

Remembrance in our Schools



We Remember



Gabby Rushton, Ethan Totten, Drew Mumford, Mallory Priest (front l to r) laid wreaths on behalf of Debert Elementary School during the Service of Remembrance held on Nov. 9th. Master Seaman Diana Frizzle (back left) was speaking with students in her niece's (Gabby Rushton) classroom prior to the Service. (Harrington photo)



Charlie Teed (left) and Sarah Murray pin their poppies to the cross, with the help of Julie Blackwood, following the Service of Remembrance held at Debert Elementary on Nov. 9th. (Harrington photo)



Rev. Don MacQueen, Robert Collins, Brandon Betts, Jarod MacDonald, Carlie Barnhill, Michaela Priest, and Emily Wilson (l to r) took part in the Service of Remembrance at Debert Elementary.

Debert Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

Christmas Dinner was held on Dec. 9th. The Grade Six class assisted Debi Rushton with the serving of the meal. Thank you to Debi and all those who helped with this special meal.

A retirement gathering was held for Jennie Robinson in early December. Jennie is the part time custodian. She was presented with gifts from everyone. Best wishes to Jennie.

Bus driver Herman Gerrior is also retiring. Thank you and best wishes to Herman, who has been a wonderful bus driver for many years.

The Christmas Concert was held on Dec. 14th. Thank you to Mr. Black for the wonderful program. Students, you all did very well.

Thank you to all who donated food to the Food Bank at the Concert. 523 pounds of food was donated to the Food Bank on behalf of Debert Elementary. Well done!

Two quilts were made by Gerene Chisholm and donated by Grade One student Emma Chisholm. Tickets were sold on the quilts, with all proceeds to benefit the music program. The winners were drawn at the Christmas Concert. Congratulations to Trevor Fisher and Evan Barnhill and thank you to the Chisholm family.

Mr. Black said he was very excited about the money raised (\$923.53) from the quilt raffle.

All students will benefit from the new musical instruments and other materials purchased with the raffle proceeds.

Trevor Fisher won the door prize basket at the Christmas Concert, also. Lucky day for Trevor!

Students made the short trip over to Debert Court to entertain residents with some Christmas songs on Dec. 16th. Each individual class took their turn singing a couple of tunes, accompanied by Mr. Black on guitar. Staff and many of the residents were singing along, obviously enjoying the music. A nice

way to share the school's community spirit.

Holiday Shopping Blitz was held during the last week of school before the holidays. Items were priced from .25cents to \$2. Gifts were wrapped and tagged so students can surprise their family on Christmas morning. Thank you to all parents and students for making this a huge success. Funds raised were shared with the Learning Centre and Christmas Index.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Classes resume on Monday, January 4th.

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Planters 250 Committee Planning Next Two Years

By Cathy von Kintzel

A significant time in Colchester County's rich history will be marked in 2010-2011 as residents celebrate the 250th anniversary of the arrival of English-speaking settlers from New England and Ireland.

Known as "Planters," the settlers occupied rich, dyked farmlands left vacant following Expulsion of the Acadians. These lands were in areas then known as the Truro, Onslow and Londonderry townships, which today include Truro, Bible Hill, Onslow, Old Barns, Glenholme, Londonderry and coastal communities from Great Village to Economy-Five Islands.

A Planters 250 Committee has been established to help co-ordinate and promote anniversary activities over the next two years.

Committee members are looking for ideas on how to best mark this historic occasion. They intend to contact organizations in celebration communities to find out if

they have plans for Planters 250 events, or if they would be interested in holding special events. In some cases, groups may choose to brand existing or ongoing activities such as sport tournaments or cultural events under the Planters 250 theme.

"We see this as an opportunity for our communities to come together to celebrate all that we have become over the past 250 years," says Ken Henderson, member of the Planters 250 Committee.

In so doing, Mr. Henderson says, the committee and public also acknowledge the roles played by the region's Mi'kmaq and Acadians.

"All components of our population should take this as an opportunity to reflect on and honour our shared history," he says.

"Above all, it's an opportunity to develop, nurture and express shared appreciation in the accomplishments of our region and to have a memorable celebration."

Representatives of prospective settlers came to this region in the summer of 1760 to view lands, and settlement began in the spring of 1761. Recognizing this, the celebration will be extended over two years, beginning January 2010 and continuing to December 2011.

The Colchester Historical Museum is among organizations already planning to observe the anniversary with two displays, one in 2010 and the other in 2011. Other groups which would like to be involved can contact Cathy von Kintzel, special events and culture co-ordinator for Town of Truro Parks, Recreation and Culture Department at 893-6093 or at cvonkintzel@truro.ca

The Planters 250 Committee represents historical societies, museums, cultural groups, churches and municipalities throughout Colchester County. Members are interested in linking local events to Planters 250 celebrations being held elsewhere in Nova Scotia.

Not Only Our Pocketbooks Are Shrinking

By Linda Harrington

Everyone who shops for groceries knows that prices have been on the rise and how important it is to shop for sales, but have you taken note of packaging of some products.

Sizes are shrinking. We are not being lied to, the packages are labeled accurately, but are a few grams here and there really obvious.

The family size packages of cheese was the first item I noticed taking a swing down in size. The long flat blocks were always over 600g but take note, they have crept down around 500g for a similar price. They still look much the same but they feel lighter.

A new product on the market is a resealable package of bacon. Bacon usually comes in 500g vacuum packs but the new resealable package is 375g. Doesn't a smaller size mean less need for resealing?

Laundry and dish detergent containers have been shrinking, too, but we are told this is for the good of the environment. Concentrated and

super-concentrated sizes have made it difficult to compare prices on what used to be regular liquid or even powder.

At back to school time, I noticed packages of loose leaf shrinking in size, also. Most sales promotions were on packages of 150 sheets, when there used to be as many as 500 per package.

Perhaps the most confusing is toilet paper. I believe you must have a degree in mathematical engineering to

figure out the best buy on this necessity. There are double rolls, extra sheets, mega rolls, super soft, super strong and a whole range of lengths and number of sheets per roll. Most people just head for the one with a sale ticket and hope they are getting a good deal.

Keep your eye on the packaging as you put items in your cart, you might be surprised to observe some subtle skrinkage.



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