

Anti-Bullying Day Celebrated September 13TH

Photos by Linda Harrington, except where otherwise noted.

Chiganois Elementary

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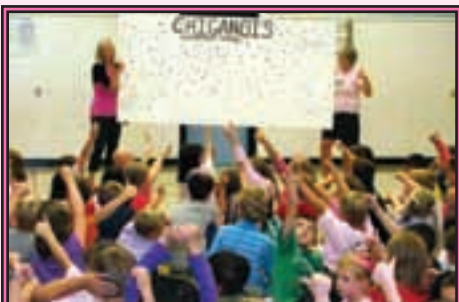
Chandy Digout, Peter Alenkirk and Mitchell Ellis add their fingerprints to the Chiganois anti-bullying poster which says "Our fingerprints don't fade from the lives we touch". Every student in the school was adding their fingerprint and signing their name.



Chiganois Grade primary students Emma MacMillan and Victoria MacKay were happy to add an anti-bullying message "I don't bully" to their lunch boxes.



Mrs. White's grade four class created colorful posters to illustrate the story of Annapolis Valley teens David Shepherd and Travis Price who organized their school mates at Central Kings to wear pink in support of a Grade 9 student who was being bullied. This was the start to an Anti-Bullying movement all across Canada.



Students gathering for the Stand-up Against Bullying assembly at Chiganois Elementary on Sept. 13th give a "thumbs up to squish out bullying". The poster held by Miss Tait and Mrs. Benthiam will be hung in the main hallway. It is decorated with thumbprints from the all the students in the school.

Great Village Elementary

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In the afternoon, Pam Murchinson was the guest speaker. Pam's daughter, Jenna Bowers-Bryanton, took her own life in January 2011. She had been dealing with depression and had been the victim of bullying online and at school.



All students and staff at Great Village Elementary formed a large dove in front of the school as one of their Stand-Up Against Bullying Day activities.



Great Village Elementary Principal Alice Fraser read a book to students about filling their "buckets" with kind deeds. Chignecto-Central Regional School Board's Stand-Up Against Bullying Day was held on Sept. 13th, the second Thursday of the school year.



Watermelon smiles! A pink snack at recess hit the spot for Great Village Elementary students Colby Spencer, Ava Gould, Claire Carroll, Chloe Lane and Kamryn Miller. "Pink" activities were held on Sept. 13 to promote Stand-Up Against Bullying Day.

Wentworth Elementary

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Wentworth Students Harvesting Garden

By Elizabeth Aikens

The students of Wentworth Elementary school are enjoying the veggies of their labours! In the spring, the school planted a vegetable garden with the help of a grant from the Dept. Of Agriculture. This fall, the students have enjoyed fresh vegetables with their lunch. They have been nibbling on carrots, yellow beans, cucumbers and tomatoes. We are just waiting for the potatoes to ripen so that we can add them to the table at our Thanksgiving feast.

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Elizabeth Aikens is Principal Wentworth Consolidated Elementary



At lunch time students have been nibbling on and enjoying vegetables from the garden planted at the school last spring. In a couple of weeks, potatoes from the garden will be added to the school's Thanksgiving Feast. (Aikens Photo)

Great Village Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

Welcome back to students and staff, hope you are enjoying the 2012-13 school year so far.

GVES acting Principal Alice Fraser is off to a busy start, organizing the school's Stand Up Against Bullying Day on Thursday, Sept. 13th.

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The school's annual Terry Fox run was held on Sept. 14th.

Parent/Teacher Open House will be held on Sept. 27th from 6-7:30PM.

Students will be visiting Captain Cob's Corn Maze on Oct. 5th for an educational tour of their facility, which they are providing free of charge, and the school will supply the bus.

"Chillin With Val" is a Virtues Presentation that GVES school will be hosting on Oct. 19th. The virtues based production, with a ventriloquist doing the show, involves lessons in assertiveness, love, courage, and respect.

Chiganois Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

September has really flown by. Welcome to an exciting new school year.

There have been a few staff changes at Chiganois. Welcome to Mr. Cameron Gunn, who will be teaching Physical Education and part time in the Grade 3 class and to Mrs. Kim Lily. Staff positions for this year are as follows: Principal - Mrs. K Weatherbee; Administrative Assistant - Mrs. K Keizer; Primary - Mrs. G Elliott; Primary/One - Mrs. J Holman; Grade 1 - Mrs. M Davidson; Grade 2 - Mrs. K Phillips.

Grade 2/3 - Mrs. A McCarron; Grade 3 - Mrs. A Saunders, Mr. C Gunn; Grade 3/4 - Mrs. S Robertson; Grade 4 - Mrs. G White; Grade 5 - Miss K Tait; Physical Education - Mr. C Gunn; Music - Mrs. A Saunders

PST - Mrs. A Benthiam/Mrs. K Lilly; Educational Assistants - Mrs. J MacLeod, Mrs. S Schnare, Ms. Purdy and Ms. S Lynch.

There is no longer a librarian at the school, due to budget cuts but the students will still be able to access the wonderful library. Volunteers are needed to help out in the library. If you have a few hours to spare contact Mrs. Weatherbee at weatherbee1@ccrsb.ca.

Heather Putnam and Michelle Smith will

continue to be the cafeteria cooks. A menu will go home at the beginning of each month. Canteen items are available at recess and noon.

Registration for Colchester mini-basketball (CMB) will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday October 16th and 17th from 7 to 9PM at Redcliff Middle School. This is for boys and girls in Grades Primary to 9. Cost is \$45 per player.

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Monthly School Assembly will be held on Sept. 28th and the Principal's Lunch for birthdays in August and September. There is no school for students on October 8th (Thanksgiving) and October 26th (Inservice).



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The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board supports **Stand Up to Bullying Day** and all students and staff who strive daily to foster safe and respectful learning environments.

