



On Saturday February 16th, the Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department completed its First Annual Food Bank Drive in Support of the Parrsboro and Area Food Bank. Firefighters and Friends of Firefighters went door-to-door in the Town collecting food and cash donations. Food Bank chairman Lewis Brown estimates the collection will meet the demands placed on the bank for more than a month. Thank you to all the residents of Parrsboro who opened their doors and their hearts. Firefighters, Friends of Firefighters and Food Bank Volunteers stand proudly behind their accomplishments in the above photo. (Lawrence Nicoll Photo)

Snow Can Be Enjoyable!

By Lawrence Nicoll

The winter weather has finally arrived, and while summer is great we live in Canada and need to find ways to appreciate this season as well.

The feel of soft snow falling, the beauty of it on the trees, the crunch of snow underfoot, and the joy of children sledding.

Time to stop whining. Friends in Australia are experiencing 40+°C massive brush and grassfires with a tremendous loss of wildlife, property and massive costs for clean up. Many of them wish they had at least some of this.

To quote in part

Reinhold Niebuhr, "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot

change", and perhaps turn it around and find ways to have fun in it.



Visibility was not good near the Lands & Forests Building, Parrsboro. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



The Kirk Hill Road area near Parrsboro with all its twists and turns requires total attention at all times. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Even in the winter time, the sunsets over Ships Company Theatre can be classified as breath-taking. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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Winter Carnival Activities Big Hit With Students

By Erma Cox

February has certainly shown us that winter is far from over. However, we have taken advantage of the opportunity to enjoy it here at Debert Elementary. Students had a fun-filled week of Winter Carnival activities including theme days and a morning of skating with the week being culminated by a Family Dance sponsored by the PTG.

Staff also felt somewhat spoiled this week as the Parent Teacher Group supplied us with special treats in the staff room each day to recognize Staff Appreciation week. It is great to work in a community where support for one another is recognized and celebrated.

Students finished off January by hosting their first ever "Diversability" Fair that was a huge success. Special thanks to all who came out to visit our displays and ask our students some thought-provoking questions. We are extremely proud of the work that each of these individuals/groups put into their projects.

On Valentine's day students chose to share thoughts of thanks and appreciation to many members of the community. Each class completed a number of Valentines that were delivered to businesses and individuals throughout the area. We hope that this special surprise put a few smiles on the faces of the recipients as we truly do appreciate you all.

An aroma on the bottom floor of the school on February 8th caused us to have to relocate for a short time to our safe area. Personnel from the School Board Department and the local Fire Department checked the area to determine the cause of the smell and insure all was safe for re-entry.

Students were returned to the school to resume classes shortly after 10am. We assure you all precautions were taken in the interest of student safety. We have held some debriefing sessions since to determine a means of best communicating this information to

our parents/guardians as it was obvious that this was an area which could be improved upon. Please watch for notices in your child's agenda to keep you updated on school protocol for such incidences.

Parent-Teacher meetings will be held on March 7th (evening) and March 8th (morning). We encourage you to phone the school (662-4400) to make an appointment. Studies show that parents who get involved in their child's education are providing the necessary ingredient for success at school.

Parent Teacher meetings are just one of a number of ways you can get involved.

We will soon be planning for class trips and we remind all parents that should you be interested in chaperoning any trip that it is necessary for you to complete the volunteer package that can be accessed through the school office.

The week of March 9-17th will be March Break. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to more excitement in our learning in the months to come.

The Ship's Log – Season Launch March 2nd

By Gleneida Canning

Hello from the Ship's Company Theatre. Welcome back to our Ship's Log monthly Ship's Company Update.

As we gear up for the season this year we are excited to be having our first annual Season Launch Dinner in Parrsboro. We will be having this event on Saturday March 2 at the Fire Hall in Parrsboro. Join us for a wonderful evening of music, food and great memories.

Remember the past, and celebrate the future of the Ship as we pay tribute to some of our more memorable plays and announce the 2013 Season! Cocktails and musical entertainment start at 5pm. Turkey Dinner served at 6pm. Music will be performed by the Mike Campbell Trio featuring Glendon MacBurnie, a wonderful mix of music that appeals to all.

During the dinner we will be announcing our season, and upcoming events, with readings from our plays, and more wonderful music. What a wonderful way to kick off our season and celebrate the Ship's Company Theatre. Come be part of another Ship's Company Tradition. The Tickets are on sale and the cost is \$40 per person, cash bar available.

The Ship's Company Halifax Dinner is March 21, at the Lord Nelson in Halifax. Join us for a wonderful meal, as we announce our 2013 Season to our sponsors and patrons. For information on purchasing tickets please call us or email anytime.

As we make plans for the season we are very excited to be once again holding a Casino Night. Look for more details about this in the future. The scheduled date for Casino night will be June 15. Be sure to reserve that night for what promises to be a great time!!

Fiddle Camp will be May 18 and 19. We still have spots available for anyone wishing to sign

SHIP'S COMPANY THEATRE

up for this. We are offering instruction in Fiddle, Advance Fiddle, Piano, Guitar and Mandolin. There is more information on our facebook page and website, so check us out soon.

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