

# Great Village Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

February is African Heritage Month and there was a special emphasis in all classrooms on activities to celebrate African Heritage.

Students finally got the opportunity to go swimming at the RECC after a storm day cancellation in January. The Wilson Aquatic Center at the RECC offers something for all swimming abilities, from the shallow pool, the water slide, and the big pool with diving opportunities for those who really want to make a splash.

The highlight of the month was the school's dog sledding trip in Riversdale. Students bundled up for a day spent outside and Mother Nature didn't disappoint. The temperature was cold, but the sun was shining and the snow was perfect for the dog sleds. There were two teams of seven dogs, pulling three students on one sled and two students on another. The 1 km trail through the woods took about 12 minutes to complete. Students played outside while waiting a turn, and could also warm up in a cabin next to a cozy wood fire while enjoying hot chocolate and a granola bar. Going on a dog sled was a new adventure for all students, and as much as that experience was enjoyed, students had a wonderful time playing outside in the snow for about three hours. This didn't stop the enthusiasm for outdoor play, when back at the school students were excited for an outdoor recess time, also.

On February 25th, entertainers "Donna &



Squeals of delight could be heard as students took their turn on the dog sled ride.

Andy" performed at the school. Donna Rhodenizer and Andy Duinker presented an interactive musical performance using a variety of instruments, comedy, and lots of audience participation. In addition to these entertainers, the Great Village Elementary theater group presented their production of "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" to a captive audience this month. This dedicated group of students has been practicing each week during their lunch break and received a loud round of applause from the appreciative students. Auditions will soon be held for the next production, "Peter Rabbit". Much appreciation is extended to Mrs. Hoegg-Briand, GVES music teacher, for offering this opportunity to students.

Students recognized for January's virtue of honesty were Logan Harrison, Zachary Best and Kyle Dykstra. February's virtue was caring.

Before students head out for March Break, they will celebrate "Peace Week", starting out with "The Day of Awesome", finishing with breakfast at school in your pajamas, and lots of other special activities on the days in between!

Our next Home and School and School Advisory Council meetings are March 22nd, beginning at 6:00PM at the school.



Landen Ralph and Kyle Dykstra get ready for their dog sled ride in Riversdale.



Oh what fun! Students head through the wooded trail pulled by a team of dogs.



William Higgins and Samuel Pulley are looking laid back and ready for a dog sled experience of a life time.

## Brookfield Fire to get \$1000.00

By Maurice Rees

The Brookfield Fire and Emergency Services Department will receive \$1,000 from Colchester Council to assist in hosting the 2016 Maritime Fire Fighters Curling Championships on March 11-13. The event will be held at the Brookfield Curling Club.

Council at its February 25th meeting approved a recommendation from its February 11th committee meeting to write off \$10,235.14 in outstanding taxes, plus \$1,232.04 in tipping fees which are deemed uncollectable. Most of the write-offs involved mobile homes, which have burned, been demolished or moved from the lot.

The February 11th committee meeting also approved the Strategic Plan for the Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee as presented by the committee.

Several action items were

handled by Colchester Council at its February 25th meeting, which included setting April 19th as the date for Maintenance Budget and April 26th at 5:00 pm for additions and deletions to the 2016/2017 budget.

Pump station 3 (PS#) on Highway 311 in North River is compromised and requires immediate replacement. A tender call has been issued and will close on March 2nd. Council was asked to approve authorization for council committee to award the tender at its March 10th. An allotment of \$400,000 for replacement of the station had been allocated in the 2015/2016 budget.

Increased volumes of traffic to and from the Rath Eastlink Community Centre caused Municipal Council to plan ahead for construction of a multi-use trail from the RECC parking lot to run along the McClures Mills Connector to the Truro Heights Road.

The 2015/2106 budget included \$1.1-Million, but the project was delayed with awarding the pedestrian overpass at Highway 102 and could not be completed in fall of 2015.

Tenders will close on March 9th and council was asked to authorize the committee meeting on March 10th to award the tender. The source of funds for the trail are 505 Gas Tax and 505 from the active transportation rate.

# 2016-2017 Approved Asphalt Projects

By Maurice Rees

The provincial government will invest \$480.8 million in roads, schools, health care and public infrastructure through the 2016-17 Capital Plan which was released by Finance and Treasury Board Minister Randy Delorey on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Almost half of the 2016-2017 capital plan will include an expenditure of \$222.5 million in highways and structures.

The following data reveals 30 projects planned in Colchester and Cumberland Counties on highways and bridge structures in the current year and following two years for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Asphalt Projects For 2016-2017 in Colchester County include:

**Alton Road:** from Trunk 2 to Cloverdale Road - 5 km Colchester Maintenance Paving

**Onslow Mountain Road:** from West North River westerly (Specified Sections) Colchester Maintenance Paving

**Regency Point:** from Old Courthouse to end - 0.5 km Colchester Maintenance Paving

**Route 236:** From east entrance to Old # 3 Road to Milltown Road - 4.8 km Colchester Pavement Strengthening

**Route 246:** from 200m worth of Kennedy Hill Road to 600m west of Marshall Road - 5.8 km Colchester Repaving Arterial/Collectors

**Salmon River Road:** from Trunk 4 to East End Cross Road (Various Sections) - 5 km Colchester Repaving Local Roads

**Saywood Drive:** from College Road to Regency Point - 1 km Colchester Maintenance Paving

**Spencer Point Road:** from Trunk 2 to end of listing - 1.4 km Colchester Double Chip Resurfacing

**Trunk 4:** from Highway 104 to Masstown - 4.2 km Colchester Repaving Arterial/Collectors

**West North River Road:** from Onslow Road to Truro Road - 5.3 km Colchester Repaving Local Roads

Asphalt projects for 2016-2017 for Cumberland County include the following:

**Chapman Settlement Road:** from Route 366 (Specified Sections) Cumberland Maintenance Paving

**D'Orsay Road:** from Trunk 6 to John Black Road - 1.6 km Cumberland Maintenance Paving

**James Street:** from Trunk 6 to end of listing - 0.7 km

Cumberland Maintenance Paving

**Malagash Road:** from Purdy's Loop to Blue Sea Road - 2.5 km Cumberland Double Chip Resurfacing

**North Wallace Road:** from Ferry Road westerly - 1.5 km Cumberland Maintenance Paving

**Route 204:** from Nappan Road to Fenwick Road - 5.3 km Cumberland Repaving Arterial/Collectors

**Route 209:** from South Branch Road easterly (Specified Sections) Cumberland Maintenance Paving

**Trunk 2:** from Cumberland/Colchester County Line westerly - 4.5 km Cumberland Maintenance Paving

**Wyvern Road:** from Wentworth Collingwood Road southerly to end of pavement - 4.6 km Cumberland Repaving Local Roads

Only Cumberland County will benefit from Bridge Replacement/Rehabilitation Projects For 2016-2017 which includes:

**Teed Bridge:** Trunk 4 Cumberland Major Bridge Projects

**East Fanny's Elbow Bridge:** Old Halifax Road Cumberland Other Bridge Projects

**Barronsfield Bridge:** Barronsfield Road Cumberland Other Bridge Projects

Looking ahead to 2017-2018 asphalt projects for Cumberland include the fol-

lowing Asphalt Projects:

**Highway 104:** West Bound Lane - between Exit 4 and Exit 5 (km 23.6 to 16.6) - 6 km Cumberland Repaving 100 Series Highways

**Highway 104:** West Bound Lane - between Exit 5 and Exit 6 (km 34.2 to 30.6) - 3.6 km Cumberland Repaving 100 Series Highways

**Highway 104:** West Bound Lane - from KM Marker 48 to KM Marker 43.3 (concrete section) - 4.6 km Cumberland Repaving 100 Series Highways

**Trunk 6:** from Casey Road to Route 301 - 5.7 km Cumberland Repaving Arterial/Collectors

No Asphalt Projects in 2018-2019 are planned for Colchester County. The following is the list of asphalt projects planned in Cumberland for the 2018-2019 fiscal year:

**Highway 104:** East Bound Lane - from Overland Bridge to Exit 4 (km Marker 2.5 to 9.0) - 6.5 km Cumberland Repaving 100 Series Highways

**Route 368:** from 500m north of Fountain Road southerly - 5.5 km Cumberland Repaving Arterial/Collectors

**Trunk 6:** from 900m west of Blair Road to Casey Road - 5.3 km Cumberland Repaving Arterial/Collectors

Those awaiting for the replacement of the Lower Debert River Bridge in Colchester County will have to wait for 2018-2019, as it is the only bridge replacement planned in Colchester and Cumberland Counties.

## Winter is Cool at WCCS

By Heather Boyd

WCCS is the cool place to be in winter...our students are enjoying winter activities and working hard at their studies.

The Students of the Month for January were Reuben van den Hoek, Jason Rushton, Zachary Dykstra, Sierra McLellan and Ryan Spencer. This award is presented to students who demonstrate positive social relationships, put forth their best efforts to their studies, and contribute to school life positively by volunteering, being caring and energetic and good role models for other students.

Students are excited for lots of exciting activities during Winter Carnival March 7-11. Monday will be Crazy Hat/Hair Day, Tuesday Pyjama Day, Wednesday Jersey Day, Thursday Twin Day, Friday Fictional/Celebrity Dress-Up Day.

There will be swimming, rock climbing, coasting, snow-

shoeing, sledding, sculptures, skiing, and teachers versus students floor hockey and volleyball. Check your student's agenda for specific details on all these fun activities.

Come and show your support for our students in our first annual WCCS GOT TALENT. It will be held Thursday, March 10, 2016, at WCCS. The evening will begin with a reception and Art Show at 6:30 pm, and performances will begin at 7:00. We have a stellar line up of students showcasing their talents in singing, dancing, performance arts, drum solos, karate, and so much more. This is the event of the year—you don't want to miss it!!

WCCS has many ways to help keep you up to date on our news and events. Visit our website <http://wcc.ccrsb.ca/>, join the West Colchester Consolidated School Facebook page, and keep an eye on students' agendas for our newsletter and calendar.

The Deadline for the April issue of **Shoreline Journal** is March 22



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