

Great Village Elementary School Notes



FIRE DRILL! Students at Great Village Elementary School took part in a planned Fire Drill on October 14th, as part of Fire Prevention Week. Members of Great Village and District Fire Brigade gave a presentation, as well.

By Linda Harrington

Peace Groups meet once a month to learn to share positive problem solving strategies. Each Peace Group has students from each of the four classrooms.

Welcome new student James Millen to Grade Primary/One class. Kirsten Olsen (Grade 4) moved from the GVE school community to Debert Elementary School. Best wishes to Kirsten.

Grade 4 students are participating in training with Mrs. Hicks McCully to become Playground Activity Leaders. Students will soon be "qualified" to organize and supervise playground activities for all students to enjoy during the noon lunch break.

A Remembrance Day Service was held at the school on Nov. 10th. Classes each participated in the service. The Grade 2/3 class performed Peace For My World, Grade P/1 performed Peaceful Feelings and the Grade 3/4 Class performed a creative theatre presentation (written by the students) of Peace Makes Sense.

Jenna Otterson and Hunter Adams placed the wreath at

the Nov. 11th Remembrance Day's Service on behalf of Great Village Elementary.

Outreach Program by the Wildlife Park, "Species at Risk" was held on Friday, Nov. 18th. Sue Penny and Theresa Adams offered an interactive presentation for all students. There were displays of animal artifacts (e.g. bones, pelts) to touch, two live specimens (corn snake and rabbit), mystery boxes, as well as activities to teach about habitat loss/conservation and the cycle of life.

The school received a gift card from Coles (Truro location) for \$869.23 as a result of the Adopt A School program held in October. Teachers will select books from the store or online for placement in the classroom collections. Classroom books are used at school and are also taken home as part of the Home Reading/Writing Program.

An Intensive Math Support program started in November. Students (selected by classroom teachers) in Grades 1-4 receive daily support in small groups for 40 minutes each day. Carmen Wylie provides this support at our school.

Raffle tickets will be sent home on November 24th, with draws to be held on the evening of the concert.

First term report cards will be sent home on Nov. 28. As part of the province's new Student Information System, teachers will now be completing report cards using PowerTeacher Gradebook. Assessment and the use of the Gradebook were topics at the site-based inservice on Nov. 7.

Teachers will continue to report on achievement of outcomes with the letters A-D, but there will be some change in the comment section of the report card. Grade Primary report cards will continue to be all written comments.

Dec 1st parent-teacher interviews will be held (no school for students).

The entire school will take a trip to the Centennial Pool on Dec. 2nd.

A Food Handlers Course will be held on Dec. 7th from 6:30-9:30PM, all parents are welcome.

Gingerbread houses will be made and decorated on Dec. 6th.

The annual Christmas Concert will be held in the gymnasium on Dec. 8th, beginning at 6:30PM.

Christmas Dinner will be held on Dec. 15th.

Donations of new or gently used items are needed for our Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 16th. The Bazaar offers one-stop shopping for students as they purchase gifts for family members. Gifts for fathers and older brothers are the hardest to find.

Last day of school before the Christmas vacation is Dec. 16th.

brute; Mark and Bruce were hunting in the high country.

Congratulations to Tim Martell who shot a beautiful 10 point buck, it had a very impressive rack but alas it only weighed in at 163 pounds. Tim was also hunting the high country.

Sorry for the short article, it's off to Ottawa for Deanna and I tomorrow.

Happy Birthday wishes for November are passed along to Robert Hill, Deanna Martell, Skippy Dawson, Betty Crossman, Harold Barclay, Yvon Thuot, Shelly Vincent, Mary Jane Elliott, Darrell Cock, Steve Williams, Marg Miller and Pat Ryan.

Happy Anniversary wishes for November are passed along to Marilyn and Jim Dykens, Bev and Lee McCulloch, Helen and Ronnie Eastcott.

Don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country.

Please say a prayer for our troops in Afghanistan and other foreign countries and their families.

Sparky the Dalmatian Visits Wentworth Pioneer Club



Sparky the Fire Dog of the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department makes friends with Winston Patriquin by shaking his hand at the recent potluck supper held by the Wentworth Pioneer Club at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

Bob Hyslop played his trumpet at the Wentworth Recreation Centre to welcome Pioneer Club members to join a circle hand-in-hand and hear a blessing given by Rev. Brian De Long, Wentworth United Church minister, for the supper meal. Home-made potluck food awaited members: beans, casseroles, meatballs, salads, breads, apple cake, spice cake, blueberry crumble, peanut rice krispies, plum/apple/raisin strudel, ice-cream and other sweets.

As the Pioneers ate and chatted, stories were told. Betty Curry told a moose story, when, several years ago, a moose suddenly somersaulted over the hood of her car and in her mind she can still see his huge legs going past her. She missed death by seconds. Another Wentworth story well remembered is students walking home from the one-room Centre School on a gravel road when a moose could be seen on a field to the right just before the church hill and Geordie Little's place; one of the boys for fun gave a moose holler, the moose started to come towards the students who hastily ran up and down the church hill, looked

back to see the moose following down the road, and, fortunately, the students were able to run down under the Teed bridge and then hear the hoofs of the moose thundering past on the overhead bridge.

A sudden entrance by Sparky the Dalmatian Dog Mascot of the Wentworth Fire Department and his companion, Deputy Fire Chief Arden Little, caught everyone by surprise. Sparky took time to say hello to everyone and shake their hand. Arden Little gave out tasty "suckers" to all the members as well as fire prevention gifts. One gift was a scrapper with a red handle proclaiming, "Install and maintain CO alarms inside your house to provide early warning of carbon monoxide," and another gift was a magnifying glass stating on its cover, "Look while you cook! Never leave cooking unattended."

Sparky the Dalmatian Dog mascot was a reminder of the historic past of firefighting when huge carriages with fire equipment were drawn by horses and accompanied by Dalmatian dogs, who could lead the way for horses to a fire and also as guard dogs who prevented thieves from stealing fire equipment. When

the day came for motorized fire trucks, the horses and dogs lost their jobs, much to the dismay of many firefighters and public who loved both the horses and dogs.

After the meal time was done and the cleaning up was quickly done by the commercial dish washer and quick, competent Pioneers, the game of Auction 45's began. After sensing the historic importance of Dalmatian fire dogs, thoughts about the history of Auction 45's arose. History reveals that 45's came from a game called Maw, which was recorded as being played in Scotland during 1511. Maw spread to Ireland where it was known as Spoil Five, then the game came with settlers to the Maritimes and the New England states, where it was called 45's, 120's, 110's and other various names. Auction 45's is a lot of fun and takes strategy thinking. It is cool to know a variation of 45's was played in 1511 A.D. and that now there are computerized 45's games.

In the background as Auction 45's was played, Betty Curry (piano) and Bob Hyslop (trumpet) as a team played popular tunes. History again is interesting. The earliest piano, a keyboard instrument with strings struck by hammers was invented in 1709 by Bartolommeo Cristofori of Italy, and is one of the most popular instruments world wide. Betty Curry from the early age of ten years has played the piano with skill and beauty. By 1200 B.C., the trumpet as a brass instrument was created, and in 1813 the valve trumpet was developed. Bob Hyslop played the trumpet with a brilliant tone, changing notes by pressing on three piston valves in various combinations, and by changing lip tension.

It was a great evening and everyone loved seeing Sparky and Arden Little, who after their performance was done, were invited to sit down and eat.

Approx Weight = Approx Size.

Easy example: A cremated 100 pound person will yield almost 100 cubic inches of ashes. So, if 1 pound = 1 cubic inch then this person would need an urn that is approximately 90-100 cubic inches or larger.

Urn capacity can only be too small. An urn is only too big if you think it is too big. Cremated remains (ashes) can vary in amount due to different cremation processes, temperature variations and the bone structure of the decedent. Buy an urn slightly larger than calculated to avoid having the urn be too small for the ashes.

Any other questions you may have about cremation urns can be answered by contacting

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Ben MacLellan, a resident of Maitland, NS is a wood turner who makes a variety of wood turned products.

Cremation and the Urn

By Ben MacLellan

Many people view cremation as a way of simplifying their funeral process. These people view a traditional burial as an unneeded complication of their funeral process, and thus choose cremation to make their services as simple as possible.

Modern Cremation urns range from discount versions to those fashioned of marble, bronze, wood, brass and glass. They can be decorated with jewels and come in designs that memorialize hobbies, religious beliefs, sports, and other interests the deceased may have had. Some are biodegradable, and some look like small vaults where the ashes can be stored. The quality of urns offer a gesture of respect for the deceased, and changing reli-

gious beliefs are making urns more acceptable.

The cost factor tends to make cremation attractive. Generally speaking, cremation is cheaper than traditional burial services, especially if direct cremation is chosen, in which the body is cremated as soon as legally possible without any sort of services.

Cremation might be preferable for environmental reasons. Burial is a known source of certain environmental contaminants, with the coffin itself being the major contaminant.

Things to consider when purchasing a cremation urn:

Cremation urn item descriptions list the size of the urn in Cubic Inches. If you know the weight of the deceased - then you know the size of the urn you need.

Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

The Remembrance Day Services here at Branch 106 got off to a great start on Sunday, Nov. 6th with our Church Parade which was held at the United Church in Debert, with Pastor Heather MacLean leading the congregation in prayer.

Our President Comrade Ron (Easy) Eastcott did a very good job on "In Flanders Fields".

A thank you is passed along to the Colour Party who despite rattling a few chandeliers did a fine job. To all the Legion members who attended (and there was a few extra this year), thank you very much.

To Padre Heather MacLean and the members of the United Church, thank you very much for your warm welcome and comradeship, it was appreciated. The lunch was beautiful. Thank you very much for your hospitality.

From there it was off to the Seniors Complex (Debert Court) with the Legion Colours. Padre Don Martin led

the seniors in song and prayer; it was a very nice hour. To Padre Martin and the Colour Party thank you very much.

Remembrance Day here at Branch 106 was held in the auditorium because of the terrible weather and a big crowd was on hand to pay tribute to ALL our Veterans.

To our Poppy Chairperson and all the people who helped in any way, thank you very much. To all the people who worked in the kitchen getting the chowders and other snacks ready for the crowd after the Nov. 11th Parade, thank you very much.

To the cooks and helpers in the kitchen for our wonderful November 11th Supper, thank you very much.

Hunting season is in full swing as we get this shortened article ready for printing and I would like to pass along congratulations to Mark Gregory for the big 251 pound, 11 point buck he shot. Mark was hunting with his good buddy Bruce Higgins when he downed the big

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