

DEBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**"Dino-Soaring" News from
Debert Elementary School**
By Erma Cox

The past month has proven to be very busy around Debert Elementary. We ended May off with the grade sixes visiting CCJHS for a tour of the building and meeting some of their new teachers for next year. The next day they were headed off with their teacher and Mr Caudle for a day of active living where they hiked through Victoria Park, had a splash in Scotia pool and enjoyed a few strikes at Bible Hill Bowlcade. The grade two class hosted the monthly assembly and were excited to show everyone their flash mob presentation. On May 28th and 31st we enjoyed visits from several of our new primaries while the remainder of the students came on June 4th for a half day at "big school". May did not get away from us without a spectacular performance at the Provincial Heritage Fair by Sarah Kittilsen. Sarah was awarded the Nova Scotia Association of

Archivists Award for best use of primary sources. All grade four students had recently presented at the Chignecto Regional Heritage Fair with Sarah receiving "Historian of the Day" and "Best Life History" while Mercedes Swan and Ryan Benoit received a "Special Merit" award.

As the month on the calendar flipped to June we continued to race along. On June 5th students were treated to an afternoon of African Dance and then the following week, Ms Langille's 4-6 Drama/Leadership group put on three separate performances of the school play "A Schoolyard Carol". We were thrilled by the participation and abilities of these very talented young actors and actresses. On June 14th Ms Barnhill showed the whole community who truly "runs this town" as the Debert Running Club was joined by several members of the community to do a 4k run. Despite the rain, runners were thrilled to have support

along the way as many came out to cheer them on at various locales along the route and the school community could be heard well beyond the property as they yelled chants of encouragement to the finish line. Especially touching was the support from the Shannex as we have created a bond with these residents throughout the year with our many visits.

The final week of school proved to be equally busy as we hosted a showcase of our P-3 Drama/Leadership students' talents on Monday evening. Wednesday saw a very excited group of grade sixes perform the Harlem shake at their Recognition Day. Students received awards from their classroom teacher, Ms MacLean. Ms Langille gave awards to those who participated in Drama Leadership activities and Mrs Barnhill rewarded the Reading Mentors for their efforts throughout the year. Special Recognition was given to Blake Fiddes, the recipient of this year's Joy Stiles Memorial award.

On Thursday, June 20th, Mr. Caudle with the help of many volunteers held our annual Field Day while Debi and Tina looked after the barbecue for the day. Students had a blast

as they moved from station to station enjoying the activities and the fun in the sun. During the afternoon a number of Tug of Wars were held with some very tired but determined looks coming from both ends of the rope. Congratulations to all and thanks to the grade sixes who were team leaders for the day. As if that wasn't enough to tire everyone out, Friday saw no break in the activity as Mrs. Kaiser, Mrs Higgins and Mrs Loughhead all left on class trips early Friday morning. Students from the two younger grades had an exciting day at the Wildlife Park in Shubenacadie while grade four headed off to the Geological Museum in Parrsboro and ventured on to the Cobequid shores to expand their knowledge of rocks and fossils.

Still one day left and, "guess what", it was just as exciting. Our final assembly began with a celebration of Mi'kmaw culture through the voices of our school choir. Students, led by Mr. Black, sang several songs telling a story of Mi'kmaw heritage. The PEBS team then took charge of the remainder of the assembly. This team has been working all year on creating a new matrix for the school. A Powerpoint presentation displayed numerous students showcasing the values of our school and ended with the unveiling of both the matrix and our new mascot. All students, earlier in the year, were asked to design a mascot for the school with the chosen design being one that was felt to best represent our values at Debert Elementary. Congratulations to all on your designs and your support of one another. Special recognition was given to Jaden Storry-Trefry for his creation of the "Debert Dinosaur" with the motto "Reveal Your True Colours" as the new mascot and motto for our school.

As the students head home for a few days before returning for their report cards, I wish them a fun-filled and safe summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.



Debert Elementary School Grade 6 students: Front row (1 to r): Emma McCulloch, Marrina Lockhart, Brenton Maberry, Jenn MacLean (teacher), Noah Hadley, Jared Staples-Sears, Ethan Dawson, Blake Fiddes; Back row (1 to r): Justin L'Heureux, Drew Mumford, Jordan Fisher, Cameron Copage, Zack Betts, Brooklyn Jordan, Marlee Green, Madison Shearer, Tristan Watters, Lindsay Fraser, Hailey Roberts, Kaelie DeAdder, Dana Spence. (Submitted)



Doug Stiles (left) and Principal Erma Cox presented Blake Fiddes with the Joy Stiles Award for Leadership in Physical Education. (Harrington Photo)



The 2012/13 Debert Elementary PEBS (Positive Effective Behavior Support) Team lead the final Assembly of the school year and were each presented with certificates of appreciation. Left to right: Jordan Fisher, Hailey Roberts, Marina Lockhart, Emma McCulloch, Brook Jordan, Kaelie De Adder and Noah Hadley. (Harrington Photo)



Congratulations to Jaden Storry-Trefry who designed the new Debert Elementary School Mascot (shown on the top of the cake). Every student in the school submitted a drawing and the students picked Jaden's as the winner.



The Grade 2 class at Debert Elementary initiated a Community Garden for their school and they are very proud to see it growing so well. Left to right: Jaci Rushton, Emily Lerette, Ceilidh MacKay, Dylan Sloan, Hailey Bennett, Colin Isenor, Lienna Storry-Trefry, Emma Alexander, Carlee Boyd, Morgen Barnes, Hannah Boertjes, Will Hepburn, Teacher- Shana MacPherson, Tyler Mason, Aimee Boyd. (Harrington Photo)

Debert Elementary Drama/Leadership group put on three wonderful performances of "A Schoolyard Carol".

(Harrington Photos)



Kaelie DeAdder and Mallory Priest.



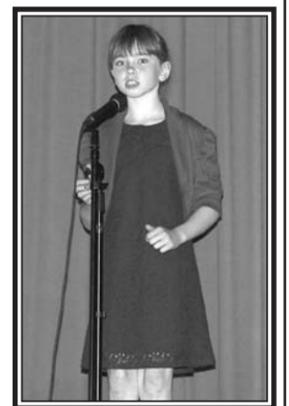
Left to right- Mercedes Swan, Madison McLean, Katie Lynn Webb, Marlee Alexander, Marina Lockhart, Savannah Farrell, Autumn McCulloch, Dylan Lockhart, Connor Simpson, Devin Lockhart
Laying Down: Makayla Isenor



Kneeling l-r: Marlee Green, Brooklyn Jordan, Sara Kittilson
Standing l-r: Savannah Farrell, Katie Lynn Webb, Autumn McCulloch, Tessa Weatherby, Hailey Roberts, Mercedes Swan, Emma Chisholm, Madison McLean, Marlee Alexander, Devin Lockhart, Makayla Isenor, Mallory Priest Connor Simpson, Madison Shearer.



Mallory Priest & Lucas Rushton



Sara Kittilson



Front l-r: Autumn McCulloch, Dylan Lockhart, Cannan Hebb;
Kneeling l-r: Mercedes Swan, Sarah Kittilson, Jayden Storry-Trefry, Connor Simpson, Marlee Green, Tessa Weatherby; Middle row l-r: Devin Lockhart, Madison McLean, Makayla Isenor, Madeline Hepburn; Back Row l-r: Kaelie DeAdder, Madison Shearer, Brooklyn Jordan, Hailey Roberts, Mallory Priest, Marlee Alexander, Myah Murphy, Marina Lockhart, Savannah Farrell, Emma Chisholm, Katie Webb, Lucas Rushton.