

Shana MacPherson Among Provincial Winners



Pictured above are three CCRSB educators honoured at the 2015 Education Week Awards at ceremonies held in Dartmouth on April 20th. Left to right: Kathy Wells, Cumberland North Academy; Karen Casey, Colchester North MLA, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development; Shana MacPherson, Debert Elementary; and Karri Ann Noel, West Pictou Consolidated School. (Submitted)

Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, educators, administrators, family and friends gathered at École du Carrefour in Dartmouth on April 20th to celebrate the 2015 Education Week Award recipients. Kathy Wells, Cumberland North Academy; Shana MacPherson, Debert Elementary; and Karri Ann Noel, West Pictou Consolidated School from CCRSB were among the winners being recognized for supporting student development through service learning, community projects and co-operative education, and for encouraging students to be active in their schools and communities.

This year's theme was Schools as Communities: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey presented Education Week Awards to 23 teachers and five

education partners.

Shana MacPherson, Debert Elementary, began teaching Grade 2 at Debert Elementary School three years ago. Her positive impact on students and their families has been immediate, heartfelt and welcomed with open arms. Shana has created a community garden at her school, invited and scheduled families to care for this garden over the summer months and used the resulting harvest to teach students healthy eating habits.

She hosts an annual classroom museum to which she invites parents, grandparents and other community members to attend, allowing her students to showcase their history. Shana also helps to coordinate Literacy Week, this year arranging for community members to come and share their favourite childhood stories with a classroom.

Shana has also organized a Green Team, motivating over 40 students to become educated, involved and advocates of recycling, composting and environmental issues. She takes her students to the local Shannex facility to read to seniors and is arranging for the installation of benches around the school garden to create an outdoor classroom.

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Congratulations to the Captain's Finest, Parrsboro's Women's Hockey Team!!! They won GOLD in The Gamblers' Cup in Las Vegas, Nevada, taking the victory over Alberta with an overtime goal scored by Jeaneil Quinn. Pictured above are: Front (L-R): Kelly Milner, Karla Fulton, Karen Yorke-Gilbert, Patty Willigar, Dana Carr, Carole Gautreau and Novalee Bowden. Back Row (L-R): Susan Smith, Jeaneil Quinn, Kelsey Brown, Stacey Webb and Crystal Goodwin.

Missing from photo: Wanda Jewers, Nicole Harley and Ajysa Manderson. (Submitted)

Municipality Acquires Palliser Property

The 10 acre former Palliser Motel and Restaurant property at Exit 14 Hwy 102 has been purchased by the Municipality of Colchester to develop a destination to showcase culture and promote tourism. Soon the buildings will be demolished to enable land-

scaping and opening an information centre for the 2015 season.

Along with short-term plans, municipal staff have started work on long-term plans to develop this area into a tourist attraction, information centre and a family recreation site as well as integrat-

ing the site with existing trail network within the County. The long term goal is to develop this property as a regional centre of attraction and tourism with active participation of various stakeholders - Federal and Provincial Governments, Towns of Truro and Stewiacke as well as Millbrook First Nation.



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