



GVES students enjoyed a delicious wild blueberry dessert at their Christmas dinner, thanks to the Pugsley family of Five Islands. Left to right- Charlee Pugsley, Mahayla MacGillivray, Ella Lomond and Bria Tanner. (Harrington Photo)

## Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

“Rain, rain, go away, come again another day” were the thoughts at Great Village Elementary this month. Having snow on the playground is so much more fun than ice! Students enjoy using the student-sized shovels and other diggers to move the snow around. Conditions have been excellent for

coasting on Penny’s Hill or Grump’s Hill as some call it, next to the school. Classes alternate taking turns coasting during the lunch break on Fridays and they have also enjoyed this winter activity during Physical Education class.

There have been several guests at the school this month, beginning with the Maritime Marionettes who

presented the story of Red Riding Hood. In their version of this fairy tale, the lifelike marionettes share the story almost exclusively through playful music. The “happy ending” version of this classic tale is enchanting for young and old alike. Following the presentation, students had an opportunity to ask questions of the performers and to take a look behind the stage to see the marionettes up close.

Artist Emma Fitzgerald spent a week at Elizabeth Bishop house in Great Village and during her stay, she took time out to come to the school to meet with each of our classes. Emma read aloud a book she has illustrated, “Everybody’s Different on Everybody Street”, sharing extra information about the illustrations. With the Grade 3/4 class, Emma led the students in creating art using water colours. These productions are proudly displayed on the hall bulletin board at the school.

At the end of the month, students had the opportunity to enjoy another winter activity, this time inside the gym. Students were introduced to the sport of curling through the Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings program. Unique indoor floor curling equipment is used to provide a true curling experience without requiring ice. Each class enjoyed a 40 minute session that included a variety of drills, relays and team-building activities, with a focus on FUN! Hurray Hard!

On January 25th, eight children attended our Primary Registration for the 2019-20 school year. These soon-to-be students will return to school on May 30th to spend time in their classroom with fellow students.



Maritime Marionettes puppeteers Heather and Darryll Taylor pose with GVES students Jax Young, Ashlyn Wallace and Kara Cooke following their performance of Red Riding Hood. (Harrington Photo)



Illustrator Emma Fitzgerald spent some time in Great Village recently and she was pleased to stop by Great Village Elementary School to read a book she has illustrated, “Everybody’s Different on Everybody Street”. (Harrington Photo)



It is a race to the bottom of Penny’s Hill for GVES students Taylor Jollimore and Hailyn Mercer. (Harrington Photo)

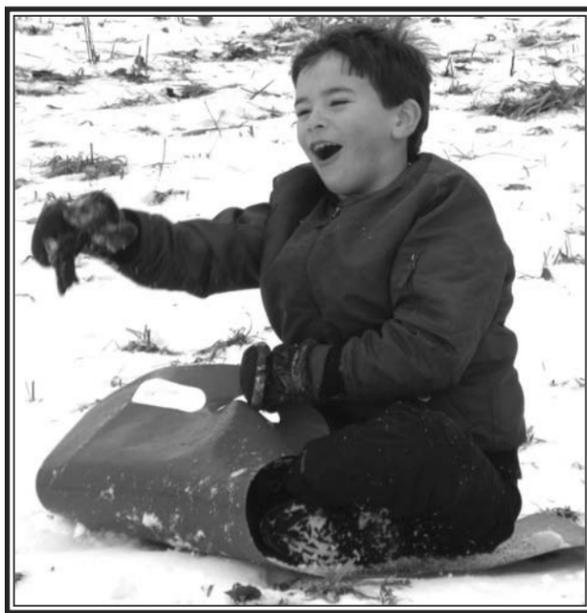


GVES Grade 4 student Ophelia Betts enjoying coasting at noon hour on Penny’s Hill. (Harrington Photo)

GVES Home & School and School Advisory Council meet on January 31st beginning at 6:00 pm at the school. All parents are invited to attend.

Next month Peace Week will be celebrated with special activities scheduled for each day during the week of February 11th-15th. Activities will take place at the school as well

as trips to the pool and the rink. Students will skate at the West Colchester United Arena in Debert on February 12th, and then on Friday February 15th and on the following two Fridays, students can invite family and community members to a free skate at the rink from 3:00-4:00PM. Hope to see you there!



The smile says it all! Great times coasting at noon time for GVES Grade 2 student Charlie Slack. (Harrington Photo)

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