

School District 57

NOTEBOOK

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HART HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hart Highlands has been a buzz of activity all year. We have had many extra-curricular activities this year, and the teachers are wonderful. Most recently, we have enjoyed participating in an exchange program, and have also been pleased to present a musical entitled "Clowns". For the exchange, two Grade 7 students went to Kingston, Ont., with Mrs Chretien from Carney Hill, and four went to Gander, Nfld., with Mrs. Paas from Hart Highlands. Nine Hart Highlands students hosted 8 students from Newfoundland and 4 students from PEI.

Clowns

by **LEAH TRUMAN,**
Grade 6

Clowns is a musical about a group of energetic, yet anxious clowns who seek the great secret of life from "The Big Wheel". To their surprise, The Big Wheel (a wizard to the clowns except in the form of a wheel), tells them that they have to find the secret themselves.

One by one some of the clowns come forward to suggest a secret to The Big Wheel. When it is-



Citizen photo by Brent Braaten

Students from Hart Highlands elementary who were in the musical Clowns.

n't any of their suggestions, everyone gets discouraged and gives up until Bently, a clown who everybody scorns, offers words of encouragement and hope to the others to start the search again. When Bently sees that encouragement alone won't help, he sings a song he hopes will bring the clowns back to their senses. Little does every-

one know, The Big Wheel lights up during the song Bently sings. Bently has found the secret and had it inside himself the whole time. The Big Wheel told them that each one then has their own special gift inside of them that they must use to help others.

I enjoyed the play "Clowns" a lot. I thought

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Student Council Report

by **ARIA KENSLEY, MEGAN KIDSTON, DAN GOLDSMID, and JESSE SLOAN**

From our perspective Wildwood is a special place because we have very good teaching.

The teachers are funny, smart, dedicated and give up a lot of their own time to help us. Teachers make learning fun because they have fun when they teach.

We like our teachers because we have grown to know them so well. They care for us, watch out for us, and make everything safe, especially the playground. Our peer helpers also help to keep our school safe. The Student Council members plan fun days, organize events and make the school the very best it can be for example: hat day, triplet day, hippie day, and dances for all the grades.

The students at Wildwood make it a special place because they cooperate in all the cooperative activities we do. Students respect each other even when they fight. There is less vandalism in the school. We know we will lose privileges if we vandalize. Bullying seems to be less of a problem as well.

The BRAVE program taught us how to deal with bullies. Students really enjoy all the sports teams we have in our school. We always have lots of participants. We enjoy travelling to competitions and meeting new kids in the events. Wildwood is always willing to try new things.

The school itself is special because we have an excellent play ground area. Not all schools have picnic tables for students to sit on and eat their lunch on a sunny day.

We also have nice beautiful tall trees. Our playground is awesome because we have a big swirly slide, fire poles, monkey bars, football goals, two baseball diamonds with trees all surrounding everything.

We also have a jumping pit for track and field. We also have a huge basket ball court with a black top for playing square ball and hopscotch. But most importantly, our school is special because we sing O'Canada every morning at 8:40 am.

All our students and teachers stand and sing to show respect for their country. Now that is special.

Salt and Pepper Go Out

by **ARIA KENSLEY**
Grade 5

Pepper was walking down the side of the table when all of a sudden he saw a beautiful salt shaker. He asked if she wanted to go out.

Salt said, "Sure, I would love to go out!"

At nine o'clock they were at the restaurant. There was an old man at the restaurant. He was allergic to pepper, so the waiter took the pepper away, but it slipped out of his hands and broke.

Salt cried and cried.

Salt said that she would never fall in love again.

Poetry

by **DARRELL PROTZ**
Grade 4

I live near a lake
where lots of fish always jumps
I heard a tree snaps
in the woods somewhere out there,
and it hit the water hard.

SHADY VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A wonderful school!

by **HAILEY JALBERT**
Grade 6

That was the final report of our External Accreditation Team's May 9 to 12 visit and evaluation of Shady Valley School. For the past year, a five member Internal Team consisting of parents and staff has been compiling a huge document of data with recommendations for improving our school. The finished document proved what we already knew; that Shady Valley is a fun school with happy, helpful students, involved parents and a caring staff. The External Team was impressed by our academic focus, wonderful Fine Arts program, growing Technology program, shared and strong leadership, and the "family feeling" in our welcoming environment.

Brains are working

by **SEAN NOME**
Grade 6



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ers are math problems following seasonal themes. The problems are fun to do and good for our growing brains!

Shady Valley adopts a Foster child!

by **AMANDA MJOLSNESS**
Grade 6

Students of Shady Valley Elementary School have been busy raising money for their foster child. Nine years ago, Shady Valley adopted a foster child named Matar.



AMANDA MJOLSNESS

Shady Valley raises money in many different ways to help support Matar and his village.

To raise money for him we have done bottle drives and bake sales, sponsored movies for loonies and spelled his name with coins. Our money has been used for a water well, a stove and a new latrine (toilet) in Matar's village.

Although Matar is almost an adult, we continue to raise money for his village.

NUKKO LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Science Olympics

by **BILLY WILKINS**
Grade 7

Our school, Nukko Lake Elementary, has had it's first ever Science Olympics. The students built airplanes, catapults, boats, and structures. The boats had to hold the most weight measured in marbles, the catapults had to send a cotton ball the furthest distance, airplanes had to fly the furthest distance, and structures were buildings built from spaghetti noodles. Awards were gold, silver, and bronze medals accompanied by candies such as suckers and chocolate loonies. Students say that they enjoyed building their mechanisms and that they enjoyed and eating their awards. One thing that can not be denied is how they also enjoyed the Science Olympics because it kept them from doing things like their average school work! The Science Olympics required group work and an understanding of how average day things work. It held some good challenges that were met by all who participated.

Grade Seven tree planting

by **BURKE NEWMAN**
Grade 7

Our grade seven students have recently been granted the opportunity to tree plant. Norfolk Forestry provided my class with trees, tools, and the assistance we needed to do the job. The work wasn't very difficult, but we laboured continuously until we ran out of trees. I personally thought it was fun, and great work experience, but probably not as enjoyable as the grade six student's Shogun field trip, the same day.



The Nukko Lake hockey tournament

by **STEVEN IVANUSIC**
Grade 6

One of the things that makes Nukko Lake Elementary School original to me, and many other students, is the annual hockey tournament. Each year we receive a number of entries. This year the participating teams go as follows; in grade four-five division, (junior), Indians, Thundervolts, Killers, and Cheesey Poofs. The Thundervolts have won the tournament this year. In the six-seven division (senior); Packmen, Ruff Ryders, These Ryders, Nukko Lake Noise, and Turkishvill are presently in the lead. The other teams have been eliminated. The teams must have at least two girls and at least two grade six's (two grade four's if in the junior division). In the result of a tie game, after 30 minuets of playing, the two teams go into "Sudden Death", or, overtime. They play again the next day, and the first goal scored claims the win.

that "Clowns" was a very fun experience. I wish we could perform it again for more classes. From this play, I learned that everyone is different in different ways. Also, everyone has a special gift from the heart. To me, "Clowns" meant a good time, lots of fun, hyperactive singing and the work of a team.

Our Trip to Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland

by **KATIE DUNDSON**
and **AMANDA SHEPPARD**
Grade 7

Our trip to Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland was a great experience. We got to learn what things were like in a different part of Canada! The town we stayed in wasn't big, but a very nice place. The people who lived there were very friendly to us, and seemed just as excited as we were. Grand Fall is a beautiful place.

Some of the more memorable things were: going on a boat tour on the ocean, being initiated as a Newfoundlander and the heritage fair where we displayed our projects.

On the boat tour we saw small icebergs and a couple of cute seals! On our quest to becoming an official Newfy, we had to eat raw baloney, drink strawberry syrup which tasted like cough syrup, dress like a Newfoundlander, and talk like a Newfoundlander. Then for the grand finale, we had to kiss a dead cod! We are both proud to say we are official Newfies

We thought this trip was wonderful idea and hopefully they will continue this exchange to give other students the chance to experience what it is like in different parts of Canada.

SPRINGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Pied Piper Musical

by **SARAH PENNER, and TRINA PUGH**

Recently Springwood Elementary School held an opperetta entitled "The Swinging Piper".

It involved about 30 students ranging from grades 1 to 7. The play was based on the old folk tale, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin", except that the Piper, played by Carson McNaughton, had a groovy personality. For example, he "rapped" his lines, and played funky tunes on his flute. The play was directed by Mrs. Joan Nachbaur, a primary teacher at the school. The performance was attended by many parents and friends in the community. The actors did a wonderful job, and worked hard to prepare for it. Everyone really enjoyed the fast-paced, action packed play.

Speech Arts and Drama Festival

by **RYAN PENNER**

About 30 students worked with Mrs. Nachbaur for about a month memorizing pieces to be performed at the annual drama festival. We learned about the different types of poetry including narrative, lyrical and humorous. All of us learned about performing for an audience performing each piece dramatically. All of us did very well at the festival winning a variety of awards. The grade ones performed Cinderella in the choric drama category. Four grade three boys won a trophy for their performance of "Neat and Tidy" in the Reader's Theatre category. Four of us were invited to the Honours Performance. I performed a narrative poem, "Hammerin Hank", Cameron Davis performed a lyrical poem, "Boyhood Baseball" and Erik Waterman and Taylor Callander did a poem for two voices called "Fearless Flying Hotdogs". We all had fun and now feel more confident when in front of an audience.

Kids Council

by **AVRILL TRACH and MEGAN McEWEN**

At kids council we have two children from each class from grade two to seven. The meetings are about every month. At the meetings we decide how we can make the school a better more healthier place. The person that runs the meetings is Mrs.Creak. We made a hamper for the S.P.C.A. and then presented it to them and showed the animals that were up for adoption like dogs and cats. After that we did a Halloween pumpkin contest to see how many seeds there were in the pumpkin. Then we had two cupcake sales and made \$43. We had a penny drive and raised \$379.24. With that money we added them up and it came to \$422.24 to buy books at Books and Co. After that we went back to Springwood and signed the books and presented them at the children's ward in the hospital. In between we did a egg hunt for the kindergartens and dress up days like 50's and 60's day, we wore red or pink on Valentines day. We also had Idol day, Crazy hat and hair day, Pajama day and Twin day.

Poetry

by **COURTNEY SMITH**
Grade 2

In spring
I like riding my bike,
I like watching the birds sing,
I like seeing the grass
I like to watch NHL hockey,
But I don't like the snow.