

Local Members Fare Well at National Pony Club Event



Michael Congdon, Great Village with his second place ribbon and the bridle bag he won placing second at National Pony Club Quiz. (Submitted)

Two members of the Opportunity Pony Club placed well at the National Quiz Competition held in Winnipeg in October. Michael Congdon of Great Village placed 2nd out of 54 competitors in the Individual C Level quiz, while Joecy Peters of Glenholme was 21st.

Michael and Joecy were also part of a four member Nova Scotia team which included Kasey McDermott from Hants County and Rynne Doherty from the Annapolis Valley. The team placed 10th out of 16. The Opportunity Pony Club operates out of Opportunity Farm Stables in Onslow Mountain.

Great Village Elementary Notes

By Connie Smith

The Grade 3/4 class led a Remembrance Day Service in which all classes participated by sharing a poem or a recitation. Grade 4 students, Olivia Pugsley and Shelby Wenham placed a wreath on behalf of the school at the Londonderry Remembrance Day Service.

The Virtue that is being focused on for November is "forgiveness". Early in the month, students met in Peace Groups to complete an activity related to this virtue. They discussed the importance offering someone another chance after they have done something wrong knowing that everyone makes mistakes.

Classroom Cafe is up and running again this month. Twice a month parent volunteers prepare a hot meal available to students for \$2.00. Included with the meal is a vegetable/fruit tray, which is available to all students even if they choose not to purchase the hot meal. In December, everyone looks forward to a turkey dinner, complete with all the trimmings. For this meal, students and staff come together to share the meal in the gymnasium rather than students being served in their classrooms.

Each Friday, students are greeted as they enter the school with the offer of a fruit smoothie. Parent volunteer Allison Francis shops for the supplies each week to be able to offer this healthy start to the day. The response of the students has been "delicious"!

A school trip to the Cougar Dome is planned for November 20. While at the Dome, students will receive instruction from golf and tennis professionals, as well as an opportunity to play soccer and to walk/run on the track.

Report cards go home on Monday, November 24 with parent-teacher meetings scheduled for Wednesday evening and Friday afternoon.

The School Advisory Council is looking for two community members to participate in the Council. The Council meets at the school periodically throughout

Great Village Elementary Notes

(Editor's Note: Our apology to Connie Smith, students and parents at Great Village Elementary. This article was supposed to be published last month, but during an unexpected power outage, the data was overwritten and we missed getting it into last month's issue.)

By Connie Smith

Each month, students participate in Peace Groups to learn and practice virtues to develop citizenship. The virtue for the month of September was "respect". At the end of the month, a student from each class was selected for consistently demonstrating this virtue in all settings. For September, the students selected were Mahayla MacGillivray (Primary), Danica Congdon (Grade 2/3) and Maddy MacLean (Grade 3/4). The Virtue for the month of October is "thankfulness".

Students have been establishing and practicing safety routines. Members of the Great Village & District Fire Brigade visited our school in October. Following a fire drill, the firefighters met with students in an assembly where students had the opportunity to see what the firefighters looked like wearing their safety gear, and to hear what the firefighters sounded like with the breathing apparatus. Students then had a close look at the fire trucks. All students were provided with a package of information and asked to plan and practice with their family mem-

bers an exit route and safe meeting place in the event of a fire at home. At our school, we appreciate the annual visit from the members of our volunteer fire department. In addition to fire safety, students practiced safe bus evacuation and also a Hold & Secure drill with our RCMP Liaison officer.

Each day during the week of October 6-10, students participated in "Walk to School" week by walking around the school property before starting their school day. "Walk to School" activities are held in 40 countries around the world. Students are encouraged to get physical activity at every opportunity. Mrs. Hicks McCully, our Physical Education teacher, offers a noon sports program available to all students each day she is at the school.

On October 14, students enjoyed an African Drumming presentation with Chris Kennedy. Students gathered in the gym to learn about a variety of African drums. Chris shared that the drums were made from trees and usually had a goat skin covering. After demonstrating how to play each of the drums, all students had the opportuni-

ty to try the drums. Thirteen drums beating together sounded loud and impressive.

A representative from the Colchester East Hants Regional Library will be at the school on October 30 to share some of the resources from the library and to encourage students to come to the library to borrow materials.

On October 31, students will travel by bus to the Balefill Facility in Kemptown. Just as is expected in our homes, at school students are encouraged to sort waste products into recycling, compost, and garbage. On our school trip, students will have the opportunity to see what happens to these products when they leave the school. Following the presentation at the Balefill Facility (weather permitting) students will have lunch at

Victoria Park and then some time to explore and play before returning to the school for dismissal.

Our next Home & School meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 6:00 pm. There was a great turnout at the last meeting and we hope to continue with this level of support throughout the year. In November, we will be finalizing plans for many of the activities that take place each December. We are in need of two community members, who are not parents of students at the school, to serve on our School Advisory Council. The Council meets throughout school year to offer suggestions and support for various school activities and needs. If you are interested in this volunteer role, please contact the school at 902-668-6500 for more information.

MacCaul Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

Shannon MacAloney and Sharon Roode attended meetings at the Baptist Church, Bass River November 7 to 9. The meetings ended with a turkey dinner on the last day.

Sunday, October 26th there was a birthday party for all those celebrating their October birthdays. Congratulations to Jodi Robinson, the birthday boy!

Martha Hill is spending a few weeks visiting me.

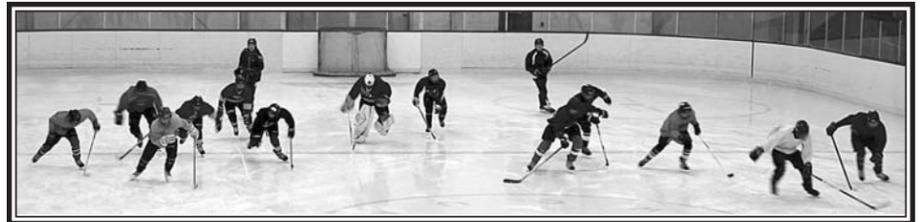
We attended the service at the War Memorial in Great Village on the 11th. It was a well attended service on a fine day. I have not seen such large crowds in many years.

On November 17th we had entertainment provided by George Cook and Herb. All those who attended enjoyed the music very much.

the school year to offer suggestions and support for school activities. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please have them contact the school (902-668-6500 or smithp@ccrsb.ca) for more information.

The Home & School is once again organizing a Christmas Raffle Draw. Students will have tickets to sell at the first of December for a selection of prizes. Students do not go door-to-door selling tickets, rather, they are asked to sell to family and friends. Tickets may also be purchased at the Christmas Concert. This raffle is the major fund raiser for our school with funds being used to support a variety of student activities as well as purchasing technology for the school.

Looking ahead to December: Dec. 15th or 16th - making gingerbread houses, Dec. 17th - Christmas Concert begins at 6:30 (asked to bring a donation to the Food Bank and final opportunity to purchase raffle tickets), Dec. 18th - Turkey Dinner and Dec. 19th - Hocus Focus Presentation by the Discovery Centre.



West Colchester Minor Hockey players are put through some on-ice drills during the Skills Development Day on Nov. 1st. (Harrington Photo)



Sports Psychologist, Tara Power, gives some helpful information to the Atom/Pewee group during the West Colchester Minor Hockey Skills Development Day on Nov. 1st. (Harrington Photo)

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