

# Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington  
 (Editor's NOTE: I apologize to students, teachers and parents for the lateness of this story and photos. It got buried in Cyber space last month)



GVES grade 4 students Charlee Pugsley, Ryker Durning and Mahayla MacGillivray are working together to try and build a bridge strong enough to support a weight.



Kara MacPhee from the Discovery Centre brought "Science on the Road" to each class at Great Village Elementary recently. Students were very excited to see the plasma globe in action.



GVES Primary students Gage Kinsman and Easton Trites cooperate while building a structure to keep out the rain.

February was African Heritage Month and there was a special focus in the classrooms to recognize and appreciate achievements of African Americans. Peace Week was held last month, also which is about building positive relationships and reinforcing positive behaviours.

Special activities were held each day of Peace Week including swimming, skating, snow activities, breakfast and PJ day.

Students and staff appreciate the volunteers who support the school in so many ways. Last year, parent volunteers started the process to be able to enhance the playground. Information was gathered from various stakeholders (including students), meetings were held, and grants investigated. The work continues this year. If anyone has ideas or experience to share or are interested in contributing to this project in any way, please contact Allison Francis (jazminecody@hotmail.com), Kim Williams (newf6393@gmail.com), or the school (burycd@ccrce.ca). Any member of the communities served by Great Village Elementary School is welcome and invited to become involved. Regarding fundraising, an account has been set up at Subway Bottle Exchange and John Ross & Sons for anyone wishing to donate their refundables or scrap metal to support developing the playground.

Last month one of the bus drivers reported that a car did not stop when the red lights were flashing on the bus. The following day, the classroom teacher and principal reviewed bus safety rules for crossing the road with each



GVES students from Grade Primary/One work on building structures. (L-R): Hailyn Mercer Taylor Jollimore, Ashlyn Wallace and Alea Shipley Richards.

class. Parents are also asked to review expectations for their child when crossing the road. The following rhyme may be helpful: Stop, look and listen before you cross the street. Use your eyes, use your ears, and then you use your feet.

The Discovery Centre recently made a visit to the school through their "Science on the Road" program. Each class participated in a hands-on curriculum-based lesson with Kara, the Discovery Centre educator. Students in the Grade P/1 class worked in groups to build a structure using a variety of materials. In this Storm Structures presentation, the goal was to build a structure that could keep the rain out. The Grade 2/3 class learned about magnetism in their Invisible Forces presentation. A highlight was seeing the plasma globe (static electricity ball) in action. Bridging the Gap was the topic in the Grade 3/4 class where students worked together to build a bridge that could withstand a certain weight.

Hosting a "Community Skate" was new to the school this year. Schools can apply to use local recreation facilities free of charge for a limited number of times. GVES had more passes to the West Colchester United Arena than they could use during the school day, so those who were interested and able, had an opportunity to skate with schoolmates outside the regular school day.

Parents are reminded that there is no school for students on March 29th. Report cards were sent home at the end of March followed by student-led conferences. For student-led conferences, students come to the school with their parents to be able to present a variety of the work completed during the school year, and to demonstrate how materials such as math manipulatives, are used to support teaching and learning. On the afternoon of March 29th, teachers will work with a math mentor on the topic of mathematical problem solving.

There are several activities to look forward to in April. On April 10th, a representative from Green Schools will be visiting each classroom for a presentation on helping to keep our Earth green. The following day, there is a school trip planned to Colchester East Hants Regional Library and the Colchester History Museum. The week will end with children's author Sheree Fitch offering a Writer's Workshop in each classroom. The school feels very fortunate and appreciative of the many extra opportunities for their students.

# "Mud Hero" To Return In 2019

By Maurice Rees

Minutes of previous meeting which were approved at the February 28 meeting of council revealed three things not previously covered in the Shoreline Journal.

Colchester Council approved Councillor Taggart's go forward to serve another year on the national Board of directors for the Federation of Municipalities.

He has served on the FCM Board for several years and asked the council to consider the matter in February as he would be away during the upcoming meeting and to meet the FCM deadline.

Taggart has risen at the board level and has been servicing as Chair of the committee dealing with rural issues. Council approved his request.

Minutes of previous meeting which were approved at the meeting at end of February revealed two items from an in-camera ses-

sion of council held on January 31st. Minutes stated: Negotiations on Library Funding moved by Deputy Mayor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Cooper, "That discussions on Library Funding be referred to staff and that this be brought to February Committee for discussion in Closed Session; and Council grants authority to February Committee to make a decision on this matter."

It would appear the popular "Mud Hero" event held early Fall 2018 in Debert will be back again in 2019. Details have not been made public but minutes from an in-camera session states: Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the agreement with Crazy Canuck Events Corporation, with the discussed amendments." Moved by Councillor Masters, seconded by Councillor Pash received unanimous consent.



# 2019 Volunteer Recognition Awards.



Front left to right: Peter Mattatall (County), Heidi Smith (Town), Ron Logan (Bible Hill Fire Brigade 55 years of service), Jax Gaudet (Town), Justin Hingley accepting on Dana Smith behalf (Bible Hill Fire Brigade 50 years of service), Brookfield Fire & Emergency Services (County).

Back left to right: Christine Blair (Mayor of Colchester County accepting on behalf of Richard Haines as the Provincial Volunteer Representative) David Ritcey accepting on behalf of Greg Cream (Town), Lesley Jean Tucker (County), Donald Reid (Town), Christie MacDonald (County), Murray MacKay (County), Jon Hutt (Truro), BFES (County), Samantha Robichaud (Town), BFES (County), Daisy Roberts (Town), BFES (County), Maria Murphy (Town), Trevor Lynds (TML Construction) (County) Lynda Marsh (Town), Ed Hughes (Pettigrew Award, County), Carlon MacCullum (County) Bill Mills (Mayor of the Town of Truro accepting on behalf of Robert Fulton as the Provincial Volunteer Representative).

Missing from Photo: Tim Fisher, Sandra Fisher (Volunteer Family Award), Dana Smith, Greg Cream, Richard Haines, Robert Fulton, George Butt, Tim Kubas.