## **Debert Elementary Notes**



Debert Elementary School Grade 4-6 Drama/Leadership Club presented The Wizard of Flozz, an adaption of the Wizard of Oz by Leanna Todd, on June 14th in the school gymnasium. The wonderful performance was directed by Ms. Shelly Langille, Carlie Barnhill and Michaela Priest. Front (1 to r) Rebecca Murphy, Autumn McCulloch, Marlee Green, Brenton Maberry, Noah Hadley, Savannah Farrell, Chandler Bennett, Madison MacLean, Danielle Chater, Charlie Teed; Back (1 to r) Michaela Priest (Director), Brooklyn Jordan, Stacy Dash, Emma McCulloch, Mallory Priest, Madison Shearer, Makayla Isenor, Lucas Rushton, Lauren Wood, Kaelie DeAdder, Carlie Barnhill (Director). (Harrington Photo)



Scarecrow (Stacey Dash), Cowardly Lion (Kaellie DeAdder), Tin Woman (Makayla Isenor) and Dorothy (Mallory Priest) meet up with the Good Witch (Lauren Wood) and a Man (Noah Hadley) while exploring OZ. (Harrington Photo)



The Cowardly Lion (Kaellie DeAdder ), Scarecrow (Stacey Dash), Tin Woman (Makayla Isenor) and Dorothy (Mallory Priest) finally meet OZ Woman (Marlee Green). (Harrington Photo)

## By Linda Harrington

We're off to see the Wizard. This was the case for parents and friends who came out to see a play adapted by Leana Todd and performed here at Debert Elementary School. Following Ms. Todd's March Break Drama Camp (attended by two members of our Grade Drama/Leadership Group), we were excited to access her adapted play. The cast and crew were so taken by the script that it was decided that they would perform it as part of our final group assembly, a "Mug and Muffin" show and a final finale for family and friends on Thursday evening. We send out a thank you to our former students, Michaela Priest and Carlie Barnhill, who came to assist at the 4-6 Drama/Leadership group each Thursday afterschool throughout the year.

Lions and Tigers and Bears...Oh My there was more than that to be seen at Debert lately. The P-3 drama/leadership group had frogs and dogs and a pig go by. When asked what they liked about drama they often answered "everything".

We would like to thank all those who came out to support our students' theatrical efforts and an especially huge thank you to Leana Todd for her script, Rhoda Dash , the Rhuland/Rushton family for extra costumes, Tina Fisher for assisting weekly with drama and Mrs. Green for going the extra mile in preparing the pro-

grams

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successful.

Recognition day for the grade six class took place on Monday, June 25th at 1 pm. We are sad to see these students ending their career here at Debert but pleased that they have demonstrated extreme growth and are very well prepared for the next stage of their educational journey. Special thanks to Sonya Barnhill for putting in the extra time for our students while Ms Boutilier is recovering.

Winners of the Joy Stiles Memorial Award for Leadership in Physical Education were Stacy Dash and Ian Millican. Congratulations Stacy and Ian.

We are thrilled that students from all grades participated in the recent celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee at the Debert Museum. We had several students provide written work about the Royal Family while others made pendants for a banner or coloured pictures of

royal symbols. Students also participated in the Colchester County Bike safety colouring contest and on Thursday June 14th Anna Rutherford visited our school to present Carlee Boyd with a brand new purple bike as one of the big winners. Congratulations Carlee!

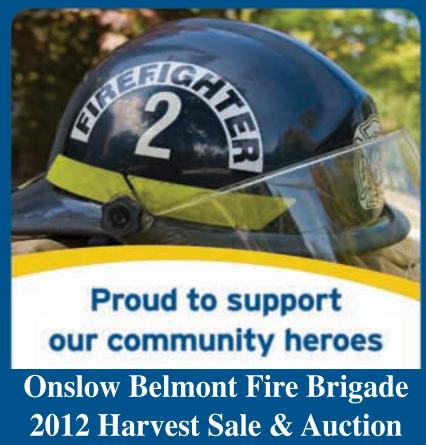
Students have enjoyed their class trips with Grade 5/6 visiting the N.S Sports Hall of Fame and enjoying a train trip, Grade 2& 3 going to Truro to Victoria Park and Scotia Pool and our Primary and grade 1 classes going to Hidden Hilltop and Masstown Market. The grade four class travelled to Parrsboro to visit the geological museum on Monday, June 25th. Special thanks to all those folks who completed the volunteer packages and agreed to chaperone those trips. Without your help we would not be able to provide these wonderful opportunities to the students of Debert Elementary

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Six ball teams participated in Christian's Journey Home Fundraiser Ball Tournament in Belmont. There was serious competition out on the ball diamond as Austin Smith gets to home plate ahead of runner Dawn Spencer. Three year old Christian Crowell has battled stage 3 Rhabdomyosarcoma. He and his family have arrived home recently to visit friends and family. (Harrington Photo)

Karri Lynn Wilson and Michele Smith were busy in the canteen at Christian's Journey Home Fundraiser Ball Tournament in Belmont on the weekend of June 15th and 16th. Waiting their turn are Emily Nichols and Bradley Weatherby. \$2879 was raised at the Ball Tournament, with more donations expected from other fund raising activities in the area. A duck race for Christian is planned for June 29th. (Harrington Photo)





Our annual Harvest Auction and sale is 3 months away, but it is a good time now to think about what you may have that can be donated. Anyone who may be moving between now and sale time can always contact us if you have household items to dispose of. This year's sale dates are September 28th &

29th . The auction runs 2 days and is a fun event, with lots of fresh produce, baked goods, pickles, jams etc and an unbelievable array of used and new goods with a good selection of antiques and collectables and a ton of household products, appliances etc. etc. Last year's sale brought in over \$19,000. That is a tremendous boost to the annual budget. Those dollars go directly back into the local taxpayer's pockets by off- setting the fire tax rate. Again, your support is greatly appreciated!

Check our web site for regular updates from now to auction day. http://www.onslowbelmontfb.ca/

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