

# Great Village Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

There was an abundance of excitement and energy at the gymnasium as families from near and far gathered for an evening of fun at the Family Dance on April 6th. The Hawaiian theme was popular and all guests were offered a lei as they entered the gym. The DJ's musical selections and spot dances kept dancers on the floor all evening. In addition to dancing, there was face painting, and games with prizes. Congratulations to all prize winners and thank you to those who donated prizes. Appreciation is expressed to the parent volunteers who decorated and set up for the dance, worked during the event, and cleaned the gymnasium afterwards. A special thank you to Angie McLellan for organizing this fun activity for families.

It was a busy time at the school recently during student-led conferences. The procedure for student-led conferencing is for parents

to bring their child to school so the student can present a variety of the work completed at school during second term. Each family is given a scheduled 20 minute appointment time and classroom teachers are available to answer questions and to assist as needed. Student-led conferencing attributes greatly to a student's self-esteem and is a valuable family experience. Thank you to parents and other family members for helping to celebrate student learning through your participation. Students were excited to have the opportunity to participate in activities and to share their work with family members.

Earth Day was recognized on April 19th. Students worked together in their Peace Group, rotating through four different stations, each with a different environmental focus. Students wore Earth colours and for a waste less recess snack, were offered a vari-

ety of fresh fruit. Any student who participated in bringing a waste less lunch had their name entered in a draw for a t-shirt. Each day at school, there is a focus on good environmental practices as students recycle and compost in their classrooms and keep the playground clean by putting food wrappers in the garbage. Great Village Elementary students set a good

example for others to follow.

Congratulations are extended to Grade 3 student Mahayla MacGillivay. A piece of Mahayla's art work was selected by her classmates and school staff to be framed as a gift to Jim Grue, our former School Board member. Mr. Grue dropped into the school this month to express his appreciation to Mahayla, and to get the artist's signature!

Students have been writing articles about major events that

have happened at our school this year. This work, along with a large collection of color photos, will be combined to create our annual school yearbook. Unless other arrangements are made, students interested in purchasing a yearbook must prepay on May 9th or May 10th. The cost for a yearbook is \$5.00. Yearbooks will be available for students to sign autographs at the end of June.

Next month students can look forward to a school trip to

the Cougar Dome where they will have the opportunity to learn from both a tennis and golf professional. Also, a presentation by entertainers Donna & Andy, which was cancelled due to poor weather, has been rescheduled to May 29th. Everyone is invited to attend this performance at the gym, beginning at 12:45PM. F

Next year's Grade Primary students will come to school for an orientation on the morning of May 31st.



Grade 4 students at Great Village Elementary recently used geometric shapes from Mathematics class to do a little construction. Left to right- Crystal Higgins, Zachary Best, MacKenzie Slack, Connor Harrison and Hendrikus van den Hoek-Field. (Submitted)



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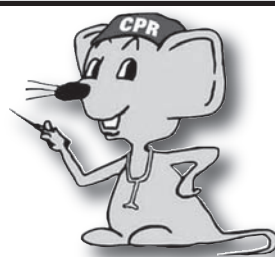
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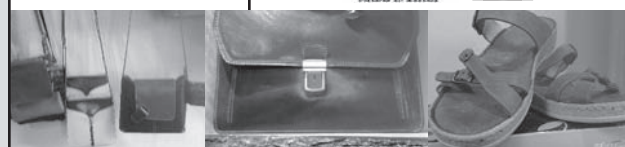
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