

Great Village Elementary School Notes



Morgan Works and Olivia Pugsley enjoy apples as a wasteless recess snack during Earth Day celebration at Great Village Elementary School on April 22nd. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Young Neptune Theatre's performance of "Head a Tete" was enjoyed by everyone on April 15th, including students from Wentworth Elementary students who were invited to the school. Students learned an important lesson about

working together in "Head a Tete", the story of two men living in a cold and barren land, who find shelter beside a wonderful tree which gives them warmth, food, and shelter. They discover that they speak different languages and must work to overcome their

differences.

The Classroom Cafe prepared a delicious ham dinner for students before Easter, free of charge.

Students were dived into their Peace Groups for Earth Day activities on April 22nd. Activities included a Recycle Relay, Energy Conservation Mimeo Activity, The Three R's - Focus on Reusing, Global Warming: Winston of Churchill, Compost Scavenger Hunt, and a thorough clean-up of the grounds around the school. Students had apples for recess and were asked to bring a wasteless lunch at noon.

The popcorn fundraiser held this month raised close to \$500.00. Funds will be used to support a school trip for all students.

Teachers worked with literacy mentor, Judy Kennedy, on best practices for Language Arts instruction, including word study

(spelling).

Looking ahead, "Family Night Out" will take place on Friday, May 2nd from 6:30-8:00PM. There will be many activities for families to enjoy (games, photo booth, canteen, and music (DJ) for dancing). Everyone is invited and the cost is \$2.00/person or \$5.00/family.

Home & School and SAC will meet for the final time this school year on May 21st, beginning at 6:00PM. The Grade 2/3 class will be participating in the "Swim to Survive Program" this month at the Rath-Eastlink Center. The Lifesaving Society believes that Swim to Survive is an important first step to being safe around the water. Swim to Survive is funded by the Lifesaving Society in partnership with the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness. There is no charge for students to participate in this program. Grade 3 class from WCCS will join GVES students for this activity.



Cees van den Hoek, pictured above, and his wife have purchased Great Village Antiques and are busy getting ready for the upcoming summer season. They also operate the antique shop in the church in Portapique and another outlet at "That Dutchman's Cheese Farm" in Economy. (Rees Photo)



Great Village Elementary School Principal Connie Smith discusses recycling tips with students during Earth Day Activities.



Masstown Hardware was overwhelmed with the huge response to their Easter Colouring Contest. They received 65 entries and posted them in-store and on their facebook page. The winning name was drawn on April 19th and Connor Simpson was very pleased to stop by the store and pick up his prize. (submitted)



Beth van den Hoek arranges new inventory at Great Village Antiques Exchange. She and husband, Cees, purchased the popular shop earlier this winter. Sons, Reuben and Maximus, ages 4 & 5 love to "help" in the antique shop. Everyone is busy adding their touch to the rambling shop in the former Layton General Store, Great Village. (Rees Photo)



Great Village Elementary Grade Three students Cole Works and Bradley MacKinnon were helpful cleaning up the playground at their school. All students helped clean-up the school grounds on Earth Day. (Harrington Photo)

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