

Parrsboro Hosts Inaugural Festival



Pictured above are Rena Kossatz, Helen Tyson and Lori Lynch were organizers of the Parrsboro Film Festival. (Rod Tyson Photo)

By **Rena Kossatz**

PARRSBORO, NS - The venerable Hall on King Street in Parrsboro was the scene this past weekend of the inaugural **Parrsboro Film Festival**. The event screened full-length feature films, all with an Atlantic Canadian component, as well as juried

short films solicited from filmmakers in the region.

John Walker, writer, director and producer of the FIPA and Vancouver International Film Festival award-winning documentary, "A Drummer's Dream", was present for the Friday night screening of the Festival opener, along with

sound designer Alex Salter, both of whom engaged with the enthusiastic full-house crowd in an informative Q&A session.

Screenwriter Josh MacDonald's acclaimed, "Faith Fraud and Minimum Wage", featuring many area actors, including Parrsboro native Don Allison, played on

Saturday to a delighted audience, followed by the darkly comedic "Just Buried", written and directed by Chaz Thorne and filmed near Windsor, Nova Scotia. Foley artists on this film project were Krista Wells and Michael Fuller, both dedicated long-time supporters of the Hall's many cultural initiatives.

"Whirligig", directed by Chaz Thorne and filmed in Nova Scotia, closed the Festival on Sunday, with writer and co-producer Michael Amo in the house to share post-screening remarks.

New Brunswick filmmaker Nancy Lynch's "Hello Ladassia" was voted the audience favourite short film.

Of special importance to young Parrsboro horror filmmaker JB Tambeau was the opportunity to meet and converse with Josh MacDonald, writer of this season's international film circuit horror/thriller hit, "The Corridor".

Plans are already underway for the 2012 Parrsboro Film Festival, with the possibility of the addition of workshops in lighting, sound, and film editing.

For information, visit www.thehall.ca or call Helen Tyson at 902-728-8364.

Debert Elementary Notes

By **Erma Cox**

Busy, Busy, Busy! There is no other way to describe the staff and students of Debert Elementary these days. We have completed the provincial language arts testing at grades three and six and have shown outstanding support for Cancer Research by raising over 900 dollars.

The first round of "boost" students have cycled through the new Early Literacy program and we have recently had our newspaper group reconvene for another exciting year of publications.

Ms Langille has started up the drama group again on Thursdays after school with great attendance and excitement was overflowing on Monday when forty Primary to grade three students came out for Mrs Loughhead's drama group.

Mr Black has also started two choirs, a guitar group and we hope to have our ukes shortly so that we can have the halls full of music.

Mr Caudle has after school sports on Tuesdays and we are thrilled to have so many students sign up for intramurals that we have had to create a schedule for team play.

We have also been fortunate enough to have Brooke Densmore offer an evening of basketball on Thursdays from 6-7 for our students with nearly 30 students learning skills and playing games. Special thanks to Brooke for giving of her time to help our students.

The Breakfast program is also up and running on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Special thanks to Tina Fisher, Mrs Dickey and the students who work to allow this program to be offered.

Students attended the CyberBully presentation on Friday October 14th. Despite the level of noise in the AV room at CEC there was no doubt that students learned and enjoyed this presentation. Special thanks to the Truro Police and CCRSB for organizing this event and inviting our children.

Upcoming events at the school include the PTG Halloween Family Dance on the 27th, grade four students hosting the first school wide assembly, grade six students hosting a Remembrance Day service and students selling wreaths. We are hoping to have the wreath sales sheets out earlier this year as we know that many of you get in the Christmas spirit and start decorating in early December.

At this time we would also like to let you know that the Christmas concert has been scheduled for December 12th.

Our accreditation team has decided to send home a midterm report allowing you to get an early glimpse at your child's profile. On October 19th these midterm reports will go home. We hope this assists you in knowing the strengths of your child as a student and allowing more opportunities to assist them with areas of difficulty.

We hope you have had a great start up to the 2011-12 school year and we encourage you to keep involved.

Chiganois Elementary School Notes

By **Linda Harrington**

The SAC held their first of 6 meetings for the year. Council members for 2011/12 are Krista Phillips, Kim Keizer, Andrea Bentham, Ken Kennedy, Velma Kennedy, Mike Burry, Jenny Stiles and Tanya Faulkner. There is still one opening for a community member, which includes grandparents. Please contact the school if you would like to volunteer for this position. Meetings will be held on Jan. 11th, Feb. 8th, April 11th and June 13th at 6:00PM.

The PTG has decided to once again offer the class with the most parents at a PTG meeting a prize. The class will receive the PTG banner and \$5 towards a class treat.

The annual PTG Halloween Family Dance will be held on October 27th from 6:30 to 8:00.

Room parents have been assigned to each class. This parent will keep the other parents informed of events and needs of the PTG via email.

The Scholastic Book Fair raised \$1700, resulting in over \$900 in new books for the school library.

Mrs. MacIntyre is offering students afterschool soccer baseball for Grades 3, 4 and 5 on Mondays and afterschool nerf soccer for Grades 3, 4, and 5 on Tuesdays. Students must be picked up by 4:30. She will be holding Kilometer Klub for all Grades on Mondays, with a certificate every 5k. Recess on Tuesdays, she will hold skipping for Grades P to 2's and Flag Rugby on Thursdays for Grades 3 to 5.

Breakfast Program is up and running. Thank you to Sobeyes and their employees for donating \$250 towards this Program. Cheerios, apple juice, apples and cheese are available from 9:05 to 9:30 each day.

Chiganois School raised over \$260 during the Terry Fox Run last month.

Thank you to the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade for their Fire Prevention Presentation on October 14th.

Grades 3 to 5 attended a Cyber Bullying Presentation at CEC on October 14th.

Mrs. Elliott says the two Grade Primary classes had a wonderful time at Blake's Pumpkin Jungle recently. The students and their teachers walked to the pumpkin patch on a beautiful fall day, where they enjoyed a tour and each returned to the school with a cute little pumpkin of their own. A special thank you is extended to the Jennings family for hosting this event.

A Waste Reduction Presentation was held at the school on Oct. 20th.

The school will be holding a fund raiser from Fund Script Nov. 1st until the 14th. This involves the sale of gift cards redeemable at many retail stores and restaurants. Anyone wishing more information is asked to phone the school.

Skating will begin on Nov 1st from 4:00 to 5:00 at the Debert Rink and will continue ever 2nd week. Debert Elementary will share the ice time.

A Provincial Inservice will be held on October 28th. No school for students on this day. A Remembrance Day Service will be held in the morning on Nov. 10th. No school for students on Nov. 11th.

The next PTG meeting is Nov. 23rd at 7:00PM. Report cards go home on Nov. 28th. Parent/teacher visitation will be held in the evening on Nov. 30th and in the afternoon on Dec. 1st. No school for students on Dec. 1st.

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