



Central Colchester Junior High Respect-Ed students spell out “Thank you CCJHS and Salvation Army” as a show of appreciation for the many donations to the Christmas Hampers. (Harrington Photo)

CCJHS Holds Bullying Awareness Week

By Linda Harrington

Central Colchester Junior High's Respect Ed Team members were easy to spot at the school assembly, with their bright pink team shirts adorned with the logo “CCJHS Thinks Pink”. A school assembly was held on Dec. 5th to kick start Bullying Awareness Week activities. Guidance Counselor Jackie Chambers said the Respect Ed Team is still going strong at CCJHS after four years, and once again students have offered to give of their time to help other students who may need to ask for assistance from a friendly face. “CCJHS has been getting better and better over the last four years, showing that students at this school care and they don't like bullying to be happening,” said Ms. Chambers.

“The Respect Ed students are the eyes and ears on the school grounds and classrooms, if someone needs them to stand up for them.” Mrs. Archibald explained the new pink slips, called wraps. These will be given out to students who are doing something respectful. The students will then have their names entered into a draw at the end of each week, leading up to a major prize draw in February. Excitement rose from the crowd of students when they heard the prize would be an Apple Ipad, with a second major draw of a bicycle, later in the Spring. “We want you all being respectful, not only for the prizes, but to be kind and help make you good citizens,” said Mrs. Archibald. Santa and Mrs. Claus (Chris Lomond and Luke

Ferguson) explained the Christmas Hamper program to students. Each year classes bring in gifts and food donations and members of the Salvation Army distribute the items to families who may need some extra help at Christmas. Cst. Jane MacDonald, the School Safety Resource Officer, explained the difference between “ratting” and “telling”. “When you rat on someone you are trying to get them into trouble but when you tell, you are trying to get someone out of trouble,” says Cst. MacDonald. “If you see it, you are part of it. The power of bystanders is unbelievable, so use it!” CCJHS students were asked to sign a pledge during Bullying Awareness Week, saying they were willing “to stand up to bullies and not stand by”. The goal

was to have the pledges form a line all around the school. Liam Shortt, Blake Findlay, Leah van Gestel and Rebecca Yorke were the first four students to read their pledges. Activities in ELA, FLA, Music and Healthy Living for the week were centered around raising student's awareness of bullying behaviour and what they can do to reduce it. A dance was held on Thursday, sponsored by the Respect Ed Team. Prizes were awarded for the person(s) wearing the most pink. Bullying Awareness Week activities wrapped up on Friday with a talent show (bullying awareness songs shared by students) and the annual Christmas Index with the Salvation Army.



Diane Simms, Ella McCurdy, Tristan Chalk, Terese McCurdy, Janelle White, Taylor Geldart, Brenda Ryan(guitar), Aliah Wilson and Jensen Patriquin opened the CCJHS Talent Show and Assembly for Christmas Index with a few Christmas tunes. (Harrington Photo)



Santa's elves Erin Higgins, Morgan Johnson, Ahakur Latter and Emily Dunlap were ready to help deliver the hundreds of gifts collected by Central Colchester Junior High for the Christmas Index Program. Well done! (Harrington Photo)

The Lower Onslow Playschool holds Christmas Concert at the Lower Onslow Community Centre. (Photos by Linda Harrington)



Alyssa Putnam is very excited to meet Santa!



Alivia Dargavel, Jayden Clarke, Caleb Milligan, Kayla Burke, Alyssa Putnam, Tyler Murphy and Jack Simpson (left to right).



Leah Higgins, Paige McNamara, Ty Shreve, Kennedy Pierce, Merissa Bates, Sophie McCabe and Grace Denton (left to right).



Emma Hill-Macmillan (left) and Sophie Shepherd opened the Christmas Concert with a reading from The Night Before Christmas.



Lily Wildbore waves to the crowd, while Mason Turner and Sophia Whynot seem to have a wee bit of stage fright.



Grace Denton, Eric Denton, Spencer McGee, Ethan Wolfe and Ben Appel (left to right).

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