

## Debert Elementary School students visit WCCS

By Erma Cox

All students loaded busses on November 10th for a road trip to Bass River. Students were given the opportunity to both visit WCCS and play for a while on their playground but more importantly participate in a Remembrance Day service at Veterans Memorial Park. The opportunity to visit this nationally recognized park and hear of the importance of the statues, the trees and the other flora around the park was incredible. I believe

this was a service that our students will remember for a long time. Thanks to Sonya Tremblay and the staff of WCCS for organizing such an incredible day for our children.

First term has come to a close and with that we will see report cards going, Parent-teacher interviews being held and a celebration of the accomplishments to date. We look forward to showcasing our students work in the weeks to come.

We have scheduled our

Christmas concert for December 14th and have our Annual Shopping Blitz scheduled for Monday December 19th and Tuesday the 20th. Debert students will also be involved in a number of activities with our seniors, making a difference through We Day activities and learning about the past through a visit to the Museum of Industry. We encourage you to keep abreast of all the events through our Facebook page.

In closing I remind par-

ents/guardians that there is a possibility of strike action in the month of December. We will make every attempt to keep parents as informed as possible through our Facebook page. The government is also sending out information flyers that we post to the same site. I encourage you to like that page so that you get the information as quickly as possible allowing you to plan accordingly. There will also be updates posted to the CCRSB webpage.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

## WCCS is Full of Vigor!

By Heather Boyd

As we complete a vigorous first term, students and staff at WCCS are starting to look forward to the Christmas break. Report cards went home on November 24th and parent-teacher took place November 24-25. We commend the students for their hard work this term and we recognize and appreciate their efforts. We are very proud to have such smart and delightful students!

On November 10th, Debert Elementary joined us for a student-led Remembrance Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park, honouring our fallen veterans and those serving in the military.

The Remembrance Day Veterans Luncheon on November 11th organized by the Home and School was a huge success again this year and we thank all of the volunteers who put this together.

Our 2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place in December and we are welcoming donations from members of the community. This event is where students shop for items as gifts for immediate family members and take them home wrapped for Christmas morning surprises.

Last year the students took great delight in the experi-

ence and moms and dads received some sweet treasures!

We are seeking new or gently used items (no books, clothes, or stuffed animals please), so if you have some items you've been thinking of parting with, this is your opportunity to find them a new home. Storage space/timing is a challenge. Donation drop offs are Dec 15 and 16 from 9 am to noon at the school.

Please contact Kristen at 902-324-2259 for details. Cell service is temperamental in her area, so please leave a message if there is no answer.

We also would like to remind everyone that our community dinner takes place every Tuesday. This is open to all community members. Place your order, pick it up, and you have a delicious meal (and we do mean delicious!) for a real bargain. The monthly schedule and menu is posted on our Facebook page or call 902-647-3500 to place your order.

Mark your calendar for our Christmas concert on December 19th at 6:30 pm. We have a tree in the lobby and accept non-perishable food items for donation to the food bank. On December 20th a turkey dinner Christmas meal will be provided to students at no cost.

There are many activities and events taking place and our Facebook page is the best way to stay in the know!

## Chiganois Elementary Students Brainstorm to Enhance

By Linda Harrington

At the time of this writing there has been no decision as far as a strike for December. All dates and information is given as if classes are still being held as planned.

Virtue of The Month: Courage and Honor. "I face challenges directly. I speak up for myself and others even when it may be unpopular. I ask for help when necessary. I recognize risks and dangers and do not take unwise chances to please others."

The boys and girls' school bathrooms have been completely renovated at the school. They are looking fantastic and were overdue for a much needed make-over. There are still a few touch ups that need to be completed; however this does not interfere with their use.

A wonderful Service of Remembrance was held on

Nov. 10th in the gymnasium. Thank you to students and staff who had a direct role in the presentations and thank you to all who attended, including special guests.

Grade four and five students are actively involved in the school's leadership team. The students are helping to support the school through their efforts to be positive role models for one another and create an atmosphere of responsible citizenship. They are eagerly helping out in a variety of capacities through a schedule of activities, such as playground equipment helpers, recycling and cafeteria helpers (with the younger students). The students meet bi-weekly to discuss and brainstorm ways they can enhance our school community. Their efforts are appreciated along with the support of Mrs. Matte, the school Guidance Counsellor.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) exists to advise the administration of the school. It is comprised of staff, parent and community members, and meets six times throughout the school year to discuss issues that concern the school and ways to make Chiganois Elementary an even better place to learn and grow. The SAC met on October 18th for the second meeting of the school year. Items discussed included the recent bathroom renovations, provincial assessments written by our students in Sept./Oct., changes being implemented to the IPP program, and setting of school goals for the 2016-2017 school year.

The next School Advisory Council Meeting will be held at 6:00PM on November 29th followed by the Parent Teacher Group Meeting at 7:00PM.

Drama club is coming to an end on November 17 and Art Club and Morning Fitness Club has begun.

Facility Access Grant was applied for and the Skating program will be carried out this year from November 2, 2016 - February 8, 2017. Cost of busing to and from will come out of the fieldtrip budget.

Hackmatack Book Club is for students in grade 4 and 5 and once the books have been received the club will meet over the lunch hour. The program introduces students to many great Canadian books and authors and the students get to cast their votes for their favorite books in a region-wide election in March of 2017.

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Chiganois Elementary school is one of the schools in the province to have access to the Maker Cart until December, and then it will go to another school within the province. It is a cart filled with electronics (robotics, 3-D printers etc.), that teachers could use to integrate into the curriculum and engage students in hands on learning.

New Canadian flag has been purchased for the school yard. A television and wall anchor was purchased for the foyer and is to be used for announcements and school pictures of various activities. It will

be installed once the electrical material (box, wiring) has arrived and installed.

The school's Annual Christmas Store will be held again this year. The Parent Teacher Group would like you to start putting aside those items that can be donated (lightly used) for this much-anticipated event. As well, if you have gift wrap, tape, and gifts bags that can be donated it would be greatly appreciated.

Items can be dropped off at the school.

Christmas Concert will be held at Cobequid Educational Centre on Dec. 6th. The annual Christmas Dinner will take place on Dec. 14th.

Dec. 21st is the last day of School before Christmas Vacation and classes will resume on January 3rd, 2017.

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