

# PHOTO FEATURE

Great Village Elementary School Concert- "Ring the Bells and Play the Drums", took place on Tuesday, Dec. 10th (Harrington Photos)



Ella Lomond & Connor Spencer did a wonderful job as emcees for the evening.



Hailey Miller and Hailyn Mercer recite their lines in the Grade 2/3 skit a Flea on Santa's Tree.



Primary/ One students (front) Cole MacNeil, Lika Spencer, Alea Richards and (back) Isaac Lomond, Ben Smith, Isaac MacGillivray.



Mrs. Rushton's Grade 2/3 Class performs bucket drumming to the Russian Dance (from the Nutcracker).



Grade 3/4 students Brandon George, Jamie-Lee Alexander and Charleigh Jollimore perform Sing Noel on the xylophone.

# Great Village Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

Students attended a Service of Remembrance on November 8th at West Colchester Consolidated. During the service, the grade 3/4 class joined with two of the WCCS classes for a beautiful performance of Highway of Heroes. Thank you to Ms. Fisher and Ms. Sutherland for having the students so well prepared. Thank you to grade 2/3 students, Ava Tanner and Hailyn Mercer for laying a wreath on behalf of the school.

On Remembrance Day, Grade 4 students Connor Spencer, Ella Lomond, Alyssa Robichaud, Jack Blair, and Hailey Field placed wreaths on behalf of GVES during services in Londonderry and Great Village. Thank you, students, for volunteering to represent our school and thank you to our Home & School Association for providing the wreaths.

A bus evacuation drill at school was held in November. Bus drivers did a talk about safety and showed students where the emergency equipment and windows are located on the bus. At the end of the drill students did an evacuation from the back door of the bus. Parents are asked to please remind students to listen to their bus driver and always remain seated while the bus is moving.

The school was thrilled to host the Discovery Centre. The students participated in two hands-on learning workshops during the day. Thanks to Stu Rath for supporting the Discovery Centre's "Adopt a School" program, and for selecting Great Village Elementary as a recipient!

**CITIZENS OF THE WEEK FOR NOVEMBER:** Oct 28-Nov 1: Lika Spencer, Josie Eagles, Ella Lomond; Nov 4-8: Tucker Jollimore, Oliver Williams, Kaylee Murphy; Nov 11-15: Nico van den Hoek Field, Ericka McRae, Charleigh Jollimore; Nov 18-22: Rylan Thompson, Kegan Field, Alyssa Robichaud and Nov 25-29: Alea Richards, Connor Murphy, Jack Blair.

CCRCE now has text notification available for school closures due to inclement weather! To opt in to receive text notifications or to learn more, visit [www.ccrce.ca/text-notification](http://www.ccrce.ca/text-notification). Please note: It could take up to 48 hours for any new text notification subscriptions or changes to take effect.

With colder temperatures upon us, remember students are outside during recess and lunch breaks. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather. On cold weather days, younger students will be asked to wear the "winter

wear" they bring to school when going outside to play. Older students are expected to be responsible to dress appropriately for their personal needs. It might be a good idea to have a change of clothes as well as an extra pair of mittens in your child's backpack.

The lost and found pile has been growing since the beginning of school! If your child is missing any clothing, please check the lost & found container. If items are not claimed by the holiday break in December, they will be donated to a local charity. A reminder that it's always a good idea to label clothing so that it can be returned easily if found.

The GVES Christmas Concert took place on Tuesday, December 10th beginning at 6:30 PM in the school gym. Great job everyone!

The GVES Breakfast Program, funded by the Dept of Education, has provided students with a selection of healthy snacks since the beginning of the school year.

Each classroom has a "grab & go" basket filled with cereal bars, raisins, and bags of Cheerios/Shreddies. On Mondays, students enjoy frozen yogurt tubes and on Tuesdays, a basket of fresh fruit is placed in each classroom. Cheesestings, veggie/fruit trays & milk are also offered on occasion. In addition to funds received by the Dept of Education, the school received a School Nutrition Grant from President's Choice @ Children's Charity.

Thank you to authors Emma Fitzgerald and Rita Wilson who visited GVES on December 9th as part of the Writer's in the Schools Workshop. The annual Gingerbread House building took place on Friday, Dec. 13th. Thank you to the PTG for their assistance with this fun filled activity.

A lovely Christmas Dinner will be provided to staff and students at no charge on Wednesday, Dec. 18th.

Last Day of school before the holidays is Friday, Dec. 20th.



Reigha Gabriel waves out to the crowd.



Kyrié Morse, Rylie Durning, Sophiea Bigney and Josie Eagles perform in the Grade 2/3 skit.

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