

PHOTO FEATURE

Debert Elementary School Principal Erma Cox Retires

Students from each grade at Debert Elementary took to the stage to congratulate their Principal Erma Cox on her retirement. Erma has been teaching for the past 35 years, with the last 9 years at Debert Elementary. (Harrington Photos)



Erma Cox is going to have lots of cool beverages to enjoy as she begins her retirement!



Cassidy Quade and Olivia Fahey presented Mrs. Cox with a Memory Book on behalf of the Grade 4/5 Class.



Grade Primary students sing a very fitting song PEPSI to the tune of BINGO!



The Grade Primary/One Class sang "Put a Little Love in Your Heart".



Grade 2 students perform "Working 9 to 5" with Myrah Priest as Dolly!



Grade 4 students read a poem to highlight their appreciation for Mrs. Cox.



French Students gave an "Aurevoir" presentation.



The Dance Club performed "Dirt off My Boots"



The Grade 5/6 Class performed a skit to honour Mrs. Cox.



Grade 3 students performed the cup song.

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By Linda Harrington

Students at Debert Elementary gave Principal Erma Cox a huge send off celebration on June 26th as she ended the school year and began her retirement.

Mrs. Cox had been teaching for the past 35 years, the first 2 years were in Manitoba, with the remainder in Nova Scotia schools. Her first school was in Pukatawagan, Manitoba and she started her career in Nova Scotia, subbing in Advocate for a few weeks.

In 1984, Erma went to Islands Consolidated, Digby County for two years and then returned to Advocate where she taught until 1993. The next few years were spent in Parrsboro and in 1997 she took her first administrative position, at CCJHS.

In 1999, Erma moved to Princess Margaret Rose school where she stayed until it closed in 2008. She went to Truro Elementary to finish out the academic year in the new school. In September, she transferred to Debert Elementary where she stayed until her retirement.

During her career Erma got married, had two children, received her Masters in Educational Administration and a Masters in Curriculum Studies, specifically Technology Integration.

Debert staff and students were sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Cox but they put on a delightful celebration of singing, recitations and a play to honor their retiring Principal. The students enjoyed poking fun at her "diet coke addiction" by presenting her with a huge supply to enjoy over the summer (or perhaps longer!). She was also presented with a painting and flowers and the whole school celebrated with cake and ice cream.

Mrs. Cox is looking forward to her retirement years and says, "I have been very fortunate to have spent most of my career working in small schools. Although this year has had its challenges I am thrilled to be leaving this profession loving what I do. I believe in our youth and challenge them to give their best each and every day."

Dr. Scott Armstrong will be the incoming Principal for the next school year.

CCJHS Athletic Awards 2017

CCJHS Athletic Awards were presented during the Grade 9 celebration this year or with the students grading certificate.

Soccer: MVP Boys- Sam Archibald, Girls- Sarah Conrad/Jasmin Atkinson; Coaches Award Boys- Noah Berniquer, Girls- Haley Teed.

Cross Country: Coaches

Award- Bailey Wolfe.

Golf: Coaches Award- Isaac Crowe.

Volleyball: MVP Boys- Colby Wolfe, Girls- Haley Teed; Coaches Award Boys- Chris Smith, Girls- Kristen Cavanaugh.

Badminton: MVP- Colby Wolfe.

Track & Field: MVP- Noah Berniquer; Coaches Award- Joseph Blaauwendratt.

Athlete of the Year: male- Luke Hendsbee, Female- Haley Teed.

Grade 9 Sportsmanship: Male- Chris Smith, Female- Malory Priest.

Celebration of Sport Award: Male- Luke Hendsbee, Female- Haley Teed.

NSSAF Good Sport Award: male- Noah Berniquer, Female- Heidi MacKay.



The above photo shows all the ladies from Maritime Conference who were there at the National UCW Conference in Vancouver. Christine Urquhart, far left, front row was the only person from the West Colchester area, although there are a few from Brookfield. (Submitted)

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