



Nina Green (left) and Brody Shear point out some of the colorful decorations in the Debert Elementary gymnasium. The school held a Dime Auction fund raiser on Jan. 30th to help the victims of the earth quake in Haiti. (Harrington Photo)



Grade Six students at Debert Elementary were recently presented with certificates for completing the DARE Program. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program encourages students to make healthy decisions and is sponsored by the RCMP. Constable Jane MacDonald presented the 10 week course at Debert Elementary School. Receiving their certificates were: front (l-r) Josh Blackie, Brennan Fraser, John Douglas Hayward, Jonathan MacInnis, Lily Priest, Dakota Lockhart; middle (l-r) Ashley Cook, Alyssa Wright, Kennedy Height, Andrew O'Hearn, Kurtlin Rushton, Jessie Steeves, Emily Wilson; back (l-r) Matt Arsenaault, Grace Archibald, Kiersten Embree, Brooke Collins, Anna Staples-Sears (holding program mascot Daren), Brandon Betts, Skyler Mellroy, Joey Findlay, Constable Jane MacDonald. Missing from photo were Austin Murphy and Jessie Weatherby. (Harrington Photo)



At the February Assemble several Debert Elementary students received GOTCHA Awards. Front (l to r)- Emma Staples, Austin Hennigar, Dylan Rath, Chloe Lane, Makayla Isenor, Weston Porter, Back (l to r)- Matt Arsenaault, Brad Metlin- Rendle, Ben Kittilsen, Joseph Wood, Kurtlin Rushton, Carlie Barnhill. Missing from photo is Ben Wood. (Harrington Photo)



Father and son team of Jazz(left) and Lucky Campbell performed two plays, "A World of Our Own" and "A Light of Mine", at Debert Elementary School on Feb. 3rd in celebration of Black Heritage Month. (Harrington Photo)

Debert Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

The Haiti fund raiser was a huge success with over \$2100 raised and a fabulous night of fun for everyone taking part. These funds will be matched by the government to make over \$4200 going to help those suffering in Haiti, since the earth quake destroyed their communities. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Black Heritage Month was celebrated with a special presentation on Feb. 3rd by Lucky and Jazz Campbell. "The Lucky Campbell Show", representing Perform Nova Scotia, performed "A World of Our Own" and "A Light of Mine". Lucky Campbell wrote the plays and much of the music involved in the shows.

RCMP School Safety Resource Officer Constable Jane MacDonald presented the DARE Program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) with Grade Six students over a ten week period. They learned important information to help them make healthy decisions about drugs and alcohol. Students completed an essay and signed a pledge indicating their intentions to make healthy choices. This was the first time the program had been held at Debert Elementary.

Constable MacDonald presented certificates to the following students, on completion of the DARE program, at an Awards Assembly on Feb. 11th- Josh Blackie, Brennan Fraser, John Douglas Hayward, Jonathan MacInnis, Lily Priest, Dakota Lockhart, Ashley Cook, Alyssa Wright, Kennedy Height, Andrew O'Hearn, Kurtlin Rushton, Jessie Steeves, Emily Wilson, Matt Arsenaault, Grace Archibald, Kiersten Embree, Brooke Collins, Anna Staples-Sears, Brandon Betts, Skyler Mellroy, Joey Findlay, Austin Murphy and Jessie Weatherby.

GOTCHA Awards were given out at the February Assembly to Emma Staples, Austin Hennigar, Dylan Rath, Chloe Lane, Makayla Isenor, Weston Porter, Matt Arsenaault, Brad Metlin- Rendle, Ben Kittilsen, Joseph Wood, Kurtlin Rushton, Carlie Barnhill and Ben Wood.

Winter Carnival Week was held from Feb 15th to the 19th. Students and staff enjoyed Sports Day,

Backwards Day, Crazy Hair Day, Hat Day and PJ Day. There was a morning of skating on Thursday, the 18th for all students. Jann Boutillier gave a presentation on Tuesday the 16th about her experiences carrying the Olympic Torch across the Angus L. MacDonald Bridge this fall.

Mrs. Cox was pleased to announce that Debert Elementary had successfully completed their walk across Canada to the Olympics. The school had been keeping track of the number of kilometers all 160 students and staff had been walking and by mid February the total 5823km, from Debert to

Vancouver, had been completed. Well done!

The Debert PTG held Teacher Appreciation Week with a number of home baked goodies dropped off for the staff. Prizes were also given throughout the week. A special thank you to all staff for their ongoing extra efforts at Debert Elementary School.

A note to those dropping off, or picking up students, to please avoid the area by the dumpster and end of the school as this is for buses only.

Early French Immersion Registration deadline at Truro Elementary has been extended to March 10th. For more information visit the CCRSB website or call 896-5737.

After school guitar lessons are held on Mondays and after

school sports on Tuesdays for grades 4-6. Drama Club meets on Thursday after school.

Debi Rushton reports there is a new contest in the cafeteria called "Caught...making a healthy choice?". Students will have their name entered into a draw for a free lunch and their picture will be displayed on the "wall of fame". Congratulations to week one winners Sarah Kittilsen and Dana Spence.

Report cards will be going home on March 8th, with Parent-Teacher visitation held on March 11th from 6:00-7:30PM and again on March 12th from 1:00-2:30PM.

There is no school for students on March 12th. March Break is the 16th- 20th. Enjoy your time off!

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