

Great Village Elementary School Notes



Great Village Elementary students make peace signs to show how they should react to confrontations. Val Hilliker's teaches students how to cope with meanness in daily life using C.H.I.L.L. and C.H.I.L.L.I.N. wrapped in the virtues program. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Great Village Elementary School is seeking a volunteer to help out with the Classroom Cafe' (Hot Lunch Program). It runs on every second Friday, orders are placed and paid for the Wednesday before hand. Meals are prepared in the school gym's kitchen and delivered over to the school, except for Christmas and Easter Dinners, which are served in the gym. If you would like to participate by cooking healthy meals for the children please contact the school. Phone 668-6500.

Ventriloquist Val Hilliker visited the school on October 19th. Her presentation helps builds character and teaches how to cope with meanness in daily life using C.H.I.L.L. and C.H.I.L.L.I.N. wrapped in the virtues program. The letters of the words represent the choices for responses to meanness.

Students visited the Public Library, in Truro, on Monday, October 22nd from 8:30 to 10:00AM.

Teachers attended the Provincial Conferences on Oct. 26th. Students enjoyed a day off from classes.

Constable MacDonald will be stopping by on Oct. 31st to talk to students about Hallowe'en Safety. There will be an assembly following that in the gym from 9:45 to 10:45, with the grade 2/3 class doing a presentation on the virtue of Respect.

On Nov. 2nd, students and teachers will travel to Debert Elementary for a presentation from Cyber Cop on Bullying. Monthly PTG (6-7 PM) & SAC (7-8 PM) meetings will be held on Nov. 7th.

A Remembrance Day Assembly will be held in the gym on Nov. 9th. No School on Nov. 12th in recognition of Remembrance Day on Nov. 11th.

There is a Site Based in-service day planned for Nov. 16th- there will NOT be school for students on that day.

Report Cards go home on Nov. 26th with Parent Interviews on the 28th (6-8 PM) & Nov. 30th (9:30- 11:30 AM). There will not be school for students on Nov. 30th.



Taylor Banfield, a student at Bass River Elementary School, helps Val Hilliker draw a face on the screen during the "Chillin With Val" presentation. BRES students were bussed to Great Village to attend the presentation with GVES students. (Harrington Photo)



Val Hilliker, a ventriloquist, asked Eric George to show other students how take a deep breath in and chill. (Harrington Photo)



Great Village Elementary school teacher Mr. Murphy was a good sport when ventriloquist Val Hilliker used him as a puppet. (Harrington Photo)

Chiganois Raises \$900 for Terry Fox Run

By Linda Harrington

Thank you to everyone who made a donation and or collected pledges for the Terry Fox Run. Chiganois School raised over \$900!! Thank you Mrs. Holman for organizing this event.

Members of the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade visited the school, Oct. 12th, during Fire Prevention Week.

The whole school enjoyed a visit to Captain Cob's Corn Maze in mid-October. Thank you to the Masstown Market.

October 19th, students practiced safe bus evacuation in case of emergency.

This month's "Gotcha Winners" were: Matthew Madore, Emma Donkin, Kali Swinemar, Kyra Shearer, Ryan Blenkhorn, Mary Emma

Barnhill, Reagan Merriam, Madilyn Mills, Elijah Stewart, Kloeyp Tipping-Newby, Grace Lumsden, Chelsea Johnston, Harrison MacLeod, Dawson Styles, Matthew Rus, Jack McDonald, Isabella Taylor, Charlie Hill-Macmillan.

The school's Breakfast Program is up and running. Students can access this between 9:05-9:30 and the items available are cheerios, apple juice, apples milk and cheese.

At the first PTG meeting of the year it was decided to once again offer the class with the most amount of parents at the PTG meeting a prize. So, the class that has the most parents in attendance at each meeting will receive the PTG banner and \$5.00 towards a class treat. The

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Debert Elementary Notes

By Erma Cox

Students of Debert Elementary have enjoyed an extra long soccer season this fall as the weather has been very cooperative. Having students out in mid October with little need for a jacket is surprising to say the least. Having said that I would ask parents to be aware that as the evenings are getting cooler and our neighbors to the west are being lambasted with snowstorms we need to be prepared by having students bring hats and mittens to school with them.

PTG here is planning their annual Halloween dance. This is a fun family event allowing students an extra opportunity to wear and show off their Halloween costumes. Students are reminded that they must be accompanied by an adult.

Grade six students have been learning about various aspects of Syrian life. This cross-curricular topic has allowed them to do some art work utilizing math concepts on symmetry. The students have also started looking at information gleaned from readings to perform a debate on the subject of Canadian military intervention in this area.

The grade four class has been busy preparing for the assembly that they will host on October 31st. They have been writing their own scripts, learning how to bring a book to life and practicing their French through song. We are very excited to see these students presenting their ideas to a larger audience.

The grade threes are becoming engineers by designing toys that work on their knowledge of magnets. Learning by doing will allow these students to do some self assessment and re-construct their knowledge accordingly.

Ms Langille has completed the first round of "Boost" for

our students through literacy intervention. The first round of intensive intervention has begun and it will run until December.

We have also received support for math intervention for grades one to three. Mrs. Higgins is providing this support while Mrs. Barnhill teaches in the primary/one classroom.

Our classrooms are not the only busy places these days. We also have many after school events occurring for both students and the community at large. On Mondays students in grades P-3 have drama with Mrs. Loughead, students in grades 4-6 have basketball at 5:30 and

Monday night at 6:30 is zumba classes for the adults. Tuesdays are busy with after school sports while Thursday and Friday the gym is used for more drama groups. We also have students participating in choir, creative lunch and a newly formed year-book committee. We continue to promote these and other leadership opportunities throughout the school and encourage all students to become involved so that they can showcase their talents.

On a final note I would like to note that our Christmas concert has been scheduled for December 13th with a storm date of December 17th.

Don't forget about the clocks going back one hour this weekend.

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