

BLUE MARBLE initiative



Mrs. Campbell helps students make a web of life.



Even the cupcake snack reflected concern for the environment.



Student designed their own t-shirt using the colours of the earth.



The Wildlife Park station was a popular hands on demonstration.

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF BASS RIVER

*Walking through the flat, I imagine in my mind
Judge James Fulton land surveyor in 1765.
What a Beautiful spot to settle
Leaving Ireland behind, brought the wife and family
Hard times but they thrive.*

*Bass River as a village, it beauty and its Bay;
Gave them food, love and hope.
And brought us to today.*

*Remembering our past in a very important way
Our six factories and four churches,
The Pole Railway and Sluiceway.
Most are all gone now but Bass River is here to stay.*

*Our minds travel to the beaches,
Where the wharves and weirs began.
Hats off to those Big Bass Fishermen and the catches that they land.
To the clammers and the cottagers, who come back every year.
May the tide always return, so we can give a big cheer.*

*The lighthouse is a cottage now, the little school a home,
one church is a museum and another is a home.*

*We've had some colorful characters live here in the town.
Some remember J.S. and Ed Fisher, big men in their time.
We have Fulton's, Grues and Rutherfords, Faulkner, Lewis's too
These are all descendants, some sailed the ocean too.*

*We have three Parks in our village
At Mayflower we still play.
The Heritage and Veterans we remember
the people who made Bass River what it is today.*

*Victoria Hall is still standing
Strong, 130 years!
She's ready to come back to life again
Without any fears.*

*We still visit Castlereigh and The Hills
The camps and lakes and streams
Those settlers all moved out of there
But their spirit still remains.*

*We've had a lot of changes in 250 years
But the people of Bass River always rally with their peers.
Hats off to all you Bass River folk
Stand tall and proud and true.
Your heritage is important
Just like each one of you.*

By Wendy Cox

UCW Spring Rally – May 5TH

By Christine Urquhart

The Truro Presbyterian UCW Spring Rally will be held on Tuesday May 5th at Trinity United in Oxford. Registration is from 9:30 - 10 am.

Program includes the Environment, Cuban Dancing, Feral Cats and SIMON.

There will be a Book Display. Bring a bag lunch and lug a mug! Everyone Welcome!



United Church Women to Hold Blind Auction

By Christine Urquhart

Masstown UCW meets on Thursday May 7th at 7pm at the Masstown Church. Program is a Blind Auction and all ladies are invited to join us for this fun evening.

If you have never been to a Blind Auction you really should come and see how much fun this is!

Those attending are encouraged to bring items wrapped up which are then placed on a large table.

Our auctioneer gets us to bid on these wrapped items and the highest bidder gets the item.

Now, it may be a lovely knit scarf or a handy tool or, depending on your luck, a roll of toilet paper!

Lunch is served afterwards!



Debert Elementary Notes

By Erma Cox

Shake off the Winter Blues by getting involved. That's what lots of students and parents are doing at Debert Elementary. We have a number of people involved in a bike safety program being sponsored by CALA on Thursdays. Wednesday and Thursday after school children are participating in "Mad Science" activities. On Tuesday the keen badminton players stay for an extra hour of honing their skills and Monday and Thursday afternoon has people showcasing their artistic talent through Drama clubs. Recently we have also had four of our students from grades five and six prepare speeches for "Concours", the French speaking contest. We are very proud of each of these students for their efforts in showcasing what they have learned in a second language. Congratulations are extended to Andrew Totten who placed second in his category.

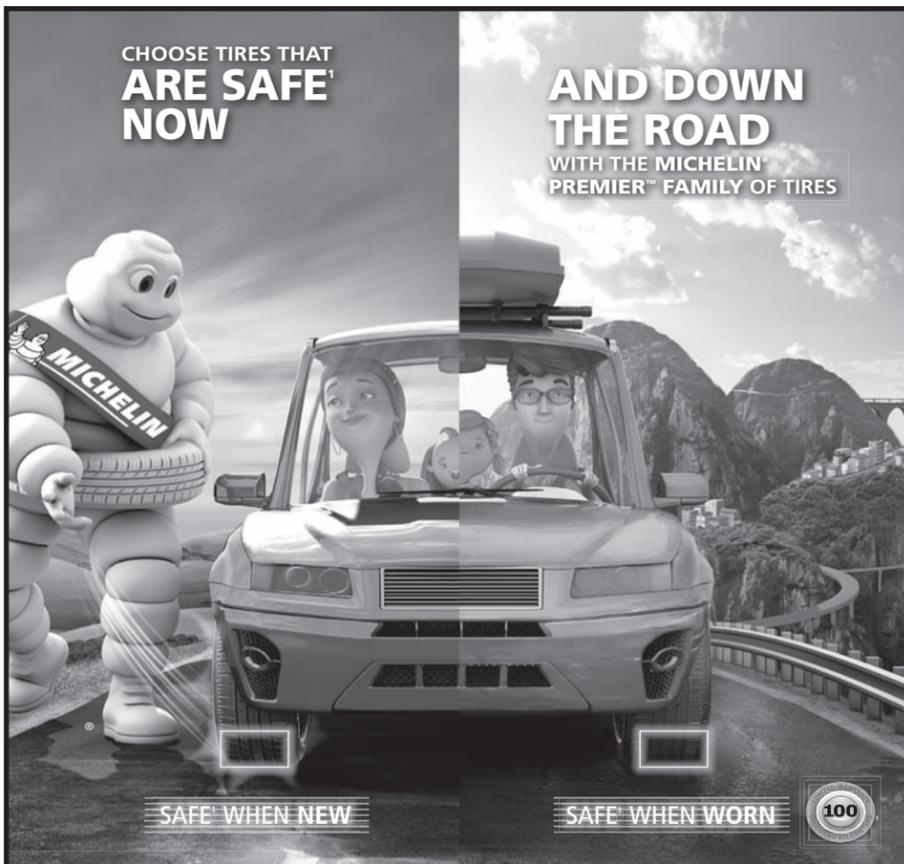
Grade four students are preparing for the Regional Heritage Fair. Their projects are complete and they will be hosting a mini fair in their classroom here at Debert

Elementary. In May they will be exercising their public speaking skills at the Regional Fair in Truro. Grade four students will also be travelling to the Wetlands in Shubenacadie in June to culminate their studies on habitats. Grade six students continue to work on the "We Act" programs. They are running a mini café for staff here at the school and recently produced and directed a video on the boomerang effect of being "bucket-fillers". This video was shared with other members of the school at the March assembly. Kudos are extended to a group who continue to show how they can make a difference. On Monday, April 20th, Mrs. MacPherson travelled to Dartmouth to receive provincial recognition for her teaching. The Education week theme was Schools as Communities: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. Mrs. MacPherson was nominated by both fellow teachers and students as being an exemplar of this theme. Congratulations Mrs. MacPherson, we are proud of you. On Tuesday April 28th all

students of Debert Elementary will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities at the Cougar Dome. This event, organized by Mrs. MacPherson is to promote Healthy Living. We hope that by showing children a number of ways that they can be active we can create a healthier population. Many of these activities would not be possible without the support of numerous volunteers. On May 20th we hope to celebrate all individuals who support our school by hosting a volunteer tea. Special thanks to Ms Langille and the Learning Center students who are organizing this event. In closing, I would like to thank all members of the community who assisted us with our most recent fundraiser by purchasing flower bulbs. Money raised from this sale will allow us to improve our garden area for the upcoming year and have a variety of homegrown vegetables and herbs at harvest time. We also hope to do some redesigning in this area so the space can be used as an outdoor classroom. Again, thanks for your support and Happy Planting!

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