

Great Village Elementary to go Peanut/Nut Free

By Linda Harrington

Students met in Peace Groups at the first of the month to introduce this month's virtue of "responsibility". Students participated in an activity where to be successful; each member of the group had to demonstrate responsibility. Last month, Samuel Pulley, Alicia O'Brien, and Hailey Field were recognized for consistently demon-

strating the virtue of "determination".

Report cards were sent home on Tuesday, April 5th. Families attended student-led conferences the following week. In addition to students showing family members examples of their work, and how technology is used in their classrooms, there was also a "Family Math Event" at the gymnasium. Measurement was the area of mathematics targeted for this event. Families completed activities for each of the five components of measurement (mass, capacity, length, time, area & perimeter). At each station, there was an activity related to the outcome for each grade level, Primary through Grade 4. A student would complete the activity for his/her grade level and parents could also see the type of activities that would come before and after that grade level. With the completion of the activity, the student would put a sticker on the appropriate section of his/her "Passport for Learning" and move on to another station. Participation from families was excellent for this event.

We were thrilled to have artist Gerald Gloade share his work with students this month. Mr. Gloade shared that he had been drawing before beginning school. Much of his artwork reflects his First Nation culture. His interest in superheroes and his corresponding artwork was also a highlight for many students.

On Earth Day, April 22, students participated in a variety of activities related to caring for the earth. Students learned about recycling, global warming, protecting our water, and planted seeds to be ready for



Grade 1 student Alicia O'Brien completes an activity at the Area and Perimeter unit with her family members Tanya, Makayla and Patrick.

our school garden in later this spring.

Everyone in the school had a great time participating in the "Dare to Dance" challenge issued this month by dancing for 30 minutes at the end of a day.

Each Tuesday, dedicated volunteers come to the school to be able to offer the Fluoride Program. It is the quietest 30 seconds in each classroom while students swish the fluoride rinse in their

mouths. We appreciate parents for providing this program for our students.

Families are reminded that beginning in September 2016, our school will be peanut/nut aware as a student coming to our school has a life-threatening allergy to peanuts/nut. To support all learners, students will be asked to avoid bringing peanut/nut products to school.

Looking Ahead: May 13th - Family Fun Night at the gym (6:30-8:00); May 16th - In-service - no school for students; May 25 - Grade 4 Orientation to WCCS; May 26th - Grade Primary Orientation to GVES; May 31st - Home & School and School Advisory Council Meetings (6:00 at the school) and June 11th - Bike Rodeo at the school.



GVES Grade Primary student Brandon George puts his mother to the test to see if she can tell which pail is heavier.



GVES Grade Two student Taylor Gallant is proud to have completed an activity at each of the five math stations.



Mackenzie Slack uses nonstandard units (paint sticks) to measure the length of his father.

Mi'kmawey Debert,

CANADA'S EARLIEST HUMAN SETTLEMENT

Bill Casey, MP for Cumberland-Colchester, loves history, and it doesn't get much more historical than this. Over 13,000 years ago, Paleo-Indians established a settlement atop a ridge near modern-day Debert, in Colchester County, Nova Scotia. On Wednesday, April 20th, Casey rose in the House of Commons to draw Parliament's attention to the site and its history.

Artifacts were uncovered near Debert airfield when, during the Second World War, construction on the base necessitated excavations. Although the site was damaged, subsequent archaeological investigation revealed the settlement to be about 22 acres in size.

Many artifacts recovered from the site are in storage in the Canadian Museum of History; many likely remain buried; but none are accessible to the public. The site

itself is protected from development by the Nova Scotia Special Places Act, but surprisingly little has been done to further develop the site.

"These were the first humans to have a permanent habitation in Canada, so far as we can say," says Casey. "It's a story that is important to all of us, not only the Mi'kmaw."

Donald Julien, the Executive Director of the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre initiative, says that he has been working on the project since 1989. "We have taken the responsibility of creating a museum of our own to depict the history of our people here in Mi'kma'ki," says Julien. "We hope that with the cooperation of the Provincial and Federal Liberal governments, our dream will become a reality"

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Brookfield Hosts UCW Biennial

By Christine Urquhart

Truro Presbyterial UCW hosted a very successful Maritime Conference UCW Biennial Meeting at Knox United in Brookfield. 126 ladies were registered and had a great time! The National UCW President Phyllis Buchner was the guest speaker at the banquet on Saturday

night and then the band Cherry Lane played to everyone's enjoyment. Congratulations to all those who worked so hard to make this event the great success it was!

The Truro Presbyterial UCW Spring Rally will be held on May 10th at First United Church in Truro. Registration is from 9:30 - 10am.

The theme is: "Bloom Where You Are Planted". Among the guest speakers is Gerrie Vandenhoek of Lowland Gardens.

Bring a bag lunch and lug a mug! There will be a Book Display at this event. All welcome.

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