



Carving pumpkins is always a pleasure for the young or the young-at-heart. Pictured above are Jake MacDonald, Allysa and Maria Putnam. (Urquhart Photo)

Bass River Students have busy month



Attending presentations on a variety of topics including fire safety, smudging, and the teamwork involved in developing the Veterans Memorial Park made for a busy month of October for WCCS students. (Brown Photo)

By **Martha Brown**

WCCS students were part of a Smudging Ceremony with First Nations Councilor Dale Morrau on October 27th.

On November 10th the school held a student-based Remembrance Service with our primary to 6 students leading the musical selections

and the Grade 7 - 9 completing the service with readings and poetry. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Harnish also spoke on Remembering. Mrs. Flemming provided some musical back up and the guitar club provided the rest.

Bass River & District Fire Brigade held a Fire Prevention Presentation on October 6th



Bass River Elementary students participated in Fire Safety week. The Primary to Three students participated in a presentation thanks to the volunteer fire department from the Bass River. Martha Brown is shown addressing the students, who had the opportunity to prepare exit plans for their homes, check out the fire engine up close and were intrigued by the sirens. (Harnish Photo)

Author Philip Roy Visits WCCS



Grade Six WCCS student Haley Eagles introduced author Philip Roy to the class prior to his presentation. Mr. Roy brought along a six foot submarine, made from recycled materials, including 50 pairs of crutches. (Harrington Photo)

By **Linda Harrington**

Bringing a six foot submarine into the classroom is one way to get student's attention! Author Philip Roy uses this "artistic expression" of a submarine to help students relate to his young adult novel series, Submarine Outlaw.

Mr. Roy was at West Colchester Consolidated School on Nov. 16th, his visit sponsored by the Writer's Federation of Nova Scotia Writer's In The School Program (WITS).

Originally from Antigonish, Mr. Roy attended the University of Waterloo, followed by McMaster University where he majored in History and Music. He didn't become a writer until his early thirties. "I guess my writing career began after reading to my own children," he says.

His novel Submarine Outlaw, was published by Ronsdale Press in 2008, followed by Journey to Atlantis in 2009.

Mr. Roy brought a helicopter to the school, along with the submarine. Both were made from recycled materials and students were very inquisitive about their unique construction. The submarine is made from 50 pairs of wooden crutches, 13 bicycle

wheels, two canoe paddles, a boat propeller and over 600 bolts. The helicopter sports the tail pipe off a Volkswagen Jetta, glass door knobs, and a hockey puck to name just a few of its unique parts. He says the submarine took over 3 months to build, while the helicopter only took a month. "I guess I became a folk artist as an after effect of being a writer," laughs Roy.

Students were treated to readings from Mr. Roy's literary work in progress, a series of books featuring Happy, The Pocket Mouse, who has an appetite for adventure. They were able to see how an author's rough draft of work looks much like their own, complete with doodling and corrections. He says he has been writing this series of 26 stories over several years.

Mr. Roy explained how he often uses composite characters in his writings. "You think of several people you like, and then take the characteristics you like best and put these characteristics into one character," he says.

If you happen to see a submarine heading down the highway, tied to the roof of a car, it is probably just Philip Roy on his way to give another captivating talk at a local school.

Students learn about project teamwork

By **Martha Brown**

The Bass River Elementary students in grade two and three were pleased to welcome Mr. Ken Jamieson to their classroom on November 4th as part of their Social Studies class. Mr. Jamieson, who serves on the committee for the Veteran's Memorial Park in Bass River, was there to speak to the students about the creation of the Veteran's Memorial Park.

During the presentation the students learned about the team work, the time, the effort and the dedication that went into the building of the park which evolved from one

idea on paper. The students demonstrated great pride in their "one-of-a-kind" park that honors the memory of the soldiers from the area that served in battle for our country, as well as the members who serve today.

Students were excited to have their many questions answered. It was a great learning experience for everyone. The students look forward to the time when they will be handed over the huge responsibility of looking after one of the many gems, the park, nestled in the midst of their shoreline community.

My Favourite Pet

What's up doc? Or is that dog? Eleven year old Sammy, Allison Richardson's pet, Little Dyke, is adding more veggies to his diet these days. Allison and Sammy will receive a \$20.00 Gift Certificate from Clarence Farm Services and The Shoreline Journal.



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