



Great Village Elementary School students April Sharpe, Sadie Thompson and Mady Pugsley ran to the world map to point out where their Grade 3/4 class was sending donations to help fight child hunger. The class recently raised over \$600. (Harrington Photo)

Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

There are currently eight students registered for the 2012-13 primary class. Registration for these students took place on February 17th. Anyone who has a child turning 5 before Dec. 31st, 2012 and missed this registration should call the school to set up an appointment.

Students are practicing the basic math facts to be able to give a quick response (within 3 seconds) to a basic fact question.

"Superflex Kids" have been inviting students to participate in a variety of activities. The Superflex Kids demonstrate how to be flexible to solve problems, and to recognize and avoid qualities that may result in problems.

GVES is fortunate to be able to offer Intensive Mathematics Support for selected students in Grades 1-3 who can benefit from a "boost" to bring independent

mathematics skills in "Number Sense" and "Operations" to grade level expectations. Ms. Wyllie works with these small groups of students for 40 minutes each day. The funding for this support continues until March 30th.

Mrs. Rushton's Grade Primary/One class collected over 100 food items for the Colchester Food Bank in recognition of the 100th day of school, which occurred on Feb. 17th this year. Congratulations for reaching your goal and for helping out the Food Bank.

In Peace Groups, students heard the story called, "The Tale of Sir Dragon", and took the "Dragon's Decree", pledging to use kind words and actions, and to help others in need.

Peace Week was held the week of Feb. 13th to 17th, with many fun filled activities held each day. Pajama Day was

held on Monday with a light Breakfast served, Tuesday was Wear "Lovely" Colors Day, students wore their favorite team colors or jersey on Wednesday, Thursday students went skating at West Col. Arena (thanks to the SAC for covering these costs) and Friday was Take the Roof off Winter day, followed by hot chili in Classroom Cafe.

Take The Roof off Winter is sponsored by Recreation Nova Scotia and is designed to help people of all ages improve their health and quality of life by being active outdoors. GVES students and staff hiked up the Mill Road for a game of soccer baseball on a beautiful sunny winter's day. Draws were made for several red "Take the Roof Off Winter" toques.

Staff Appreciation week was celebrated the week of Feb. 13th to 17th. Thank you to all those volunteers who sent in special treats for the staff and to those who covered noon time supervision on Friday while staff enjoyed a special lunch together.

Congratulations to Mrs. Totten's Grade 3 /4 Class for their recent fund raising efforts to help fight Child Hunger (see article/photo elsewhere in the Shoreline).

In support of the school's accreditation goal in writing, children's author Sheree Fitch is scheduled to offer a Writer's Workshop for each class on Friday, March 2. Report Cards will go home on March 5th with Student Led Conferences held on March 8th. During the Student Led Conference each student will be able to show parents a variety of the work completed this term. Classroom teachers are available to answer questions and to assist as needed during the conference times. Student-led conferencing attributes greatly to a student's self-esteem and is a valuable family experience.

March Break is the 12th until the 16th. Enjoy some family time.

Mark your calendars; a family dance is scheduled for Friday, April 27th.

Generous Donation to Fight Child Hunger

By Linda Harrington

Great Village: Grade 3/4 students in a little country school have big hearts and thanks to their efforts seven families on the far side of the globe will receive their support.

Mrs. Totten's class at Great Village Elementary was studying children's rights in Social Studies. They were reviewing the United Nation's Declaration of the Rights of The Child, which includes 10 principles and students were asked to list their top three choices. Everyone in the class chose the "right to food".

"The class decided to take on the issue of child hunger by becoming young activists," says Mrs. Totten. "They were looking at the issue from a global perspective and decided they wanted to help children in places like Africa. They decided on a goal of \$300 and starting picking out items from the World Vision Catalogue."

The students decided to hold two fund raisers to reach their \$300 goal, the first was a Gym-a-thon, where they would receive sponsors to complete activities in the gym and the second was a Talent Show.

"We held the first event on January 30th and were amazed to surpass our initial

goal, with \$600 in donations," says Mrs. Totten. "We decided to continue on with the Talent Show, and instead of asking for donations, the students would use the event to raise awareness of child hunger both locally and globally."

The whole school got involved, helping with the Talent Show on Feb. 17th, and Mrs. Rushton's grade Primary/One class collected over 100 items for the Colchester Food Bank, to help with child hunger at the local level.

Mrs. Totten's Grade 3/4 students enjoyed looking through the World Vision catalogue once again, now with double the amount of money to spend, making careful

decisions on which gifts were the best use of their money. Kathleen Smeltzer said she was really excited when they more than doubled their goal, April Sharpe thought it was helpful for people to feel generous and Jenna Otterson also thought it felt good to help someone somewhere else.

The class finally decided to donate 15 fruit trees, 1 goat pack (includes 1 goat, 2 hens and a rooster), 2 pigs, 1 goat and clean drinking water for two families.

These seven families receiving this assistance will know elementary students far across the globe, in Great Village, really care for others.



Brianna Griffiths, Parker Smith and Payton Pugsley were happy to show off some of the over 100 hundred items their Grade Primary/One Class at Great Village Elementary collected for the Colchester Food Bank. The class was recognizing the 100th day of school on Feb. 17th. (Harrington Photo)

2012 Ada Mingo Memorial Teen Writing Awards

2012 marks the fifth anniversary of Ada Mingo Memorial Teen Writing Awards - a contest that is judged by talented volunteers in the community and welcomes poetry or prose from creative teens.

Thanks to the success over the past five years, Colchester - East Hants Public Libraries has decided to add another component - teens will have the option to create a graphic novel short story!

Teens can choose to enter both contests as long as the stories they submit are different from each other (so no



submitting the same story to both contests!).

The Mingo contest was created in 2007 in memory of Ada Mingo. She was a long-time resident of Truro and the proud owner of the Book Nook from 1982-2006.

She is remembered for her genuine, warm interest in all who visited her shop and for providing friendly service

with a personal touch.

The contest is open to teens ages 13-15 and 16-19 with a valid CEHPL library card. Teens related to those judging the submissions in their age group are not eligible to enter.

There are prizes for each contest and each age group. 1st place is \$100, 2nd place is \$50 and 3rd place is \$25.

The 2012 Mingo contest will be accepting submissions until Saturday, March 24th.

A complete list of rules is available at your local branch and www.lovelymylibrary.ca.



Great Village Elementary staff members Joyce Spencer, Laureen Rushton, Sonya Tremblay, Dave Murphy, Krista Totten and Connie Smith (l to r) were served a hot lunch by Classroom Cafe Co-ordinator Mandy MacRae (standing) as part of Staff Appreciation Week. Volunteers sent in special treats, and several others filled in for noon hour supervision, as a thank you to the GVES staff. (Harrington Photo)



William Eisses, Erin Miller, Marshall Fielding, Eric George and Talon Smeltzer (l to r) were winners of bright new red toques during the Take the Roof off Winter event held as part of Peace Week activities at Great Village Elementary School. (Harrington Photo)

Bass River Heritage Society News

By Tracy Elsom

The next meeting of the Bass River Heritage Society will be the Annual General Meeting on March 12th at 6.30 pm at the museum.

News from the Past

January 5, 1954

Community Hall at Bass River Opened

The citizens of Bass River enjoyed a 'Variety Concert' on Thursday evening to celebrate the opening of the newly redecorated Victoria Hall now the Bass River Community Hall.

It has modern lighting, new walls in pastel colours, new flooring and new seating. It also has a new cement foundation.

Following is the programme: O Canada - Mrs Stanley Fulton, pianist. Opening Address - Rev. W. K. McKay which was very fitting for this occasion. Mr McKay was also chairman for the evening.

"Thru the years" by Ed Fisher in which he summarised Victoria Hall's place in the community through the years and commended those who were responsible for remodelling it.

New curtains were donated to the hall by J. A. Wilson and

Mrs. Donald Fulton in memory of the late P. G. Smith. John Sharpe expressed thanks for this gift and paid tribute to the late Mr. Smith as one who was always ready to help with anything for the benefit of the community.

Mrs. J. A. Wilson, on behalf of the community, thanked Jas. S. Creelman, Managing Director of the Dominion Chair Co. Ltd., whose firm donated the flooring and 250 new folding chairs in light oak finish which adds greatly to appearance and comfort.

Jas. S. Creelman responded on behalf of the firm. Mrs. Wyman S. McLellan, who has been the capable Secretary-Treasurer, during this remodelling, gave the Treasurer's Report, and expressed the hope that the citizens would continue their support until the work is completed.

A programme of music, readings etc. followed. Those taking part were: Music - Aunt Jemima - T. Suttis; Reading "Sally Slithers" - Mrs. Hilbert Taylor; Russian Dance - Natalie Hegan, music by local orchestra; Dialogue - "Melancholy Mandy", Mrs Hilbert Taylor and Mrs. Earl Davison; Solo - "Viennese Refrain" - Rev. J. Knowles; Piano solo "A Maiden's Prayer", Mrs John Sharpe; Scotch Dance - Natalie Hegan; Accordion solo - Roy Feener; God Save the Queen.

"THE FARM GATE" 668-2494

7693 Highway No. 2 OPEN DAILY

March Specials...

Pork Leg Roast... **\$3⁴⁹/lb**

Boneless Corned Beef... **\$4¹⁹/lb**

While Quantities Last

Onslow-Automotive

12876 Hwy # 2,
Lower Onslow, NS
B6L 5E8
Tel: (902) 893-1529
Email: onslowauto@bellaliant.com

Bruce Ernest
OWNER

- Licensed technicians
- Major and minor repairs
- Engine diagnostics
- Foreign and domestic
- Global coast to coast warranty centre

DON TURNER
and
2341323 Nova Scotia Ltd.

Excavating Dozer Backhoe Culverts
QP2 Septic installer Driveway gravel, fill, topsoil
Snow removal, sand and salt - Truck mounted spreading

662-2699, 662-2419 **Belmont**