

Great Village Elementary School Notes



Parent volunteer Heather Boyd read a story to Mrs. Rushton's grade Primary Class during Family Literacy Day activities. Students enjoyed a scavenger hunt, fruit kebobs and several prize draws along with afternoon story time. (Harrington Photo)



Charlene Lannon, from the Colchester Adult Learning Association, reads to Mr. Murphy's Grade 1/2 Class at Great Village Elementary in celebration of Family Literacy Day. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Family Literacy Day activities were held on January 27th. The theme was "Play for Literacy" and in the morning students enjoyed a scavenger hunt; working in pairs to try and answer 20 questions throughout the school. This was followed by a tasty fruit kebob snack, donated by the School Advisory Council.

In the afternoon, special guests shared favorite stories with the classes. Thank you to Heather Boyd, Charlene Lannon, Linda Harrington and Pat Dodsworth for coming to the school. Several draws were made throughout the day for Coles gift cards and books, donated by SAC, Colchester Adult Learning Centre and RCMP Liaison Officer, Constable MacDonald.

Primary Registration took place on Feb. 2nd. There are currently seven student s registered for the 2011-12 Primary Class. If anyone knows of any other students planning on attending Primary at GVES in Sept., who have not yet registered, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Students have been enjoying the snow with coasting on the hill next to the school at noon hour and snow shoeing in Phys. Ed. Class.

Several programs that support individual learning at GVES include: Reading Recovery- for grade 1 students to help improve reading

and writing skills; Intensive Short Term Literacy Intervention- for students who can benefit from a "boost" to bring reading and writing skills within grade level and Intensive

Mathematics Support- for students in Grade 1-3 who can benefit from a "boost" to bring independent mathematics skills in "Number Sense" and "Operations" to grade level.

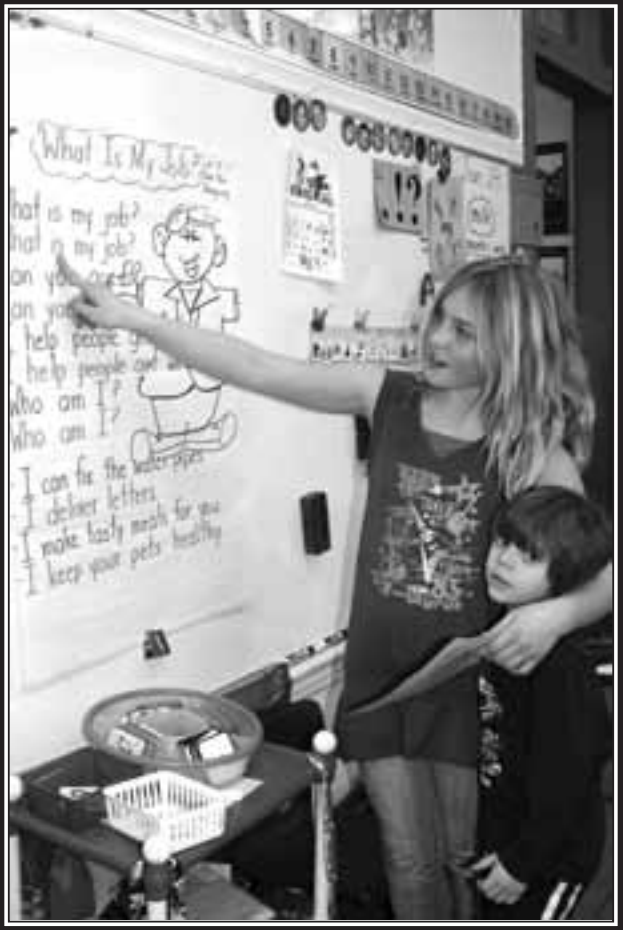
Grade Primary Students have been collecting 100 items for the Food Bank, in recognition of the 100th day of school.

Peace Week activities were held February 14th to 18th. In addition to special activities each day there was an emphasis on behaviors supporting a peaceful environment for working and playing. Each classroom read "Peace Week in Miss Fox's Class", written by Eileen Spinelli.

On Feb. 14th, students were invited to wear "love-ly" colors and exchange Valentine cards; Tuesday was Crazy Hair/Hat Day; Wednesday was Team/Sport Jersey Day with noon hour sporting events; Thursday students worked in Peace Groups to recognize African Heritage Month and Friday was Pajama Day, with a light breakfast served for all students.

The Peace Week activities were meant to encourage students to make choices that support peaceful behaviors every day of the year. Maggie's Place Playgroup welcomes all preschoolers to the gymnasium each Monday from 9:30-10:45AM.

Report cards will go home on March 7th, with student led conferences held on March 10th. March Break is the 14th - 18th. Enjoy your time off.



Shyanne Joudrie helps her partner Eric George read a selection of poetry during a scavenger hunt, one of the activities held in recognition of Family Literacy Day at Great Village Elementary School. (Harrington Photo)

Chiganois Elementary School Notes



Chiganois Elementary has a wonderful new fish tank at the school, thanks to a generous donation by Mike Burry. Mike and his 5 year old son Asher (shown in the front here) also built a wooden stand for the fish tank. Connor Peterson-Hanlan was helping Asher feed the fish recently. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Several Grade 5 students have decided to become PAL (Playground Activity Leaders) leaders. These students will teach new games and activities to other students at lunch hour.

Congratulations to the students who had their pictures on the "I Spy" bulletin board for January; Mya Keizer, Cody Hanion, Kloe Tipping, Katrina Altenkirk, Olivia Murphy, Emily Crosby, Max Morgan, Emma Purdy, Mike McMaster, Ross Shepherd, Mitchell Whooten, Robbie Styles, Mitchell Cummer, Bev Gilbert, Anna Fullerton, Jennissa Admiraal and Terren Cumming.

Mrs. Elliott's class won the prize for having the most parents at the January PTG meeting.

The CCRSB is conducting a survey related to keeping

schools open during inclement weather. Participation is voluntary and anonymous. The survey is online at <http://ccrsb.questionpro.com>.

A Short Term Literacy Intervention program has been implemented by the CCRSB for Grades P-3 students from January 17th to February 18th.

The Ski Night had to be cancelled due to a board policy that states children under Grade 4 are unable to participate in a school ski program.

Sherri Ellis, a parent at the school, has arranged a "Masstown Ski Group", not affiliated with the school. This group will ski on Thursday evenings from 4:00- 7:00 and the rate is \$21, which includes a lesson, rental and ski lift. If your child plans to participate, please call the school before 11:00 Thursday

morning to have their name added to the list. Everyone meets at 4:00 in the lodge. If school is cancelled, the Masstown Ski Group will be, too. For more information call Sherri at 662-4018.

Teacher Appreciation Week was held the week of Feb. 14 to 18th. PTG group hosted a lunch for staff on Feb. 15th. Thank you to the wonderful staff for your hard work and dedication every day of the school year.

Primary Registration was held on Feb. 18th. If you know of a child in the Chiganois area, who will be turning 5 before Dec. 31st, and who has not yet registered, please contact the school at 662-4420.

Winter Carnival activities are being organized by the PTG for the week of March 7th to 10th. Breakfast with the Bearcats is being held again this year, along with skating with the Bearcats, PJ Day, snow sculptures and much more. The PTG will be providing a healthy snack each day of Winter Carnival.

Afterschool Basketball will be held on March 2nd, with afterschool skating on Monday, March 7th.

Report cards go home on March 7th. Parent-Teacher visitation will be held in the evening on March 10th and in the afternoon on March 11th. No school for students on March 11th.

Grade 4/5 students will be participating in a school Science Fair on March 9th. March Break is March 14th to the 18th.

Make a date for your health!

A message for women over 40 years of age...
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Community	Location	Date
Elmsdale	Lloyd E. Matheson Centre	Apr 18-20
Elmsdale	Lloyd E. Matheson Centre	Apr 26-28
Elmsdale	Lloyd E. Matheson Centre	May 2-4
Tatamagouche	Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital	May 9-11
Indian Brook	Indian Brook Health Centre	May 17
Kennetcook	Kennetcook Fire Hall	Aug 15-17
Tatamagouche	Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital	Aug 22-24
Elmsdale	Lloyd E. Matheson Centre	Oct 24-26
Elmsdale	Lloyd E. Matheson Centre	Oct 31-Nov 1
Bass River	Bass River Fire Hall	Nov 14



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