



L to R : Stuart Harrison, CEO, Peterborough Chamber of Commerce, Awards Committee Chair; Sherry Martell, Executive Director, Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce; John Hopkins, CEO Regina and District Board of Trade, CCEC President; Shelley Morris, Executive Director, CCEC. (Submitted)

T&CCOC's Martell Receives National Recognition

Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director, Sherry Martell was recently named Executive of the Year 2018 at the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Canada (CCEC) conference. The national conference, hosted in Thunder Bay, Ont., immediately preceding the Canadian Chamber of Commerce AGM, was attended by more than 100 chamber executives from coast-to-coast.

Martell was presented with the national honour for chambers with less than 500 members on September 21 at a recognition dinner at the Valhalla Inn and Suites in Thunder Bay.

Martell was also among an elite group of 30 Chamber professionals from across the country to be recognized as an Accredited Chamber Executive during the CCEC conference. It is the first time this designation was awarded by the organization to qualifying staff across Canada.

"We are very proud of Sherry's accomplishment to not only become one of the first accredited Chamber professional across the country, but also to accept the award for Chamber Executive of the Year," said Joanne McRae, Truro & Colchester chamber president.

The Truro & Colchester

Chamber of Commerce also left its mark on the Canadian Chamber of Commerce AGM and policy debates with two policies sponsored by the chamber receiving national acceptance.

Martell presented the Chamber's resolution Addressing Entrepreneur and Employee Mental Health seeking federal action to support business. More than 300 chamber representatives present at the debate supported the policy recommendations which will now be sent to the federal government for consideration.

The Truro & Colchester Chamber also co-sponsored a second resolution, Protect Vital Trade Infrastructure on the Isthmus of Chignecto, presented by the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce which received support from the national chambers.

The Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce is, a nationally accredited organization serving more than 400 members, with a vision that Colchester business community is collaborative, connected and thriving. It is the principle voice of business in Colchester and Truro acting in the best interest of business on matters of economic, social and political impact; we are committed to business growth in our communities.



Perrin Beatty, President and Chief Executive, Canadian Chamber of Commerce, with Sherry Martell, Executive Director, Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce, following the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Canada Executive of the Year award ceremony on Sept. 21, held in Thunder Bay. Martell was presented with the national honour for chambers with less than 500 members. (Submitted)

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Chiganois Elementary Holds Several Events

By Linda Harrington

On September 13th, the school took part in the Annual Stand Up, Speak Out assembly. Through a video and story, students were reminded of the importance of words and their impact on themselves and others. This year's motto was Stand Up, Speak Out. "Words Matter".

The PTG held their first meeting on September 25th with a second meeting on October 23rd. The 2018-2019 Executive is Jen MacKay (President), Amanda Eisses (Vice President), Shelley Vandenburg (Treasurer), and Paula Putnam (Secretary). Please come out and support your child's school. Everyone welcome!

The School Advisory Council (SAC) exists as an advisory body to the administration of the school. It is comprised of staff, parents and community members, and meets six times throughout the school year to discuss a wide range of issues including policy, curriculum & programs, and the ongoing efforts of the school to improve student achievement & performance to mention a few. The SAC met on September 25th for the first meeting of the school year. Items discussed included reviewing the Student Success Plan, the new roles & responsibilities of the SAC, setting meeting dates for the year and an update on the new Xerox copier/fax for the school.

Wow! This year the school sure had incentive to raise lots of money for Terry Fox. Mr. Gunn provided the students with a challenge to raise at least \$2500.00 and he would wear something silly to school. In addition, any student who raised \$100 or more was eligible to throw a cream pie in the face of a staff member of their choice. In total, Chiganois School raised \$4200! Thank you to everyone for supporting such a worthy cause; this is amazing!

Virtue of the Month was Thankfulness- I will show gratitude through my emotions and attitude. I will show thanks when I receive a benefit from someone else or when I give to others through my thoughts, words and actions. Mi'kmaq History Month & Bullying Prevention was held throughout October. Treaty Day was recognized on Oct. 1st and the Virtue Assembly was held.

Mental Illness Awareness Week was recognized on October 7th to 13th. Fire Safety Week was held October 8th through 12th with a visit from the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on Oct. 10th.

International Walk to School Day was held on Oct. 10th, also. Pancakes with the Principal for October Birthdays was held on Oct. 25th with the Family Halloween Dance held from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM.

Orange, Black & Yellow Day was held on Oct. 31st.

Last year the Chiganois Library was very successful due to the dedicated volunteers and more volunteers are needed again this year. Library Days will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:45-12:00. A volunteer package will need to be completed prior to volunteering. Please email Mrs. Keizer at keizerk@ccce.ca if you are available.

Grade four and five students are actively involved in our school's leadership team.

The students are helping to support the school through their efforts to be positive role models for one another and create an atmosphere of responsible citizenship. They are eagerly helping out in a variety of capacities through a schedule of activities, such as playground equipment helpers, recycling and indoor classroom helpers (with the younger students). The students meet bi-weekly to discuss and brainstorm ways they can enhance the school community. Their efforts, along with the support of Mrs. Arnold, the School Counsellor, are greatly appreciated.

As part of the Chiganois Student Success Plan (SSP), one strategy the school has implemented this year is a school wide writing block on Mondays. The students will write using a prompt spending about fifteen minutes for write time and the remaining fifteen minutes to share their writing pieces with their peers. Writing prompts will connect to different aspects of school life such as events, activities, virtues, etc.

The Boston Pizza Reading Program is a great incentive to engage students in reading. All students are given a reading form log to complete from Boston Pizza for their reading program.

If your child reads 20 minutes for 20 evenings, they can fill out the sheet and hand it in to their teacher. This is recorded daily. At each PTG (Parent Teacher Group) meeting, students that achieve the goal and have completed and returned the reading log will be rewarded with a gift certificate from Boston Pizza for a free kid's meal with no strings attached (no other purchase required). As each child finishes one reading log form they may start another. This program will run throughout the school year.

The Boston Pizza Challenge is another initiative the PTG has decided to be a part of during the school year. The Challenge requires collecting receipts from Boston Pizza Purchases (eat in/take out). The PTG will receive 10% of the money back from the total receipts purchased to be donated back to Chiganois for student year end activities. Please send the receipts in with your child to hand in to their teachers. The receipts must be entered within 1 week of purchase, so this has to be done quickly.

The Halloween Dance was held on October 25th with several fun activities for the students and a pumpkin carving competition. A Remembrance Day Service will be held at Chiganois Elementary on Nov. 9th at 9:30PM.

PHOTO FEATURE

Chiganois Elementary Family Dance- the students and many of the adults in attendance had a grand time dressing up for the Halloween Dance on October 25th. (Harrington Photos)



Do you dare go in there...they dared! Claire McMullen, Ashley George, Libbi Shaw and Charlene Burnett found strength in numbers to experience the scary room at the dance.



Boo! Little Sarah vanderburg is a pretty happy ghost as she gets a tattoo from Sheina Hunt.



How cute are Lily and Paisley Hillman?



Scarlet Michelin, Nathan Sangster and Kaden Jennings were ready for a fun time at the dance.

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