April 2009

High School Registration  On Friday, April 3 grade nine students registered for grade ten at Colonel Gray. If your child did not register please call Alan Edwards at 368-6970 to make arrangements to register.

UK Trip  On May 5, 40 grade nine students from Queen Charlotte will be traveling to the UK, France and Belgium to represent the school on a cultural exchange. The students will join students from Gable Hall School in Corringham, Essex to participate in a variety of activities such as: a tour of London’s sights, a professional football match, a musical, visit Vimy Ridge and sight-seeing days in Lille, France and Bruges, Belgium. The students will also be attending lessons at Gable Hall and will be participating in PE and performing arts demonstrations.

The organizers of the trip would like to thank the parents and students who contributed their time and energy to fund raising with special thanks to Linda Dennis and Wilf Banks for their leadership. The students arrive back on the Island on May 12. Attending students are: Rebecca Arsenault, Matthew Banks, Emma Brown, Haley Butler, Kacey Chandler, Lindsay Connolly, Darren Dennis, Erin Devine, John Donaldson, Lydia Doyle, Brendan Fleming, Curtis Hall, Joshua Harding, Brandon Hickey, Avery Hillstrom, Katie Marie Hooper, Mystaya Idt, Joshua Kelly, Daniel MacDonald, Isaac MacEachern, Kelsie MacIntyre, Samantha MacIsaac, Sam Mallett, Megan Martin, Abbie McClean, Ryan MacGuigan, Caroline McGuigan, Sean McIntyre, Connor McKeown, Erin McLeod, Kristen Murray, Trent O’Hanley, Annemie Pieterrer, Ella Ramsay, Amanda Russell, Lucia Sanchez, Lucas Smith, Grade Sullivan, Jasmine Tierney, Clark Upton, Kristyn Visser, Dmitri Zhukalin

Lockdown  Students will be involved in the school’s second lockdown drill on Thursday, April 9 at 10:45. This drill will take only a few minutes but will practice the important procedures the school would use to respond to an emergency that could involve serious physical threat/harm to students and staff.

Grade Seven Reading Assessment  Throughout the present year, the grade seven language arts teachers have been meeting regularly to look at ways of improving literacy outcomes. The main focus has been on reading comprehension. One of the goals has been to find an assessment that may be used this year and for incoming students in September of following years.

Two assessment instruments have been chosen. One will be used with a randomly selected group of thirty students, who will be assessed in an out-of-class setting. The remaining students will complete a shorter in-class assessment. Both of these assessments will be done in April this year.

Bridge Building Competition  Congratulations to Ellen MacArthur and Lauren Lawless of 8G who placed third at the annual PEI Engineers Bridge Building Competition. Their bridge held 97 pounds of weight! The statistics for all of the competitors can be found on-line at engineerspei.ca. Way to go girls!

Drama Festival  Queen Charlotte students will perform “Annie” as part of the Eastern School District’s Drama Festival at the Confederation Centre on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Library News  9A would like to thank the following people for their help with the library’s French corner. Without them, this project would not have been possible and although there is still a few minor jobs to finish things up, we are almost done. Once completely finished we will have a little opening ceremony - details to follow. Here is a big applause for: Deanna Chaisson, Lisa Curley, Bobby Marshall, Linda Packard, Craig Taggart as well as Lucille Fontaine and Christine Thibidault-Ness from the Department of Education, and finally to the students in 9A for their efforts and hard work with this undertaking. Students are welcome to make use of the French corner both for getting books and also for relaxing with a book or homework in one of our comfy chairs.

The library would like to acquire books at the intermediate level in different foreign languages. If you have books you would like to donate please contact Deanna Chaisson or Patti Graham at the school. We are especially like to find books in Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Korean. Books should be appropriate for the intermediate level and in reasonable condition.

QCIS Classrooms Care Participants  Three grade eight classes at Queen Charlotte recently participated in the Scholastic Book Clubs “Classrooms Care” program. Students in Ms. DesRoches’ 8B, 8C, and 8H language arts classes read in excess of 100 books. As a result, Scholastic Canada will donate, on our behalf, 100 books to children who need them. Our students know how to make a difference!

Caught  Our students did not take a break from doing acts of kindness in March. We appreciate their efforts. Students caught include: Colby Livingston, Dmitri Zhukalin, Jake McKenna, Josh Harding, Josh Kelly, Ryan MacGuigan, Kurt Willis, Robert Bell, Tyson Blue, Yeseul Oh, Nick Handrahan, Erin Devin, Zack Arsenault, Kristin Lane, Caroline McGuigan, Stephanie Dooley, Aaron Douglas, Sean Doyle, Daniel MacDonald, Jack Sturz, Heather Giddings, Samantha Saunders.

School Dance  The final school dance for this school year will take place on Thursday, April 16 from 7:00 - 9:30. The cost is $6 with $1 from each admission going to the Easter Seal Campaign. The theme for this dance is the 80’s with music by Gordie Cox. Our new games room will also be open during the dance.

Homework Club  The EAL Homework Club will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 - 5:00 at the Newcomer’s Association.

Breakfast Program  The program runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students are welcome to drop by for juice, bagels, muffins, etc.

Easter Seal Tour  The Easter Seal ambassador tour will visit the school on Tuesday, April 21 at 10:10 a.m.

Thanks/Welcome  Thanks to Ms. Shannon Eye who replaced Ms. Taylor Bridges during her maternity leave and we welcome Ms. Taylor Bridges back to work. We would also like to thank Ms. Lori Gagne for replacing Mme. Lesley Shaw. Mme. Shaw will return to work in September.
Royal Canadian Legion Contest  In our March newsletter we recognized students who won prizes for the Branch One contest. At that time, we indicated that Carolyn McGuigan won first place in the essay contest. The name should have read Caroline McGuigan - we apologize for the error.

Further to the Branch One winners last month, we would like to congratulate the following students for their winning entries at the provincial level:

**Intermediate Poster - color**
First - Yeseul Oh

**Intermediate Poster - black and white**
First - Breea MacLean
Second - Madeline Tweel

**Intermediate Essay**
First - Caroline McGuigan
Third - Meghan Adams

**Intermediate Poetry**
First - Emily Cann

These students will be recognized for the efforts at a reception at the Legion on Pownal Street on April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

As well, we would like to recognize three of our students who have been awarded prizes at the national level:

First place - intermediate color poster - Yeseul Oh
First place - intermediate poetry - Emily Cann
Second place - intermediate essay - Caroline McGuigan

The work of the National level winners will be on display for one year at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

Physical Education Department  Flag rugby for boys and girls in grade seven, eight and nine Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30.

Badminton zone meet:  Doubles - April 14
Singles - April 16 & 20

Badminton provincials:  Singles/doubles - April 24 & 25 at UPEI

The following students are on the badminton team: Isaac Pitre, Ben Dykerman, Brett Butler, Michael Clory, Clay MacKenzie-Corney, Emma Smith, Olivia Adams, Keisha Doyle, Emma MacKinnon, Tyler Williams, Mark MacMillan, Nick MacDonald, Pat Decoste, Cole MacLean, James Lantz, Jackson Donovan, Emma Martin, Hannah Gibson, Kiera Rigby, Morgan Fitzgerald, Cassie MacPhee, Madison Lewis, Josh Harding, Zach Arsenault, Jack Sturz, Cosdy Carr-Boulter, Andy Koa, Nick Handrahan, Jake McKenna, Kristen Visser, Mary Ellen Martin, Molly Gallant, Meghan Adams, Sam MacIsaac, Emma MacKay.

Club Volleyball:  Boys - Monday’s - 4:30 - 6:00

Spring Sport Teams:  Track and field events will include: short, middle and long-distance running, long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus and javelin (grade nine only). There will also be softball, golf and flag football.

We are looking for coaches for track and field for sprinting, middle distance running and jumping events.

At-Risk Letters  Parents are reminded that “At-Risk” letters will be sent home on Friday, April 24.

Pool Table  We are looking for a pool table to complement our new games room here at the school. Students are really enjoying this new space and we are looking for further improve it. Please call the school at 368-6970 if you have a pool table that you would like to donate.

Band Department  The grade seven band will travel to Summerside on April 17 to participate in the Beginning Band Festival being held at Athena School

The Queen County Music Festival will take place the week of April 20 - 25. Queen Charlotte will have 24 music ensembles participating.

The grade nine band will travel to Halifax from May 20 - 22 to perform on a concert tour. These students will be fund raising for this trip. Any support you can offer to the students is appreciated.

Eva Avita  Colonel Gray Gives Back posters have been displayed around the school advertising the Colonel Gray Gives Back presentation of Eva Avita at the Confederation Centre on May 17.

Home & School  The next Home and School meeting is scheduled for April 21 at 7:00 in the library. Mr. Nabuurs will be giving a presentation on using SAS. All are welcome to attend.

The annual meeting of the PEI Home and School Association will be held on Saturday, April 18 at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. The meeting includes a business meeting involving reports and resolutions. There will be a presentation on a Parent Reading Coach Program. Please contact Joanne Dunne at 368-8860 or joanne@dunneconsulting.ca for more information.

Dates to Remember:
April 9  Lockdown practice
10  Good Friday - no classes
13  Easter Monday - no classes
14  “Annie” play at Confederation Centre
14  Legion contest winner’s reception
16  School dance
18  Home & School annual meeting
20-25  Queen’s County music festival
21  Easter Seal ambassador visit
21  Home & School meeting

May 1  Area Association mtg. - no classes