

# Chiganois Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

Thank you to the many parents who dropped off treats for the staff during Staff Appreciation Week. They were thoroughly enjoyed.

Winter Carnival fun was held the week of March 7th to the 10th. A Pancake Breakfast and PJ day was held on Monday, Tuesday was Crazy Sock/Slipper day, Wednesday was Team Jersey Day and Thursday was Crazy Hat/Hair Day.

Congratulations to the students who had their pictures on the "I Spy" bulletin board for February; Evan Shay, Ethan Dunlap, Danielle Donkin, Jillian Hill-Macmillan, Stella Rann, Ben Fiddes, Regan Merriam, Kiersten Cummer, Morgan Bark-house, Haley Garnhum, Brandon Doucette, Hai-ley MacMillan, Lily Currie, Kailey Nichols, AJ Whooten, Briana Crosby, Blake McNutt, Seth Penner.

The Chiganois Elementary



Chiganois Grade 5 student Matthew Higgins' "Power of Water" project was getting a lot of attention at the school Science Fair. He says he determined the pitchback method of water flow was more efficient. (Harrington Photo)



Chiganois Elementary student Anna Fullerton gives a judge an over view of her science fair project called "Instant Hot Ice". (Harrington Photo)



Emma Spicer, Beverly Gilbert and Juliet Admiral talk to the judge about their science project "What's the Difference?" There was an interesting assortment of projects on display March 9th, in the gymnasium at Chiganois Elementary.

# Grading Operation Becomes Egg-tinct

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It is the end of doing business as they have known it for the past 65 years. Glen Jennings, owner/operator of Bayview Poultry Farms Ltd., says the time has come to make changes to their poultry business; changes which are

overdue but emotionally difficult to finally put into place.

Bayview Farms is a well-known poultry farm in Colchester County. It has been a family run operation, for four generations, still operated by Glen and his father Cecil Jennings. Eggs produced by

ed in judging next year, please contact the school.

Mrs. Weatherbee will be taking the Grade Five's skiing at Ski Wentworth on Thursday, March 24th.

Principal's Lunch for March Birthdays will be held on March 29th, along with the Monthly Assembly.

There will be a family Spring Dance on April 7th. In Service Day for staff will be held on April 8th. No school for students on this day.

The next SAC Meeting is April 20th at 6:00PM. PTG will meet directly following this meeting at 7PM. Thirty-seven new Primary students registered for the 2011/12 school year in February. March is Nutrition Month. April 11th to 15th is Education Week.

Science Fair was held on March 9th in the school gymnasium. What an impressive group of projects were on display! Students who will represent the school at the Regional Science Fair on March 29th are: Victoria Smith, Brianna Crosby (What Do You Drink and What Does It Do To Your Teeth); Alyssa Muise (Color Confusion); Hannah Porter, Connor White (Contemplating Color); Nathan Dean, Jin Kim (Taste & Smell); Mariah Putnam, Connor Miller (Ice Ice Baby); Anna Fullerton (Instant Hot Ice). Congratulations to these students and good luck at the next level.

A special thank you to the numerous judges, you did a fabulous job. Anyone interest-



Brandon Cooke displays his mummified hotdog, while Kolby Doucette (right) shows his home made metal detector during the Chiganois Science Fair on March 9th. (Harrington Photo)



Hungry helpers! Several students arrived at school early on March 7th, dressed in their pj's, to help with the pancake breakfast held during Winter Carnival Week at Chiganois Elementary School. Front (l to r)- Mya Keizer, Jake MacDonald, Kaelan Bakker, Shandy Digout; Back (l to r) Kayleigh MacKenzie, Lindsey Smith. (Harrington Photo)

their 12,000 laying hens have been a popular product in local grocery stores and restaurants. These eggs have always been graded on site, then marketed and delivered to customers by Bayview Farms.

New rules from larger chain stores have made it impossible to keep Bayview Poultry Farm's grading station operational. "There have been new rules and it is not worth the added costs to carry out these requirements," says Glen. "The rules are set down for food safety issues, so it something we find really hard to fight. In order to keep up with the changes we would have to be continually renovating."

One example of the new rules is the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI). The collaboration between some of the world's leading food safety experts sets requirements for food safety schemes in order to enhance food safety, ensure consumer protection and to strengthen consumer confidence. Glen says it would require a significant investment to meet the new GFSI standards.

Bayview Poultry will continue to produce the same quality egg product. It is only the grading portion of their business which has been moved to Martime Pride in Amherst.

"Most of our customers won't notice any change. People will still see our Bayview Poultry Farm eggs at places like the Masstown Market and our Eco-Friendly brand at Sobeys," says Glen, "Some of our other retailers will now be selling Bayview Poultry Farm eggs under the

Maritime Pride label."

Maritime Pride is a producer owned grading station, the largest egg grading, marketing operation in Atlantic Canada. They process over 12 million eggs per month.

"This is the way things have been done in the rest of Canada for a long time," says Glen. "It costs the same to upgrade equipment for 40 stores as it does for one store." Glen compares it to dairy farmers sending their milk to one central processing facility.

The changes have meant a reduction in staff at Bayview Poultry Farms Ltd. and this has been emotionally difficult for Glen. "We have had to let go one full time and two part time workers, something I didn't want to do. We also have customers we have served forever, and even though they will still be using our product, we won't be dealing with them on a personal basis anymore."

On a slightly positive note, the loss of the grading operation will mean more time to do other things. "I guess we will have time to grow more pumpkins," says Glen with a look toward the future, as like many other farmers he tries to find innovative ways to keep in business.

Glen and Cecil Jennings would like to pass along a thank you to everyone for their business over the years, from those who would stop to buy eggs at the farm gate to the major retail stores. "We have always appreciated their support and hope they will continue to enjoy our eggs for years to come."

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