



The Valentine card made by the Wentworth Girl Guide group and sent out to selected members of the community. (Linda Patriquin Photo)



Jackson Wenham, Maggie Warren, Kelly O'Brien, Scarlett O'Brien and Neil O'Brien had full bellies after their pancake breakfast at Chiganois Elementary on March 11th. (Harrington Photo)

Valentine Dance in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

Melissa Langille and Stephanie Stewart, both Board members of the Wentworth Learning Centre Cooperative, and assisting members organized the Kids Valentine Dance. All proceeds go towards educational programming for youth in the community.

There were 100 kids at the event, aged 3 to 12 years in addition there were parents and friends viewing the dance. As one entered we were met by a darkened room with spotlights with dancers in the shadows performing to the boisterous music.

At the greeting desk a volunteer asked for an entrance fee and showing the canteen fees of available food and drinks. This event fund-raised for children and young teens.

Most of the dancers were dressed in Valentine designs with a few parents were up

dancing with the children.

Melissa Langille said, "The purpose is to get our community and surrounding communities to be more involved in community events. A few community members came together to organize this event for children and their families. One goal is to create more events in Wentworth so families are able to enjoy activities right in our community".

Next event will be held March 1, 4 pm to 8 pm (storm date March 8), as a paint night at the Wentworth Learning Centre. Melissa Langille was born in Annapolis Royal; grew up in Upper Clements, N.S. She is married to Andrew Langille, the son of Faye and Logan Langille of Wentworth. The family resides in Wentworth and she performs advanced foot care (LPN) at the Wentworth Learning Centre, (902-548-2076), plus travels to

clients' homes. They have three children: Noah, 9, Lucy, 5 and Zoey, 1.

Stephanie Stewart was born in Edmonton, Alberta, grew up in New Glasgow, and married Jason Stewart, son of Laura and Frank Stewart of Wentworth. Stephanie and Jason reside in Wentworth. Stephanie is a grade 4 teacher at the Cyrus Eaton Elementary School in Pugwash. They have two children: Lauren, 7, and Megan, 2. She reports the Girl Guides at the Wentworth Learning Centre have Donna Reid as Girl Guide leader and who taught the Girl Guides to make Valentine cards to send to selected people.

Research shows Valentine's Day can be traced back to the 3rd century A.D. as in 269 A.D. Saint Valentine was killed on February 14 for not properly worshipping the Roman gods and the day was named

for him. Saint Valentine loved children and they missed him by sending messages to him through the window of his jail cell.

In England people believed birds picked their mates on February 14th, spring began, and plants and flowers began to grow. The connection of February 14 with romantic love begins later in the 14th century when the poet Chaucer in 1382 writes about birds proposing and marrying on that day and later poet and playwright William Shakespeare in Hamlet (1600-1601) writes, "Tomorrow is Saint Valentine's day/ All in the morning betime, / and I a maid at your window / To be your Valentine."

As Valentine Day celebrations developed in England, they spread to other country's with the English language in the 1800's and then later in the 1900's to many other countries in the Americas and Asia.



Who doesn't like PJ Day? Kaylee Burnett, Kaylee McKenzie, Paisley Hillman and Dallas Campbell were happy to show their school spirit during Winter Carnival week at Chiganois Elementary School. (Harrington Photo)



Seth Kinkaid was enjoying the hearty pancake breakfast at Chiganois Elementary during Winter Carnival Week. (Harrington Photo)

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