

New principal, 3 new teachers at WCCS



Shyanne Joudrey (left) and Megan Dowe (right) enjoy a Friday afternoon in the shade during the walk and read exploratory. (Lacey Gilley Photo)

By Lacey Gilley

The school year is now in full swing! Teachers are getting used to early mornings again and new schedules, while students are getting back into the school routine. There are loads of new and exciting things going on at West

Colchester Consolidated, as well as Bass River Elementary. This year Mr. Harnish is our new principal. He is really looking forward to the upcoming year and thinks that it is a great opportunity to build some school spirit!

At W.C.C.S we have three new teachers: Mrs. McCully, is at B.R.E in the morning and W.C.C.S in the afternoon. She teaches grade 3/4 English language arts, math and is the grade 4-9 French teacher, she is also the vice principal and has taught in Advocate Harbor, Toronto and British Columbia.

She has organized many events at school so far, such as the Terry Fox Walk, Remembrance Day ceremony and has created a learn-to-run club for students during lunch hour. "I want everyone to love French!" she said when asked what she hopes changes during the year.

Another teacher that is new to the school is Mrs. MacKay. She teaches grade 8 E.L.A, social studies, math and grade primary-9 physical education. Mrs. MacKay last taught at

West Highland School in Amherst and hopes to be able to do more extra-curricular activities and have students involved in intramurals.

Our third new teacher is Mr. Pashkoski, who teaches grade 7 E.L.A, social studies, math and grade 5/6 healthy living. Mr. Pashkoski last taught at Amherst Regional High and would like to coach softball later in the year. Down the road at B.R.E, Mr. Matthews teaches grade 3/4 math, science, social studies, health and art.

He last taught at Hilden Elementary School and enjoys the small class sizes, which makes it easier to get to know everyone. I think there is a collective agreement between the new teachers that our school has a real family feel! The students are kind, there is respect within the staff and there is a place for everyone to fit in.

This year, we are having monthly school assemblies on the first Tuesday of every month to discuss any upcoming events and to focus on the virtue of the month. This month the virtue was to be responsible citizens and to realize that we all make mistakes. New to the school this year are "Helping Hands," every time a teacher sees a student doing something kind or helping, they will get a card that can be dropped off in the

office for monthly draws. During our assembly 2 cards will be drawn from elementary and two from junior high. Each winner will receive a small prize such as a gift card for Coles or Subway.

Another new feature this year is that all junior high students have a visual arts class where we talk about different aspects of art such as history and techniques as well as creating our own art.

Exploratories have now started for a 4 week period and all students seem to be enjoying Friday afternoons having fun with friends! Some of the activities include softball, ball hockey, kite making, ultimate frisbee, scrapbooking, guitar and leadership.

The Junior High Girls Volleyball team has begun practicing and working hard every Tuesday and Thursday night. There are nine girls on the team and they are looking forward to having a successful season. Their first game is October 26th in New Glasgow.

Cross Country Running is off to a great start. There are 11 runners, five girls and six boys. The regionals will be held at St.F.X. on Friday October 14th. This year ball hockey is being held after school on Wednesdays as a fun extra-curricular activity that many students are participating in.

On Thursday, Sep 22 both WCCS and BRE participated in The Terry Fox Walk/Run. This was a great success and altogether we raised \$172.06 and ran 513.7km! There was a table of apples and oranges ready to energize enthusiastic participants and overall it was a great day and everyone had fun!

When I asked Mrs. McCully what she likes about our school, she replied with "I have a sneaking suspicion that teachers want to have fun!" I hope that she is right and that we have a wonderful, fun and exciting school year!



West Colchester Consolidated students participate in the Terry Fox Walk on Thursday, September 22nd. The Masonic Lodge provided us with money and some went towards the purchase of fruit to energize participants! (Lacey Gilley Photo)

Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

The Membership Dues for 2012 have been increased to \$40 a year. It was deemed necessary by the Branch Executive to raise the price of our yearly dues to help defray the rising costs of just about everything.

The Friday Night Suppers will be/have started up again on Friday the 21st of October. Members please help out where you can. A night or two, or maybe some vegetables or other goodies, will all be appreciated.

The Bar hours for the Fall and Winter seasons are as follows: Sunday- Closed; Monday- Closed; Tuesday 4PM-10PM; Wednesday 4PM-10PM; Thursday 4PM-10PM; Friday 3PM-1AM; Saturday 2PM-12:30AM.

Our Branch president Comrade Ron (Easy) Eastcott along with Norm Eastcott and Charlie Borden (Jr) took part in the 'Battle of Britain' Parade, which was held in Truro last month.

On Saturday, Oct. 1st Branch's 106 and 72 headed off to the "Camp Hill Complex" to do a BBQ for our Veterans. Making the trip from Branch 106 were Padre (retired) Don MacQueen, Leora Lewis, Skippy Dawson, Audrey Gallagher, Charlie Borden (Jr), Dave MacPhee, Dan Martell, Linda Slack, Ron (Easy) Eastcott, Ardith McCully, Sharon Kyle, Roz Bennett and Marg Nicholson. Branch 72 was represented by Logan Spencer, Ron MacBurnie, Beth Poirier and Brent Trenholm.

To all members from both Branches thank you very much.

To Marcia and Norm Eastcott and Shirley Lewis who worked in the kitchen getting the salads and desserts ready, thank you very much.

One of the high points of the trip was Branch Presidents Ron Eastcott and Logan Spencer presenting certificates of appreciation to Jessica Lewis, Chantelle MacBurnie, Madeline Moris and Paulette MacBurnie. These four young ladies were/are always there to help us out in any way they can. Thank you girls, your help is greatly appreciated. Logan Spencer and Ron MacBurnie presented Glendon MacBurnie and the band with a certificate of appreciation for his music over the years. Thank you Glendon.

To all the wonderful people who helped make the day the huge success it was, thank you very much. It sure gives a person a nice feeling.

The only downer for the trip was two contrary BBQ's, but all ended well.

Fishing Season is starting to wind down, and with the end of the Fishing Season

comes the beautiful fall colours and hunting season.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27th I saw one of the biggest smiles I have ever seen in my life. Aubrey Gratto and his good buddy Alvin Hunsley dropped in with Aubrey's monster. It weighed in at 30lbs and was 41 inches long, and it had a huge girth.

Aubrey said he got it on the out going tide with his last cast and was using squid for bait. I guess before the struggle was over, Alvin had to step in and finish reeling the beast in. Aubrey said it was his biggest bass ever. On that day, the only thing bigger than the fish was Aubrey's smile. Did he do any strutting, you're darn right he did, and rightly so.

Our first golf story of the year saw our fearsome foursome, namely Gerry (Bear) Dykens, Bruce Hillier, Ron (Easy) Eastcott and Bobby Pash head to Truro to take part in the Branch 26 Golf Tournament. When the final putt dropped, the carnage was complete.

As well as taking home first place honours and the door prize, Ron won the "closest to the hole" prize, Bruce showed off his (John Daley) power by winning the "longest drive" prize.

All four golfers said they had a beautiful time after the tournament at Branch 26 and they are now wondering if they will be invited back next year?

A quick peek at the Wednesday Night Cribbage League standings after three weeks of play shows the Team of Irene Blenkhorn and JoAnn Bartlett holding down first place with 118 points. Ron and Nate Francis hold down second place with 210 points. To date there have been twelve 24 hands, with Jessie Deveaux, Marilyn Dykens and Debbie Buchanan having two each.

There is always room for a few more teams so why not grab a partner and come on out. Wednesday Night and play starts at 7:30PM. (Thanks Earl).



The Friday Night "Debert Mixed Dart League" has gotten off to another successful start and there are tens teams shooting for top spot and after a few weeks Team #2, consisting of Clayton Finck, Debbie Cock and Hughie White holds down first place. All alone in second place is Team #5, made up of Doug Harvey, Charmaine Turner and Bill Stewart. High Score is held by Ron (Easy) Eastcott with 165. No 180's yet. There is still room for more dart players. Grab your darts and come on out and have some fun and a few laughs.

Happy Anniversary wishes for October are passed along to Eudora and Jim Adshade, Mae and Don (Wolfman) MacDougall, Betty and Ian Blackie, Betty and Ray Crossman.

Happy Birthday wishes for October are passed along to: Leslie Fulton, Coady MacBurnie, Kelly Eagles, Elsie Bain, Steve Bennett, Bobby Pash, Phyllis Wilson, Betty Hill, Rickie Yorke, Jimmy Staples, Leona Harvey, Gary Pettis and Chris Alexander.

Don't forget to thank a Veteran. It is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country. The Legion Church Parade will be held at the Debert United Church on Sunday, Nov. 6th at 10AM. Line up for the Remembrance Day Parade on Nov. 11th will begin at 10:30 in front of Debert Court, for march off at 10:45AM to the Service.

Please say a prayer for our Troops in Afghanistan and other foreign countries and their families.

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