

Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

Hopefully everyone is getting used to school routines and enjoying being back at school.

There were a few special activities planned for September, beginning with a visit from Harlem Globetrotter basketball star, Eric Crookshank. Eric spent the morning with students, in their classrooms, on the playground, and finished with a presentation in the gymnasium along with his team mate Ming.

Thursday, Sept. 17th was the launch of CCRSB's anti-bullying campaign, Stand Up. Speak Out. Stop Bullying Together. This year's theme, "What's in Your Back Pack?", focuses on the qualities that make students unique. It is each person's responsibility

to try to understand and to accept what is in someone else's backpack. On Thursday, students participated in activities to promote anti-bullying and positive, healthy relationships and all staff and students filled a chalk outlined giant backpack in front of the school.

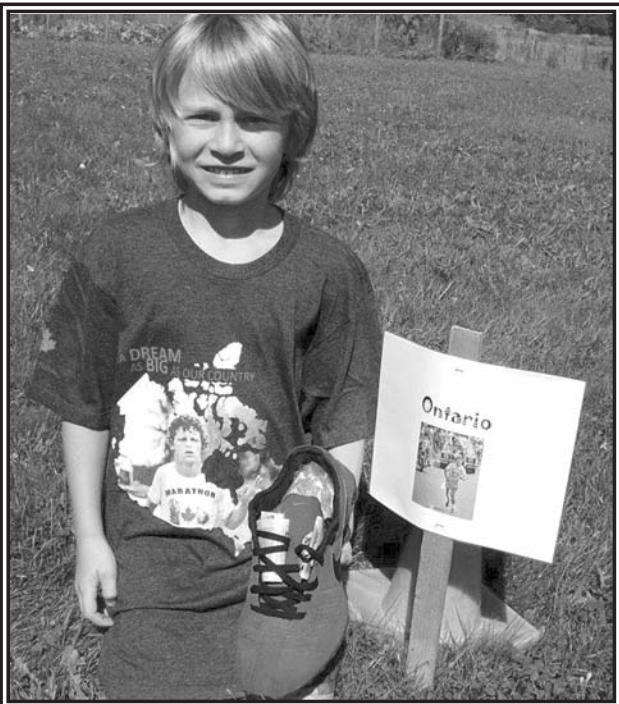
The annual GVES Open House was held Thursday, Sept. 17th, from 6:00-7:00. Students were asked to bring their parents to school to meet the staff. Families who solved the clues to figure out what is in each staff member's backpack had their name entered in a draw for a Masstown Market gift certificate. No one left empty handed, as crisp and juicy apples were offered on the way out the door.



Great Village Elementary students enjoyed their walk across Canada, collected stickers as they went from province to province, during the Terry Fox Run on Sept. 18th. (Harrington Photo)



With the Terry Fox Run flag displayed at Great Village Elementary, the annual run took place on Sept. 18th. Students enjoying participating in different events at stations represented by Canadian provinces. (Harrington Photo)



Ryker Durning won the draw for a Terry Fox Run t-shirt at the Great Village Elementary School event. (Harrington photo)

Friday, Sept 18th students participated in the 35th Terry Fox Run. Students travelled a route with a variety of "challenges", with the goal of collecting 35 points, one for every year of the marathon. Family and friends were invited to join in the activities, beginning at 1:00. Donations to the Terry Fox Foundation were collected and Ryker Durning was the winner of the Terry Fox Run t-shirt.

Home & School Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 23rd, 6:00 -7:00. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings to share ideas that will make GVE school the best possible learning experience for all students.

To improve the effectiveness of school communication, if possible, parents are asked to provide an email address(es) to receive school notices. If a student is absent from school, or has more than one home, or a parent is working away, the information is received in a timely fashion.

(A paper copy of the monthly school newsletter/calendar will be sent home).

I heard it at the Company Store

By Wendy Cox

Do you know what I heard...I heard that this has been a very busy summer for a lot of us? I know I have had a very busy one, getting my daughter off to university, having a bit of vacation time, family events and all that humid weather. Fall is here and now it's pickling time and harvesting of your gardens and preparing wood and yards for winter.

The Bass River Community Victoria Hall had a very successful entertaining night with Julia McLellan, Mike Cox, Bill & Mike Elliott and Rob MacDonald. The weather was not the best that night but it certainly showed everyone why we need a new roof! Thanks to all who came out to support the hall and these awesome talented performers. Maybe we can get them together again next summer for a show! The hall is still collecting recyclables, we hope to do this till the snow comes. Which I hope never comes. I had enough last year to do me for a couple of years. The hall hopes to have a Christmas Concert this year and some other fundraisers. Watch for posters or here for upcoming events. Anyone wanting to rent the hall or has any fundraising ideas let us know. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at the hall.

The Bass River Heritage Museum had a successful summer with many tourists and locals coming in to visit. They host the Bass River Heritage

Pumpkin Carving - October 31

By Christine Urquhart

On Saturday October 31st from 1-3pm there will be Pumpkin Carving for the children at the Masstown United Church. This event is sponsored by the Masstown Community Association and the pumpkins are donated by Blake's Pumpkin Jungle.

There will be some "treats" for the children as well and all are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult and should bring their own carving tools.



Variety Concert Successful

By Christine Urquhart

The Masstown Stewards and Trustees would like to thank all the performers: - The Grant Family, Caleb & Martha Kelly, Jack Manley, Joyce Arsenault, The Teeds, Paul Comeau & The Truro Jam Band, Larry Webb, Sally Jennings, Richard & Edna McLellan, Carol Rode and Wayne Elliot, the emcee Ron Urquhart, Harry Benthall for his extra music, all the ladies who baked cookies and served the tea, coffee and juice, and all of you who came to our recent Variety Concert.


It was a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon and the money raised will go towards necessary Church repairs. So, THANKS!

Wentworth Hosting UCW Rally

By Christine Urquhart


On Tuesday October 13th there will be the Truro Presbyterial UCW Fall Rally at the Wentworth United Church in Wentworth. Registration is from 9:30 to 10am. The theme is: "New Beginnings". The programs include Earth Angels, Tata Yarns, Rev. Valerie Kingsbury and World Food Day.

You are asked to bring a non-perishable item with you as well as some spare change for a donation can - money to help spay and neuter feral cats. There will be a Book Display and everyone is welcome to come to this fun rally. Bring a bag lunch!

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