

PHOTO FEATURE

Great Village Elementary Students Celebrated Peace Week March 7th to the 11th with a variety of fun activities.

(Harrington Photos)



Taylor Gallant, Hailey Field, Charleigh Jollimore and Charlee Pugsley are having fun at the Debert Rink. All students were treated to skating at the rink in celebration of Peace Week.



Grade 1 students Mason Wenham, Braden Langille Higgins and Landen Ralph are looking colourful and comfortable for PJ Day.



Grade Primary/1 students Connor Spencer, Brooke Gamble, Charlee Pugsley, Mahayla MacGillivray and Robbie Griffiths enjoyed coming to school in their PJ's, along with some of their furry friends.



Grade 3/4 students celebrate with their PE teacher, Mr. Reid after a floor hockey game.



Clarke Senior enjoys the pancake breakfast provided by the Home & School.

"Awesome is Everywhere"

at Great Village Elementary

By Linda Harrington

Peace Week activities were enjoyed by students the week before March Break.

Monday's theme was "Awesome is Everywhere". Students shared a book by the same title written by Neil Pasricha and then everyone in the school created a list of "100 Awesome Things". These are the "little" things that make each day awesome, such as smiles, sunshine, a friend to play with, or even the recess snack of yogurt tubes that was provided this day.

Tuesday, students went skating at the West Colchester United Arena in Debert. Many thanks to the family members who helped to tie skates and also joined students on the ice.

Wednesday was Fan Day, with students wearing their favorite team's logo on their clothing and enjoying special sporting activities during Phys Ed classes.

A Sock Hop was held on Thursday. Students wore their best socks and were a "movin and groovin" during the afternoon sock hop.

Friday students got to sleep in because they could come to school in their pajamas and enjoy a hot breakfast when they arrived. Students were served a choice of pancakes or cereal, and fresh fruit with yogurt and granola.

Students recognized for February's Virtue of Caring were Ethan Coleman, Braden Langille Higgins, and Carly Ralph. This month's Virtue is Determination.

Students enjoyed a drumming presentation with Chris Kennedy, presenter with Goatworks African Drums, on Thursday, March 24th. Mr. Kennedy arrived at the school with a collection of 15 different handmade drums. Students learned about the history, construction and sounds of the various drums, and proper technique and cultural relevance. Students learned a traditional West African rhythm and tried their hand at playing the drums.

Classroom Cafe coordinator Mandi MacRae, and her reliable helpers, prepared a delicious Easter Dinner for all students and staff to enjoy on Tuesday, March 21st. Thanks to school volunteers, students have the opportunity to enjoy a hot meal twice a month.

UPCOMING EVENTS include April 5th - Report cards sent home; April 13th and 15th - Student Led Conferences by Appointment (students share work activities and work samples with their family) and also FAMILY MATH EVENT (students bring parents to the gym where there are activities from each unit in the Measurement at each grade level. Through this interactive display, families are able to witness the progression of learning in each area of measurement through the grade levels); Family Fun Night - Friday, May 13th at the gym, 6:30-8:00. (Anyone interested in helping to plan for the event are welcome to meet at the school on April 7, at 6:00pm.)

GV Preservation Society to start "Chase the Ace"

By Dawn Sprecher

In January, the Preservation Society made the decision to close St. James Church of Great Village in January, due to the lack of winter activities and the high cost of heating the building and to open again in the spring. With all the warm weather we are having, plans for spring and summer activities are in the works.

On March 30th, at 7:00 the Society's Annual General Meeting will be held at In the Village Café, in the basement of the church. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome. This will be an opportunity to go over business from the past year and upcoming plans for this year, in addition to the election of any new board directors. If you missed the meeting please see next month's edition of the Shoreline for an update.

A number of plans are being prepared for the church: beginning in April, a



series of workshops will take place over the next few months. As soon as the dates are set this information will be made available on the In the Village Café website and facebook pages. Plans are to open the Café the first weekend of June, the exact dates and times are to be determined but more information will be in next month's Shoreline.

A Chase the Ace event is also being planned to begin in April and continue until the pot is won. This event will take place in the basement of St. James Church and will be co-sponsored by the St. James Preservation Society and the Great Village Community Association. It will take place on Saturday afternoons or evenings in conjunction with live music and food. There are many other plans being discussed for events and activities for the next few months, including a crib night and a craft and farmers' market, and more news will follow as specifics become available.

If you have any questions or have any comments or suggestions regarding what you would like to see happen in the Café and Church, or if you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Dawn Sprecher at 902-65-2020 or dawn_sprecher@yahoo.ca

Burgess Returns Home

Brookfield's hero, Karlee Burgess and her teammates returned home Monday, March 13th after winning the World Junior Curling Championship in Denmark on Sunday. Burgess is second on Mary Fay team which plays out of the Chester Curling Club. Karlee's father is Craig Burgess, Director

Recreation for Municipality of County of Colchester.

It's been a successful year for the foursome, who won the Canadian Junior's, then the junior world mixed doubles and last weekend the junior women worlds. In the three events, they lost only one game.

I Heard It at the Company Store

By Wendy Cox

I heard that the bears are out already. There were tracks in behind a residence in Upper Economy. As much as I like an early spring, sorry folks that's just a little too early for those big sleepy guys.

The report on the maple syrup production in the area is quiet. I wonder if that means it was a good or average year. I know it would have been an easier year on putting the lines out and collection with the little snow we had. Now it's time for pancake lunches.

There are a lot of upcoming events coming to the shore this spring. The Bass River Victoria Hall is hosting a community appreciation weekend on Saturday May 28th they are planning a community bbq and an old time variety show. So if you can sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a joke, or will be in a skit, let me know. This is a family event so if your child would like to perform we would love to have them.

Then on Sunday May 29th we have Matt Minglewood coming to entertain us. Tickets are available at Dominion Chair in Bass River or a hall member.

Then on July 9th Victoria Hall has The Secrets coming to perform. These talented three girls are from Newfoundland and put on a really great show. It's another don't miss.

Victoria hall association has been working very hard to bring the community some wonderful entertainment and have the hall used by all ages. They have had numerous open mic music jams which have been a huge success. We even had a Juno nominee

drop in to play at the last jam. JP Cormier stopped in to play a couple of tunes for us.

You just never know who may show up on a Sunday afternoon. They hope to continue these in the fall. There was a teen dance during March break and the hall hopes to have another in May or June and continue to have the hall used by the youth of the community. Shout out to Andy Leblanc, Keith Field and family for looking after the music and lights. The teens looked like they had a good time. The louder the better, oh! My ear drums.

The refundable bottle drive at the hall will begin again at the end of April. We are planning on a bottle drive on Saturday April 23rd, you can bring your winter bottle collection to the hall that day or call 902-890-9675 for pick up that day.

Victoria hall will be closed for rental for the month of April so some inside renovations can take place. She still needs a lot of work but we have a great group of supporters.

The Riverside United Church is having a baked bean take out on May 7. No one can make beans like those church ladies.

The Bass River Heritage Museum will be opening for the summer in June. Don't forget to go visit this interesting place. It just costs a donation at the door. You may be surprised at what they have inside.

Watch for posters around your community for all these upcoming local events. Support your community it's you who make it a great place to live.

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