

Debert 4K Fun Run Becoming Annual Event



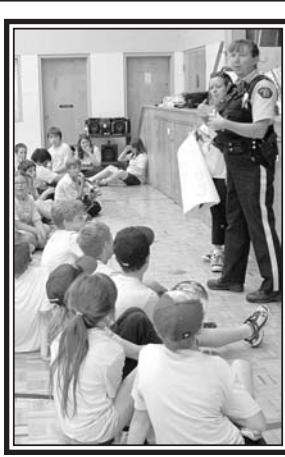
By Linda Harrington

Debert Elementary School (DES) Run Club held their 2nd annual 4K Fun Run on Friday, June 13 at 1pm. They put on their bright new lime green t-shirts and left the school at 1:00PM, with a police escort provided by RCMP Cst. Jane MacDonald.

Participants followed the Kent Homes loop and back to the school, where the rest of the school, family and friends lined the sidewalk cheering everyone as they ran across the finish line.

This is the 2nd year for the DES RUN Club. They are registered with Doctors NS Kids Run Club. 46 runners and 6 adult volunteers have been training every Wednesday and Friday after school since April 9th.

Each runner received a Kids Run Club water bottle and certificate following the run, at a reception in the gymnasium. Run Club organizer Sonya Barnhill says the group has been working on the 3Ps - pace, push yourself and practice!



CAPsite News at Wentworth Pioneer Club

By Hope Bridgewater

Good news about a CAPsite program planned for this July and August came from invited guests at the latest Wentworth Pioneers Club meeting. Two teenagers, Andrew Henderson and Ben Ferdinand, came to the pot-luck supper to make their presentation about the proposed summer activities at the Wentworth CAPsite.

As usual with most of our unplanned menus at a potluck supper, a miracle happens that somehow we have enough items for the first course (casseroles, beans, salads, jellies, relishes, preserves) and for the second course (cakes, cookies, squares, sauces, and pies.)

Andrew Henderson and Ben Ferdinand are both in Grade eleven at Pugwash District High School. They stated as their theme: "This summer there will be summer programs designed for seniors. We want to give the senior community the most active summer yet!" Classes they plan to offer are Skype,

newspaper, face book, games, basic computer skills, and e-mail. Sports they plan to offer are lawn bowling, badminton, bean bag, washer toss, yoga (chair), walk and talk, and an exercise class. There will be special nights: fire prevention night, first aid, and coupon nannie. For their excellent presentation, they were awarded a loud applause.

The two teenagers could not stay for the games about to be played by members (including bean bag), they agreed to have their photo taken and to write a paragraph about themselves. Their paragraphs are interesting to read.

Andrew Henderson wrote: "I grew up in Wentworth with my friends and family. I have always been very inter-



Ben Ferdinand and Andrew Henderson, two teenagers of the Wentworth community and students in grade eleven at Pugwash District High School, make a presentation to the Wentworth Pioneer Club about programs at the Wentworth CAPsite for July and August. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

Camp Pagweak Celebrates 70TH Anniversary

By Ken Kennedy

It is hard to believe it has been over seventy years ago leaders of the various Baptist Churches got together to organize a Children's Bible Camp at Economy Point, Colchester County. The last recorded camp held in Economy was the summer of 1944. The following year some land was purchased just outside Pugwash and Camp Pagweak was born. The camp is supported by over 30 Baptist churches in Cumberland, Colchester, and Pictou counties. Rev. Greg Porter of Truro Heights

Baptist Church is this year's Camp Spiritual Director.

"The Lord has kept this camp going for 70 years" writes Camp Secretary Ruth Rushton. "We have a lot to be thankful for," she said. "The past few years we have recorded significant growth and we are blessed."

The first major event for this year is a "Celebration Sunday" on June 22nd at 3:00PM.

This will be a "meet and greet" type of program with special gospel music, good food and Christian fellowship. Recipes from the 1950's

will be incorporated in a cook-book to be sold as a fund-raiser.

Many of the children who attend summer camps are referred through food banks, schools, and family resource centers, says Mrs. Rushton. Some of these children don't own a Bible, she said, and some have never been in a church setting. There are nine children on her list who are awaiting sponsorship. If anyone wishes to sponsor one of these needy children they may contact Mrs. Rushton at 902-597-8583 or log on to www.pagweak.org

Wentworth Pioneers Attend CCRSB Meeting

By Hope Bridgewater

to the Premier, the Education Minister and their MLAs

On the night before the outing at the Double C restaurant, several members of the Wentworth Pioneers attended the board meeting of the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) at Northport Consolidated Elementary School. The Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School, is designated for closure on June, 2015, by the CCRSB.

CCRSB is the only school board which did not honour the request of two Ministers of Education, Ramona Jennex and Karen Casey, to halt all motions for school closures as the current school review process is not working well and a new process is being planned with more community input taken seriously.

The CCRSB refused to halt motions of closure, which it has the legal right to do as the Education Act states the school boards have the final say about school closures. In a better democracy, the electoral power of the Premier, the Education Minister, and the Legislature should be stronger than the electoral power of school boards. Area resident feel with the questionable way CCRSB has acted, the Education Act needs to change so that a community, with just cause, can appeal a board decision

A young boy, who attends Wentworth Elementary and hearing of this possibility, said to his father, "Dad, please can you stop that from happening? I have friends on the other side of the road and I want to be with them."

The Impact Assessment Report is biased in favour of school closure instead of being positive about the ways the school could be an asset to the community. The Report could have viewed Wentworth Elementary as a school of necessity for the welfare of both students and the community as a whole by giving extra help and

encouragement.

Since the Liberal government is putting \$65 million dollars back into the education budget, some of those funds could stop the closure of Wentworth Elementary instead of the CCRSB insisting residents of Wentworth and Westchester raise funds themselves.

At the CCRSB meeting in Northport, the school review committees of three schools (Wentworth, River John, and Maitland) were asking the CCRSB to extend time for closure from June 2015 to June 2016 since it refused to rescind its motion of closure for the schools and expected the communities to raise funds themselves to pay for the added expense of keeping schools in their communities.

The Education Minister had already asked for this extended time, but at this June meeting the CCRSB voted not to give an answer at this time, but to wait until March 31, 2015 to do so. The representatives from the three schools were astounded at such unfair treatment by the CCRSB.

Wentworth and Westchester residents are praying the Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School will remain open at its present site.

gence and likeable personalities.

The CAPsite is located in the basement of the Wentworth Recreation Centre and is funded by the Provincial and the Municipal governments. The Federal government helps with a Summer Student grant. A volunteer CAPsite Committee has the responsibility of taking care of the business involved in keeping the CAPsite open for the community. The CAPsite offers computer and internet access, photocopying, fax, document binding, and photo printouts.

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