



Great Village Elementary School enjoyed a trip to Ship's Company Theatre recently to see "Uncle Podger's Hat". Ryker Durning, Makayla Merzbach and Josie Eagles had their photo taken afterwards with Uncle Podger. (Submitted)

## Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

Fall has been busy as activities and routines resume for the new school year. There are 66 students at Great Village Elementary this year, an increase of 12 students from the beginning of last year. A warm welcome to new and returning families and staff.

September activities included the annual Open House where students enjoyed taking their parents through the school to meet the teachers. In keeping with this year's "Stand Up Speak Out" theme, Words Matter, families collected a word at each stop. The words could then be arranged to make the sentence, "Everyone's welcome at our school". Each day, everyone is encouraged to consider the power of words as the school works to be kind and respectful.

Later in the month, the annual Terry Fox Run had students moving through an obstacle course on the playground. For each province where Terry ran, students completed a physical activity, but first, like Terry, they dipped a foot in the "Atlantic Ocean". Everyone had a lot of fun, got



Grade 2 student Ava Tanner runs a relay lap in the Great Village Elementary Terry Fox Run. (Submitted)

some exercise, and collected \$178.00 to support Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer.

The school recently had a very successful school trip to Ship's Company Theatre to watch the amusing tale of "Uncle Podger's Hat". Students were respectful members of the audience and appreciative of the humor. The unicycle crash and the jack-in-the-box puppet were especially popular.

At the end of September, everyone was encouraged to wear orange to recognize Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters. The purpose of this day is to increase awareness of the thousands of Indigenous children who were removed from their homes and communities and sent to one of the 130 Residential Schools in Canada. October is Mi'kmaq History Month. Early in the month, students enjoyed a puppet show presentation called "Dreamcatchers and the Seven Grandfathers". In this story, seven animals share what it means to walk a good path through life, through understanding of the Seven Grandfathers of Courage, Respect, Humility, Honesty, Truth, Love, and Wisdom.

Each Wednesday, for much of September and all of October, many students participated in the After-School Sports Program. Mrs. Rushton kept the younger students active in the gym while Mr. Campbell had the older students playing soccer on the field. The soccer players also travelled to West Colchester Consolidated School to play against students from that school. Thank you to the teachers for offering this opportunity for the students. Next month, students may choose to participate in extra music activities during the lunch break on music days.

Students have been practicing

safety drills at school. During Fire Safety Week, everyone enjoyed the annual visit from members of the Great Village & District Fire Brigade. The firefighters showed students what it looked like and sounded like when a firefighter is dressed in full gear. After answering many questions, the students were excited to explore the fire trucks. Everyone was reminded to practice fire drills at home, as well.

At the end of the month, students came together in the gym for Reading Buddies. Each student had a new book that he/she selected from the Scholastic Book Order to share. These books were purchased with funds from the Doug Peppard Memorial donation received last year and will become part of the classroom libraries.

Students are looking forward to Halloween and they will be carving pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns. Before long, the snowsuits will be hanging in the coatrooms!



Junior Fire Fighters Gage Kinsman, Ben Smith and Kara Cooke (left to right) were happy to learn to have members of the Great Village Fire Brigade stop by during Fire Prevention week. (Submitted)



Grade 4 students Bria Tanner and Brooke Gamble carefully chose their books for Reading Buddies at Great Village Elementary. (Submitted)

# Hunters Breakfast in Londonderry

By Linda Harrington

You don't have to be a hunter to enjoy the delicious breakfast the fantastic cooks at the Londonderry Community Hall will be serving. Stop by any Saturday until the 1st of December and help support this fund raiser for the Community Hall.

For \$10 you can have a large breakfast plate

which includes 4 slices of bacon, 1 slice of ham, 2 eggs, 2 slices of toast and home fries.

The smaller plate is only \$7 and includes 2 slices of bacon, 1/2 slice of ham, 1 egg, 2 pancakes, 1 slice of toast and home fries. Both meals come with tea, coffee and juice.

Breakfast is served 8AM until 11AM.



Denise Miller serves Gerry Dykens a scrumptious breakfast at the Londonderry Community Hall. The Community Council is serving up a Hunters Breakfast each Saturday morning until Dec. 1st, from 8AM until 11AM. (Harrington Photo)



Debbie Kaulback has pancake flipping mastered in time for the Hunters Breakfast at the Londonderry Community Hall. Stop by any Saturday morning, until Dec. 1st, for a delicious plate of bacon, ham, eggs, pancakes, toast, home fries, juice, tea and coffee. You will not go away hungry! (Harrington Photo)

## Stewart now Colchester's Deputy Mayor

By Maurice Rees

Councillor Geoff Stewart, District 3 councillor representing Brookfield, was elected Deputy Mayor at council's monthly meeting on October 25th. Council is obliged to elect a Deputy Mayor and an alternate chair for council committee meetings on the second anniversary following a municipal election.

Councillor Masters has served as the Deputy Mayor since October 25, 2012 and his term expired with the second anniversary since the municipal election in 2017. Nominations by council members included Stewart and Councillor Eric Boutilier. Stewart was declared the winner following voting by a secret ballot. Following the election results, councillor Boutilier placed motion on the table, the results be unanimous, which was passed by council.

Prior to being elected to Council, he served over 25 years with the Fire Service, serving as Fire Chief and was recognized twice as Officer of the Year. Among other committees, he was also involved in Minor



Councillor Geoff Stewart and Junior Hockey as President and a member of the Brookfield

Senotaph Committee.

Since joining Council, he serves as the Chair of the Paliser Re-development Committee, Vice Chair of the Library Construction Committee, as well as being a member on the Library Board, Tourism Committee, Dangerous and Un-sightly Committee, and the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce.

In November Deputy Mayor Stewart will become past-president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, a position he has held for one year.

## LaFarge Gets Industrial Permit

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ment program, Divert had been paying a \$200 per tonne fee to C & D Recycling in Goodwood for taking the discarded tires and shredding them into aggregate that can be used for highways, retaining walls, drainage, foundation backfilling and other products. Lafarge's bid landed the cement company 30 per cent of

the province's discarded tires over a five-year period. The company will be paid \$105 per tonne by Divert to take the 350,000 tires each year, if the pilot project is extended.

Plant upgrades are underway. The earliest that tires could be used as fuel would be late fall, possibly not starting until early in 2019.

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