



Charleigh Jollimore watches Eddie the Supercat closely. Eddie shared messages with the students about putting trash where it belongs. (Harrington Photo)

## Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

Winter weather is here! Unless special circumstances occur, students are outside at recess and noon. On cold weather days, the younger students will be asked to wear the "winter wear" they bring to school when going outside to play. Older students are expected to be responsible to dress appropriately for their personal needs.

All schools receive funding through the Department of Education to support offering a breakfast program. Since GVES school day begins shortly after the busses

arrive, it is not practical to have a formal breakfast program each day but there is a selection of snacks (e.g. granola bars, apple sauce, yogurt tubes, raisins) to offer students who indicate that they have not had the opportunity to have breakfast.

The volunteers who have made it possible to offer Classroom Café are greatly appreciated. GVES recently received a \$500.00 donation from the Masons (63 Corinthian Lodge) in support of this program. Thank you to the 63 Corinthian Lodge for this kind donation.

There are students who

have food allergies at the school and therefore it is requested parents do not send class treats to school unless the snack is fresh fruits or vegetables.

GVES staff and students were fortunate to be invited to share in the Remembrance Day Service with students at West Colchester Consolidated School. Although the weather was disappointing, and students were unable to be on the playground with the WCCS students or to have the service at the Memorial Park, it was still a positive experience. Great Village students performed a medley of "Down by the Riverside" and "Peace Like a River". This outstanding performance lit up the audience, in particular, the Legion members in attendance. Thank you to Zachary Best and Shyla Jordan for placing a wreath on behalf of our school during the Remembrance Day services in our communities.

Students enjoyed a presentation from a super cat, Eddie who shared a very important message about putting garbage where it belongs. On the school playground, students are responsible to put wrappers in the garbage before going to play on the equipment.

Students at all grade levels have had the opportunity to participate in the Home Reading/Writing Program. The purpose of this program is for students to practice reading and writing regularly at home. Students also have the opportunity to demon-

strate being responsible by returning the reading bags each week. When returned on December 5th, reading bags will remain at school until January, but students are still encouraged to find time at home for reading and writing practice.

GVES recently received a donation of \$2080.00, funds raised in memory of Doug Peppard to support literacy activities. Mr. Peppard attended Great Village School, and was an avid reader. Great grandchildren, Bria & Ava Tanner, are currently students at this school. Last month a portion of this donation was used to allow each student to select a book from the Scholastic Book Order to add to the classroom library. This month, the books arrived, and students gathered in the gymnasium to share their choice with a reading buddy.

There is no school for students on Dec. 1st due to a site based personal development day in the morning and parent-teacher in the afternoon.

Congratulations to Kaylee Murphy who won a contest through Scholastic for her invention of a machine that could turn bananas into popsicles! For her creativity, Kaylee won an impressive prize package that included 36 books for her classroom! Way to go Kaylee!

Maggie's Place Playgroup is in the school gymnasium each Monday from 9:30 - 10:45. All preschoolers are welcome.

Gingerbread houses will be constructed on Thursday, Dec. 7th.

A new electric keyboard has arrived for the music classroom. Mr. Black is delighted with the sound quality and is very pleased to have the keyboard in time to accompany students as they prepare for our Christmas Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 6:30PM. Thank you to the Home & School for providing the funds to purchase this instrument.

A Turkey Dinner will be provided on Dec. 15th. Students will enjoy swimming at the RECC on Wednesday, Dec. 20th from 10:00 - 11:00AM and a Magical Science Presentation on Thursday, Dec. 21st at 10:30.

The last day for classes is Dec. 22nd and students return to school on January 3rd. Merry Christmas everyone!



Great Village Elementary students Ella Lamond and Noel Miller are enjoying time reading as Book Buddies. (Harrington Photo)

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Kaylee Murphy poses with the prize she won in a contest through Scholastic Books. The prize will be shared with her Great Village classroom. (Harrington Photo)

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