

Great Village Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

The first and very successful Family Night Out event was held on May 2nd, with students and other family members enjoying an evening of games and socializing in the gymnasium.

A presentation of "The Four Seasons Ballet" by the Northumberland Youth Ballet Association was held on May 8th. A group of 12 young girls performed this ballet to Vivaldi's set of four string concertos. Students were very attentive for this 45 minute performance.

Launch of our first ever

"Read-A-Thon" was held on May 13th. Students collected pledges from family and friends, committing to read for a minimum of 1 hr/day for 10 days over a two week period. Funds raised will be used to support a school trip on the Harbour Hopper in June. AMAZING...over \$1400 was collected in pledges, and now the reading begins! Reading at school counts too! For every hour read, students also get a ballot to be entered for a draw for a swim pass to be used at the RECC. Students are working together for a common cause but the best

part of this fundraiser is that it encourages students to read. The last day of the program is May 26th, following which there will be a celebration of reading when students will have the opportunity to make their own delicious parfait.

The noon "Kids Fun Run" program offered by Physical Education Teacher, Suzanne Hicks-McCully wrapped up on May 13th. Students had the opportunity to participate each Monday and Wednesday during the lunch break, with the goal of increasing their endurance throughout the 10 week program.

Next year's 10 Grade Primary students came to school on May 14th and 21st and stayed for part of the morning, working with this year's students. Grade 4 students will have their orientation to West Colchester Consolidated on May 21st.

The final Home & School and School Advisory Council meetings for the school year were held on May 20th. A huge thank you is passed along to the many volunteers who help with these groups.

The school garden will be planted on May 22nd, after a bit of work getting the soil ready. This is the second year for the garden.

Students in the Grade 3/4 class will be participating in the Learn2Fish program offered through the NS Fisheries & Aquaculture on May 29th. The program involves a classroom presentation about fish species in Nova Scotia and sport fishing. Following the presentation, students will travel by bus to fish in a local, stocked pond. All the necessary fishing equipment will be provided for this activity.

School wide Harbour



Primary to Grade 4 students at Great Village Elementary took part in a 10 week noon hour fun run program. L TO r: Payton Pugsley, Morgan Works, Danica Congdon, Natalie Morris, Shelby Wenham, Alexis Merzbach, Zachary Best, Landen Ralph, Braden Langille-Higgins, Mahayla MacGillivray, Mackenzie Slack, Ethan Coleman, Alicia O'Brien. (Submitted)



Great Village Elementary School's Family Fun Night was a huge success. Alexis Merzbach, Alexis Morse, Zachary Best and Sophie Cooke enjoyed an old fashion sac race. (Submitted)

Onslow Rocks Fundraiser – June 20

The Lower Onslow Community Centre and Preschool will be having a fundraising concert called ONSLOW ROCKS 2015 on June 20th, 2015 (summer's eve) at Central Colchester Junior High School in Onslow featuring 'No Curfew' and opening act 'Miniature Ponies'. Proceeds from the event will be used to make the complex accessible to all.

The fundraiser is to install a chair lift downstairs and a ramp upstairs. The building was built in the early 1950's and is extremely difficult to access for people with physical disabilities and seniors.

This isn't just a community centre, it's also home to a 42 year old preschool. Currently there are preschool students who are dropped off and picked up by grandparents who attend this preschool themselves.

Organizers decided to have a fundraiser but also a community party celebrating the beginning of Summer. This is why it is being held on June 20th the eve of Summer. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy an evening of fun with family and friends.

NO CURFEW is a coverband from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Rock N Roll Classics from the 80's, 90's to Current hits. Four piece band with a killer sound. Miniature Ponies is Jonathan Torrens' new band that is a bit country and a bit of rock.

Doors open at 8:30pm, opening act at 9pm, cost is \$15 per person. Tickets available at MacQuarries on the esplanade and at the door. Must be 19 or over to attend. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 tickets, surprise egg sale and cash bar.

Belmont Notes

By Debbie Weatherby

We are finally seeing some pretty good weather after quite a harsh winter. I have been seeing quite a few deer in my travels and some of them are showing the effects of a hard winter. They are so thin but hopefully now with the fields turning green they will get some weight on. Lots of geese out there too.

My friend, Debbie and I went to see the performance put on by Hubtown Theatre and the Hubtown Youth Players the Importance of Being Ernest and what a wonderful, won-

derful show it was! The kids did a fabulous job and the directors Leanna Todd and Sacha Brake should be very proud of what they all accomplished. Hopefully, we will see more of these young actors in the future. We also got to spend time with Krystal Todd who was home for a vacation and it was good to see her since her move to Japan.

Condolences go out to Gale and Ken Johnson and the families of Crowes mills on the loss of their son William "Bill" Kenneth Johnson of Ontario on April 27, 2015; To Donna (Roode) Shearer of Belmont and the families on the loss of her husband, Sterling Alexander Shearer on May 9, 2015.

Congratulations to Leigh and Mike McKeigan, Crowes mills on the arrival of their baby girl on April 28, 2105 weighing in at 8 lbs, 4 ozs.

Belmont Baptist Church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. with prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Hopper Tour, followed by lunch at the Public Gardens will be held on June 11th. Hoping for nice weather!

Volunteer Tea will be held on June 18th. All those who have helped out in the school this year are invited to attend. Field Day will be held on June 22nd, with a rain date June 24th. The Grade 4 "Graduation" Lunch will be held on June 23rd.



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