

Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

Students met in Peace Groups at the first of the month to learn about this month's virtue of

"Helpfulness". If picking dandelions is helpful, there have been a lot of helpful students this month! Last month, Ella Lomond, Crystal Higgins, and Faith Taplin were selected by their classmates for consistently demonstrating the virtue of responsibility. Teachers appreciate all students for demonstrating virtues each day.

The Grade 3/4 class participated in the Learn2Fish program. Following a classroom presentation, students loaded a bus for Debert to be able to try their hand at fishing in a pond. Other than patience, all the necessary supplies were provided through the Learn2Fish program. Students were obviously paying close attention during the presentation because each student caught at least one fish. Each catch was secured in a labelled bag and proudly taken home for dinner!

On three Fridays in May, students in the Grade 3/4 class have been participating in the Swim to Survive program offered through the Nova Scotia Life Saving Society. This program also has a classroom component about water safety and then students practice their skills in the water. Students have been able to travel and participate in this program with students from West Colchester Consolidated School.

Families were in full swing at the Family Night Out event at the gymnasium on Friday, May 13th. Activities included basketball, bean bag toss, photo booth, obstacle race, dance floor, mini-putt, an art wall, and the ever popular fish pond. Appreciation is expressed to the prize donors and congratulations to the winners: Great Village Pizza (Charleigh Jollimore), Coles Book Store (Charles Field),

Wildlife Park (Alicia O'Brien), Captain Corn Cob Maze (Hendrikus van den Hoek Field), Thirsty Church (donation of 2 board games and a Great Village Pizza - Oliver Williams), RECC (Kyrie Morse and Mackenzie Slack), Steeped Tea (Oliver Williams), a gift card donated by Alyssa Robichaud's family from Inglis Jewelers (Sierra MacLellan), and movie night (Keegan Field). Thank you also to Dan Mattix for supplying bottled water for the canteen.

The many hour's volunteers contribute for such events for our community, from planning and preparing to clean up at the end of a very successful evening, are greatly appreciated.

The upcoming graduating Grade 4 students had an orientation to their new school, West Colchester Consolidated in Bass River this month. The

students our school will be peanut/nut aware beginning in the fall. Information about allergies can be found at the following website: <http://foodallergycanada.ca>

Upcoming Events: **June 3rd** - School trip to Forever Memories Equestrian Centre, followed by Subway lunch at Victoria Park; **June 7th** - Swimming (Grades P-2) and rock climbing (Grade 3/4) at the RECC;

June 11th - Bike Rodeo (9:30-10:30) for any student in Grades P-6; **June 13th** - Field Day with lunch provided through Classroom Café; **June 16th**- Volunteer Social (1:00 start) - all volunteers who contributed to the success of our school year are invited to come to the gymnasium to enjoy a light snack and spectacular entertainment; **June 24th** - Last regular day of classes with report cards being handed out on June 29th.



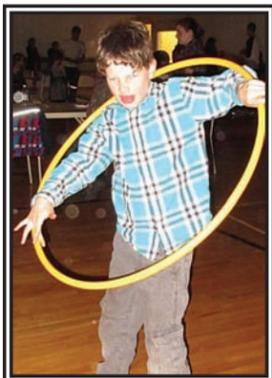
Girl Party!- Ella Lomond, Alyssa Robichaud, Charleigh Jollimore, Abby Matthews, Alexis Merzbach and Hailey Field were enjoying the fun events together.

following day, the 17 soon-to-be Grade Primary students had an opportunity to experience coming to school for part of the day, but unlike the registration day, this time the parents did not stay at the school.

All families are reminded that in order to provide a safe learning environment for all



Cousins Ethan Coleman & Mackenzie Slack hung out together during the school's fun night.



Hendrikus vandenHoek Field gives the hoola hoop station a try.



Ava Tanner, who will be starting school at GVES in the fall, enjoys herself at Family Night Out.

Successful Fundraiser For Hillcrest Cemetery

By Kelly Eagles

Another successful Hillcrest Cemetery Annual Fundraising Dinner was held at the Londonderry

Community Center on Saturday, May 7th. The cemetery committee would like to extend a heartfelt

thank you and a big old Londonderry hug to Debbie McMullen and her capable assistants, those who donated to the fabulous meal, those who attended and those who made donations

at the door.

Once again thank you for assisting us in our efforts to maintain Hillcrest Cemetery in a manner suitable for the final resting place of our departed family members and friends.

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