

WCCS raised \$350 for Christmas Daddies



On December 6th Dorothy Carson from the Five Islands UCW presented WCCS with a \$300.00 check to go towards the lunch program. (Lacey Gilley Photo)

By Lacey Gilley

Colorful lights are up in the lobby and festive decorations can be found in the classrooms. The countdown is on until Christmas Break! Here at WCCS and BRE we have been doing lots of things to celebrate the holidays and are looking forward to other upcoming activities!

Since the middle of November we have been thinking of ways to help families at Christmas and also ways that we can give back to the community. After many pennies were rolled, pajamas were worn and hat day was held, we raised \$350.00 for Christmas Daddies! On Sunday December 4th Brooke Vance and Brady Taggart went to Halifax to present the check. Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered to raise that money.

Everyone enjoyed it and we hope to do it again next year!

This December we also did a toy/food drive. We collected Campbell's Soup labels as well. These were both very successful events.

On December 6th we had our Christmas dinner at school. Everyone from grades primary to nine enjoyed their meal and dessert. This year it was provided by the school so that anyone who wanted the meal was able to get it for free. We would like to thank all of the people who helped out, as well as students and staff for making it a wonderful day!

Ski club has had their first meetings and students are excited for this activity to start up. There are about 20 students involved and they will begin skiing in January at Wentworth!

The December concert was held on Tuesday the 13th! It was a very fun night and the gym looked like the North Pole! Several baskets and prizes were drawn for throughout the night. Thank you to all of the people who made the night so great and to all the students who participated!

On December 14th a Christmas dance was held at WCCS for grades primary to nine! There was a craft activity for the grade primary to three students and the elementary dance started at 3:00pm and ran until 5:00 pm. The junior high dance started at 7:00 pm and went until 9:00 pm.

A coffeehouse held on the last day of school allowed students to showcase their talents. Many students signed up and we enjoyed their per-

formances. We enjoyed the cider and cookies that day! What a great way to begin Christmas break!

The West Colchester Coyotes Volleyball team season has finished. Their last tournament was on December 5th. They made it to playoffs and finished in 7th place out of 9. This is quite an accomplishment for such a small school and we are very happy with their hard work and the dedication of the players!

Boys basketball is going very well and they have their first tournament of the year in Brookfield on the 16th and 17th of December. League games for both the Boys and Girls teams will start in January. Good luck to the boy's team, we hope you have fun and are successful!

All students and staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2012!



Ashley Burt, Haley Spencer, Maggie Dodsworth- Lush and Madeline McLaughlin stop for a picture during recess on December 6th. (Brooke Vance Photo)



Grade primary to four students from BRE enjoy their Christmas Dinner on December 6th at WCCS. (Lacey Gilley Photo)



McKayla O'Brien, Shyanne Joudrey, Sylvie Taylor and Victoria Sheepwash enjoy their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday December 6th at WCCS. (Lacey Gilley Photo)



Santa might not get his milk and cookies! Two year old Olivia Higgins looks pretty happy with the gingerbread man she found during the Christmas Craft Sale held at the Lower Onslow Community Centre on Nov. 26th. (Harrington Photo)



Grade 5 DARE Class at Chiganois Elementary School with School Safety Resource Officer, Cst Jane MacDonald. DARE is a ten week course, in which students talk about making healthy decisions in concerns of Smoking, Alcohol, and Marihuana and also role playing in "Saying No". Students had just tried wearing the Fatal Vision goggles which allow them to understand what impairment is like due to drugs, alcohol and lack of sleep while they attempt to walk a straight line. Students are currently working on their DARE essays about the DARE program and how it will help them make healthy decisions. (submitted)

Students from Grades Primary to 6 at
West Colchester Consolidated and Bass River
Elementary presented their
Christmas Concert on Dec. 13th
(Photos by Linda Harrington)



Ms. Boutilier's Grade Primary to Grade Two classes.



Ms. McCully's and Mr. Matthews' Grade 3 & 4 class.



Ms. Conrad's Grade 5 class, with Ciara Congdon on keyboard and Brett Spencer, Madeline McLaughlin as drummers, led by Sybil Flemming.



Mr. Cameron's Grade 6 class.

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