

# GVE Literacy Marketplace



Bridging generations! Two and a half year old Alison Totten shows her grandmother Donna Totten how much fun a Mimio Board can be for all ages. The Great Village Literacy Marketplace explored how new technology in the classroom is replacing chalk and blackboards.(Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

A Literacy Marketplace was held at Great Village Elementary during the evening of October 18th. Families of GVE students were issued invitations to drop in to the school and check out the Language Arts displays.

Principal Connie Smith met invited guests at the entrance to the school and handed out "Passports" to the different destinations, along with a ballet for the door prize draws.

Stations within the school

covered topics such as "What is Early Literacy Support", "Let's Talk About Spelling", "Talk With Me", "Technology in the Classroom", "What is Guided Reading?", "Let's Talk About Classroom Assessment", "Writer's In Action" and "Adult Learning".

Connie Smith says the Literacy Market was held this year, for the first time, to meet goals set out in the School's Accreditation.

Everyone left the event with a crunchy red apple supplied by the Masstown Market.



Lynsay, Maddy, Ty and Geoff McLean try a different approach to story time at one of the stations at Great Village Elementary Literacy Marketplace on Oct. 18th. (Harrington Photo)



Judy Kennedy, Literacy Mentor, was explaining different approaches for helping students learn to spell at the "Let's Talk About Spelling" station. Primary student Samuel Pulley and his dad Wallie were visiting all the stations at Great Village Elementary's Literacy Marketplace on Oct. 18th. (Harrington Photo)

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# WINS embarks on "Back to Basics" project

By Sheila Richards

As I write this on Thanksgiving Day, I am pleased to hear a news report on CBC radio that the farmers are delighted so many people are now questioning where their food comes from, how it is grown and wanting to buy their food locally. More consumers are keen to 'buy local', now Select Nova Scotia, started many years ago by Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia (WINS) members. However, the media and consumers still refer to it as "Buy Local"; it would seem that we have made our mark.

Over the years, WI members have made lasting contributions to benefit of the Province of Nova Scotia and in the many local communities throughout Nova Scotia.

The latest Provincial Project, introduced to members at the Annual General Meeting held in Elmsdale, August 3rd & 4th 2011, is called 'Back to Basics'. This project is the brain child of Hants Central District of the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia (WINS) and is designed to encourage people to cook at home instead of relying on meals purchased from 'Fast Food' outlets or prepared meals at the grocery store. Many young people do not know how to cook a meal from 'scratch'.

Back to Basic sessions will be held throughout the Province, demonstrating how to make a basic meat sauce

from hamburger which can be used in several different dishes, lasagne, spaghetti and meat sauce, chilli and Spanish rice. How to make nutritious desserts and a topping mixture that may be used with apples or berries.

A guide to the safe handling of food, avoiding cross contamination of foods and cooking food at the proper temperatures, as well as recipes will be included in these sessions to be put on by Women's Institutes members. The first session will be held in New Glasgow, October 25th.

The ladies from North River WI and guests enjoyed a tour of the Nuttby Mountain Wind Farm, the second largest in the Province with 22 turbines. The wind farm has been in operation since September 2010, is constantly monitored electronically and Steven McRae, our guide, checks on each turbine to ensure it is working properly. We were permitted inside the turbine to learn more about these machines.

North River WI meets on the second Wednesday of the month and we welcome guests to join us. For more information please contact the WINS Office, Mon to Thurs 8.00am to 4 pm, 893-6520.

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Photographer Matthew Martin poses beside one his photographs on display at the birch grove gallery in Lower Economy. Matthew had just received news one of his photographs had won first prize in a Bermuda photo contest. (submitted)



An outdoor exhibit of photographs by Matthew Martin was held in Lower Economy on Saturday, October 15th. The exhibit was displayed among beautiful birch trees, creating a stunning birch grove gallery.(submitted)

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