madison Shearer (back left to right), Haylie Smith and Nina Green (front left to right) took part in the evening of raffles, a BBQ and other fun activities to help raise funds for such a good cause. (Harrington Photo)



Tables full of raffle items helped Debert Elementary raise almost \$1900 for the IWK Children's Hospital. Jake Millican draws out the name of one lucky winner. (Harrington Photo)



Michaela Priest paints a colorful creation on the face of Jessie Weatherby at the IWK fund faiser held at Debert Elementary on May 29th. (Harrington Photo)

Glooscap Trail 4-H Club News

By Laura Sharpe

The Glooscap Trail 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting on June 3 at the Bass River Community Hall. Thank you to all members who brought their pets for the pet parade that night. We will be holding our annual Achievement Day on Wednesday, July 15th at the Heritage Museum in Bass River. Supper will get underway at 5:30 p.m. Anyone with an interest in 4-H is invited to come out and see members' projects and join us for the BBQ. Members are required to complete all their project and Club requirements before

Achievement Day if they wish to successfully complete their 4-H year and continue on to competition at the NS Provincial Exhibition in Bible Hill (Tuesday, August 25 is 4-H Day at the Ex). Individual project requirements should be addressed with your project leader. Aside from project work members must also complete public speaking, judging, and club participation including regular attendance at general meetings, support of Club activities and fund raisers. The next general meeting will be Tuesday, July 7, 2009. Please attend and help plan Achievement Day.

Debert Elementary School Notes



Debert Elementary Grade 6 students Taylor Jordan, Courtney Fraser, Mariah Irving and Danielle Rath (left to right) present their principal Ross Bonneyman with a card signed by the whole school. Mr. Bonneyman retired at the end of the school year and a celebration was held in his honour on June 11th at the school. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Debert Elementary School Principal, Ross Bonneyman, has announced his retirement as of the end of the school year. Erma Cox will be replacing him in September. PTG would like to thank Ross for all he has done for the school and kids and wish him well as he settles into his retirement. There was a retirement party for Ross on June 11th where Mr. Bonneyman was presented with an adirondack chair and a Canadian Tire Gift Certificate to help with his new hobby of fly fishing. Mr. Black led students in a musical tribute to Mr. Bonneyman and a congratulation cake was enjoyed by all.

The Spring pizza and garlic finger fund raiser was a great success. The PTG profit was approximately \$1000. To those students who participated, congratulations on a job well done. The top selling class was grade five, who were awarded a pizza party for the entire class.

The following were the top selling students from each class who also were awarded a free pizza: primary-Conner Simpson, grade one-Lucas Rushton, grade two-Marlee Green, grade three-tie between Rachel Aikens and Jarod MacDonald, grade four-Charlie Barnhill (Charlie graciously gave her prize to Julie Blackwood), grade five-Kennedy Height, grade six-Calvin Spencer. Thank you also to Barnhill's Superette for organizing this fundraiser (especially Sherri Smith) and for donating the prizes. Way to go everyone!!

Congratulations to everyone who helped out with the week long IWK fund raising events during the last week of May. The final tally was close to \$1900 raised for the IWK Children's Hospital. Grade Five student, Emily Wilson, raised \$171 on her own. Well done!

Debert Elementary School May/June monthly awards were presented on June 4th. Recipients in Grades Primary, 2 and 3 included: Trinity Parker (Respect for Others), Cameron Barnes (Respect for Learning), Emma Chisholm (Respect for Others), Amythest Rodgers (Respect for Others), Jacob Clark (Respect for Others), Dylan Lockhart (Respect for Others), Sam Archibald (Respect for Learning), Kaelie DeAdder (Respect for Learning), Alyssa Newman (Respect for Learning), Noah Hadley

(Respect for Self), Brent Maberry (Respect for Learning), Austin Hennigar (Extra Effort), Tessa Weatherby (Good Citizenship), Cavan MacLean (Respect for Learning), Ben Kittilson (Respect for Learning), Brylin Smith (Academics), Shawn Mirtle (Respect for Others), Lauren Wood (Respect for Others), Cayne Slack (Respect for Learning), Stacey Dash (Respect for Self), Ben Wood (Respect for Others), Danielle Chater (Respect for Environment).

Award recipients in grades 4, 5 and 6 included: Charlie Barnhill (Heritage Award), Brandon Barclay (Respect for Others), Lily Priest

(Academics), Jada Totten (Respect for Learning), Christopher Ryan (Academics), Skyler Mellroy (Respect for Others), Calvin Spencer (Respect for Others), Jason Currie (Respect for Others), Michaela Priest (Respect for Others), Anna Staples-Sears (Heritage Fair Achievement Award), Zack Webb (Respect for Environment), Blake Findlay (Respect for Learning), Jessie Weatherby (Respect for Environment), Emily Wilson (Academics), Danielle Rath (Respect for Self), Justin Zachariah (Respect for Self) and Mariah Irving (Respect for Others).

Matt Arsenault was the Grade Five winner in the Knights of Columbus "Why I Love Canada" art contest. Randy MacDonald presented Matt with a monetary award and a book for the school library on June 4th. Congratulations Matt!

Field Day was held on June 16th, under beautiful sunny skies.

Chris Lomond and Danielle Rath were winners of the Grade Six Joy Stiles Memorial Award for Leadership in Phys Ed. The award was presented by Doug Stiles, Joy's father, during the Grade Six Grad Party on June 17th. The Grad Party was a fun time for all the Grade Six class and their families with the presentation of diplomas, a musical tribute, BBQ and other events.

PTG held their last meeting of the year May 21. Keep watch in the fall for dates for future meetings. PTG President Gena Priest would like to pass along a thank you to the staff for the beautiful volunteer tea that was held on May 20. The food and drinks were wonderful! Special thanks to the DES wonderful cook, Debi who held a picnic for the students on Friday, June 19th. There was a delicious lunch, popsicles and prizes. Thanks to Debi for everything she does for the students...you are truly appreciated.

Finally, the PTG would like to take this time to thank those people who dedicated their time to support PTG in many ways over the school year. Some people may not be aware of the role the Parent Teacher Group plays in their child's school. All the fund raising that is done during the year goes to support the school in numerous ways. Some examples are class trips, winter carnival activities, performances by theatre groups, bands, etc., dj for fall family dance. These are just a few. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to make these things happen. Without the PTG and it's supporters none of this would be possible. So, we thank you very much!! Also, new faces and ideas are always welcome at any meeting. Have a safe summer. First day of school is September 3rd, 2009.



Mr. Black led some Debert Elementary School students in a musical tribute to retiring principal Ross Bonneyman. Left to right- Mr. Black, Anna Staples-Sears, Kaelie DeAdder, Charlie Barnhill, Makaela Priest, Jada Totten, Courtney Fraser, Danielle Rath, Taylor Geldart, Mariah Irving, Blake Findlay, Brad Metlin-Rendell, Austin Rushton and Brandon Barclay. (Harrington Photo)

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