



Computer Science week was Dec. 2nd - 8th at GVES and Mahayla MacGillivray and Kaylee Young enjoyed learning some basic computer programming.



Brothers Oliver and Patrick Williams were hard at work learning coding on the computers at GVES during Computer Science week.



Great Village Elementary students Charlie Slack and Patrick Williams enjoyed building a snowman in the freshly fallen snow.

Kenny Russell Wins Christmas Basket

By Chris Urquhart

The Masstown Community Association wants to thank everyone who bought tickets on their "Ready For Christmas" basket!

Actually it was two baskets plus a wine kit with brewing included!

The winner of this wonderful prize was Kenny Russell of Masstown!

Congratulations Kenny!

The money raised from this endeavor will go towards paying for the insurance on our Masstown Community Park, providing another new picnic table next year and for the mowing and upkeep during the summer months.

We may have another ticket draw - a Mother's Day Basket - but we'll let

you know more about that closer to May!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 19th, 7pm, at the restaurant part of the Masstown Market.

Everyone welcome!

We hope you were able to attend our Christmas Tree Lighting.

Unfortunately it had to be postponed from Friday night to Saturday night.

On Friday we had lots of snow so the roads were unsafe to travel on.

On Saturday it was very, very cold!

The Chiganois School decided not to attend, where it was supposed to go to minus 24 with the wind chill!

Much too cold for the little ones to be out in.

We did have about a

Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

Students were sent home with report cards at the end of November, with parent-teacher interviews scheduled that same week. However, a winter storm and a lengthy power outage resulted in those meetings being rescheduled into December.

The early snow fall this year has not been wasted on the students as they have been building snow sculptures, shovelling paths, and generally enjoying the winter weather at every opportunity.

Students in the Grade 3/4 classroom have been participating in The Roots of Empathy program. Students are coached by a trained Roots of Empathy instructor to observe a baby's development and to label the baby's feelings and intentions over a period of nine months.

Through these observations, students are helped to identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others.

GVES is fortunate to have Baby Whitney, daughter of Tracey & Cameron Gunn, and instructor Carol Isenor offer

this program for our students. Roots of Empathy has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among elementary school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy.

December 2nd - 8th was Computer Science Week. All students participated in the Hour of Code.

Mrs. Rushton's Grade 2/3 class took the lead in teaching students in the other classrooms how to code using the Chromebooks and iPads. Coding is a form of computer programming that allows students to be able to create projects that do amazing things.

Learning to program supports learning in other areas, such as math, reading, and science.

Everyone was looking forward to the annual December activities. On Friday, December 14th, students gathered in Peace Groups to make gingerbread houses, complete with candy decorations.

These masterpieces will be taken home following the Christmas Concert on December 18th. This year's concert



Baby Whitney Gunn is having fun with Landen Ralph during the Roots of Empathy program at GVES.



Quite the scary looking monster on the GVES playground! Looks like Josie Eagles behind the funny hat.

concert, "Jingle All The Way" begins at 6:30 with donations to the Food Bank accepted at the door.

Christmas Dinner will be prepared on December 20th with expenses covered through a donation from the Masonic Lodge.

On the last day before the holidays, students will be entertained by children's performers, Razzmatazz.

Everyone is welcome to attend the performance, beginning at 10:00 in the gymnasium.

Looking ahead to the new

year, primary registration for the 2019-20 school year will be on Friday, January 25th. Children who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2019 may begin school in the fall.

Families are asked to contact the school to make arrangements for an appointment by calling (902) 668-6500 or through email to burrycd@ccrsb.ca.

The students and staff of Great Village Elementary School wish everyone happy holidays and only the best for the New Year.



That is quite the monster snowman GVES Grade 4 student Ophelia Betts made on the playground.



Grade 2 Great Village Elementary students Connor Murphy and Oscar van den Hoek used shovel power to make a great looking snowman.

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