



Grade primary student Lika Spencer with her book buddy Grade 4 student Ophelia Betts.



GVES Grade 1 student Kegan Fields is ready to carve his pumpkin.



Isaac McGillivray, Lochan Langille Higgins and Logan Gamble were not wasting any time getting their pumpkins ready to carve.



Grade 4 student Patricia McRae assists her book buddy Grade Primary student Jaylyn Merrit during reading time.

Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

At the end of October, students enjoyed a presentation by "Rabbit & Bear Paws". In this puppet show, seven animals share what it means to walk a good path through life, through understanding the Seven Grandfathers of Courage, Respect, Humility, Truth, Love and Wisdom. Both students and teachers were performers for this entertaining show. On the last day of the month, students gathered in Peace Groups to complete a favourite activity, carving pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns.

Earlier in the year, each student selected a book of interest from the Scholastic Book Order to be added to each classroom library. The books finally arrived, and students gathered in the gymnasium to share their selections through Book Buddies. It is a lovely sight to witness every student engaged in reading at the same time. The school is appreciative of the funds donated through the Doug Peppard Memorial to support this activity.

On November 9th, Great Village Elementary was invited by West Colchester Consolidated School to participate in a Remembrance Day Service at the Veterans Memorial Park. Everyone met at the school and students had an opportunity to play outside with students from WCCS and Debert Elementary before walking to the Park for the service. It was a beautiful day for the service and students were very respectful of the event. In local communities on Remembrance Day, students Logan Harrison and Mason Wenham placed a wreath in Great Village, and Braden Langille Higgins placed a wreath in Londonderry on behalf of the

GVES Home & School Association.

Students had another bus trip this month, to the Rath Eastlink Community Center for swimming. The pool at the RECC has something for everyone, from the wading pool, to the water slide, to the diving board. Student enrollment this year is slightly greater than one school bus can transport, so a special note of appreciation is sent to the volunteers who drive students for the school trips.

Students have been enjoying going to the gym during the lunch break for extra music activities on music days. The younger students play musical games and the older students are preparing for a part in the Christmas Concert. Thank you to GVES music teacher, Mrs. Sutherland, for offering this opportunity for the students.

Until a volunteer becomes available to coordinate Classroom Café, the school has been ordering pizza from Great Village Pizza twice a month. The pizza is specially made for the school and is served with a selection of fresh cut up vegetables from the Masstown Market. In addition to this meal, each week, a basket of fruit is also provided for each classroom. The selection of fruit includes bananas, apples, oranges, pears, and clementines. Funds provided through the provincial government's Breakfast Program and other charitable donations have been used to cover the expense of these food items so there is no charge for students.

There are many events planned for the month of December. Volunteers, including interested community members, are welcome to come to



Bells of Peace were tolled all across Canada to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI. In Great Village, following the bells tolling, piper Dan Wesley played Amazing Grace outside Branch #72. Remembrance Day photos are on pages 10 to 16.

the school on the morning of December 14th to lend a hand as students make gingerbread houses. Help is always appreciated with the Christmas Dinner which is planned for December 20. Our Christmas Concert is on the evening of December 18th. On this night,

we will be collecting donations for the Food Bank at the door. We will finish up the month with a performance by children's entertainers, Razzmatazz, on December 21st, beginning at 10:00AM. Everyone is welcome!

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GVES Grade 3 student Brandon George with his monkey buddy.

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