

Mrs. Gloria Elliott's Grade Primary students Brandon Garnhum and Zachary Baird were helping decorate the Chiganois Elementary showcase in the entryway at the school with adorable snowmen they had made in class. (Harrington Photo)

Chiganois Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

Librarian Kelly Ryan-Connolly reports students have been reading about the New Year celebrations around the world, winter, and about Martin Luther King Jr.The 2nd Scholastic Book Fair will be coming up in March. All profits from the Book Fair go to select new books for the school library.

Congratulations to the students who had their pictures on the "I Spy" bulletin board

for January; Katelyn Johnston, Ava Turner, Asher Burry, Noah Green, Daniel Ferdinand, Robbie Styles, Marshall Hadley, Max Morgan, Emily MacPhee, Colton Smith, Ava Purdy, Mitchell Ellis, Emma Hill-MacMillan, Meranda Bates, Braeden Connolly, Brandon Martin, Logan McNeil, and Thomas Barnhill.

On February 14th students and staff were encouraged to wear red in support of Valentine's Day and for the



Eleven year old Lyhn Choi, a Grade Five student at Chiganois Elementary, tries out snow shoes for the first time. Lyhn, from South Korea, is spending the school year in Canada to help improve her English. She found walking in the snow shoes a bit difficult but was enjoying her "snow day" off from school. (Harrington Photo)



Chiganois Elementary School students Harley Cummer, Kaelen Bakker, Lexi Blair, Jillian Hill McMillan, Luke VanTol, Lyhn Choi and Becca Dunlap (I to r) joined Razzmatazz on stage Feb. 15th and enjoyed playing along to some celtic music. (Harrington Photo)

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"Wear Red for the IWK" fundraiser.

Razzmatazz came to the school on Feb. 15th presenting a blend of exciting music, participatory songs and comedy in their highly energetic and interactive show. They introduced students to a wide range of "roots" music in styles such as Folk, Acadian, Celtic, Klezmer, Cajun/Zydeco and Blues.

African Heritage Month was recognized throughout February. The school hosted multicultural stations on February 14th. Students were divided into two groups and each group rotated to three different stations. Primary and one student's learned more about the Celtic and Dutch cultures. The grades 2-5 were immersing themselves in the African Canadian, First Nations and Korean cultures.

Teacher Appreciation week was held the week of Feb. 20th to 24th.

Primary Registration was held Friday, February 24th. Anyone with a student turning five before Dec. 31st in the Chiganois School district, who missed the registration, should call the school as soon as possible.

After school sports for February included yoga, soccer baseball, skating and snow shoeing.

March Break Mania: Space Camp will be happening at NSCC, Truro Campus on March 12-16, 2012. For additional information flyers are available in the office.

Grade 4 & 5 Classes will be having a Ski Day at Ski Wentworth. This will be held Wednesday, March 7th. Students will be bused to the hill and will be leaving the school at 9:30 a.m., returning at 5:00 p.m.

Winter Carnival activities will take place from March 5th to the 7th. Monday will be Pajama Day and a pancake breakfast; Tuesday students can wear their favorite team jersey and the whole school is going skating at the West Col United Arena and Wednesday is wacky hat/hair day with skiing at Ski Wentworth for the Grade 4/5's, and a sock hop in the gym for the rest of the students.

Donations of pancake mix and syrup would be appreciated (drop off at school before March 2nd). Winter carnival volunteers are needed for the pancake breakfast, delivering snacks to classrooms and for the trip to the rink. Call the school at 662-4420 if you can help out.

No school for students on March 8th or 9th. Parent/Teacher visitation is the afternoon of March 8th. March Break is March 12th to the 16th.

The next PTG meeting is April 11th from 7:00 to 8:00PM. The PTG will host a Spring Dance on Friday, April 20th

Historic Sites

Along The Shore - Brodrick's Hotel, Five Islands

The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital "A. F. Church Maps" to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.



By Dick Akerman

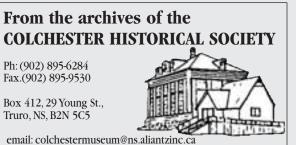
The arrow pointer on map # 318 locates the site of "Brodrick's Hotel", situated on highway 2 in Five Islands. This business, started around 1870 by John Brodrick and operated for many years by his wife Nellie, was run by the family until the early 1940's. The King's Highways of the early 19th century were little more than country lanes, dusty in the summer, muddy in the spring and fall, and impassable in the winter. The "Age of Sail" and the commerce it generated created the need for better roads and public accommodation in every village along the Cobequid Bay. With the advent of the railroads in the last quarter of the century, and the branch line from Amherst to Parrsboro, tourists and other travelers from the Eastern United States and Upper Canada could travel by train to



places like Parrsboro or Londonderry Station, and a short stagecoach ride would transport them to any hamlet up or down the shore. The development of the automobile, and the

means to produce good gravel and later paved roads, spelled the demise of the hotel business along the shore, and by the 1950's, most were gone. This building remains, a mute reminder of days gone by.

Dick Akerman has been compiling information on behalf of the Colchester Historical Museum Archives, which will be published as a monthly column in the Shoreline Journal.



Five Islands & Economy News

By Ruth Thompson

The world day of Prayer will be held in Economy United Church on Friday March 2nd at 2P.M.All are welcome.

The ladies of the Five Islands Bazaar had 20 ladies to quilt and serve lunch. These ladies worked one week in January 23rd to 27th. They cut and pressed and stayed at the Bazaar and quilted. They made 30 quilts. Their goal was thirty and they reached their goal. These quilts will be a donation to the IWK children's hospital in Halifax. There will be another week for making these quilts from February 20th to the 24th. Excellent work ladies. The co-ordinator of this event was Rose Lewis and Linda Dowe along with the other ladies who helped with this project.

The Rink in Five Islands is a great success.From all reports everyone has a great time there. I do believe the spring is just around the corner, have not found the corner yet, but I am sure it is there.

Some of the events coming up for the United Church in Economy are Brown Bread and Baked Beans and cookies. This is a take-out which can be picked up at the Recreation Centre on March 10th between 3:30 pm - 5 p.m. This is sponsored by the Stewards of the church. Other events will be posted and I will post them in the news.

The events are the Recreation Centre are going quite well. They have Crafts on every Monday Morning. Tuesday there is evening Shuffle Board,

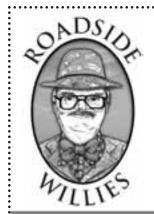


while Wednesday morning, Jumba and Badminton in the evening. Thursday is Bingo. On March 17th there is a St. Patrick's dance in the Recreation centre music by Andy LaBlanc, Jimmy Alyward and friends. Come out for a great time and enjoy good music.

This is all for now.

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