

Honours awarded at Castleton P.S.

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The Castleton Public School updated Code of Conduct and Homework Policy will be sent home with students for review soon.

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The Pink Panther Penny Drive was a huge success for raising money for the Grade 7 and 8 year-end class trip. Just over \$300 was collected in the two-week event.

Top three fundraisers were: Mr. Peterson's Grade 7/8 class - \$137.13; Mrs. Biniaris' Grade 2/3 class - \$37.84; and Mrs. Hussey's Grade 5/6 class - \$35.56.

The Pink Panther remains in Mr. Peterson's room for the rest of the school year as a result of the competition.

Special thanks go to Mary and Kyle Kristensen, Marion and Matthew McComb for organizing the activity and counting all the coins.

- Ken Peterson, 7/8 teacher

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Castleton PS library has now processed more than 2,750 books in the library automation process. The job is

hoped to be completed by June, reports librarian Mlle. Buchegger. Each book goes through 10 steps and many hands before being enjoyed by the students, parents and/or teachers.

The library says a big thank you to new student helpers Katelyn, Pharen, Lindsey, Andy, Derek, Frankie, Mary-Ellen and Jessica.

The MS Readathon brought out the best in many students as they worked hard to read as many books as possible to raise money for a very worthy cause. Great work and happy reading to all of you!

- Mlle. Buchegger, librarian

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The new literacy program, Rebound Youth Services Northumberland, offers individual tutoring to improve student's reading, comprehension, spelling, grammar and math skills. Children are matched with a volunteer tutor who commits 2-5 hours per week of instruction and assistance with students at the school.

Anyone interested in working as a trained volunteer in this very important area is asked to phone the Castleton PS office at 905-344-7361 or Rebound

at 905-372-0007.

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March monthly student achievement awards winners at Castleton PS are as follows:

Academic improvement: Dylan McLeod Grade 1; Dennis Champion Grade 2; Amy Campbell, Kayla Lansley and Brendan McDonald Grade 3; Brian Crane Grade 5; Andy Kristenson, Emily Boileau and Danny Lenahan Grade 6; Matt McComb and Tonia Walsh Grade 8.

Citizenship: Emily Lawrence Grade 1; Victoria Duthie Grade 2; John Vermeiren and Mariah Ritchie Grade 3; Natasha Bonner Grade 4; Olivia McComb Grade 5; Scott Kircoff Grade 6; Diana Brough, Justin Partridge and Corey Lavoie Grade 7; and Jill Rutherford Grade 8.

Gotcha Program: week ending March 2 - Matthew Zwetsloot, Thea Clark and Nicole Allchurch; week ending March 8 - Nikki Carr, T.J. Ritchie and Andrew Little; week ending March 23 - Cecilia Morris, Brian Cane and Shawna Patton; week ending March 30 - Brice Clarkson, Scott Patton and Emily Boileau.

Students, staff and the Castleton Public School Advisory Council members are expressing their appreciation to the many school volunteers at a reception in the school library 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12.

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FERGUSON, WALTER ELDRED

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Passed away peacefully at Streamway Villa, Cobourg on Saturday, April 14th, 2001 in his 90th year. Beloved husband of Evelyn Mutton of Colborne. Sadly missed by his sons Ron (Helen) of Barrie, Eric (Mary) of Waterford, Philip of Red Deer, Alberta and the late Victor. Dear grandfather of Ryan, Jason, Christopher, Paul, Stephen and Jessica. Walter was born in Wooler, December 14, 1911, son of the late Burton and Victoria Ferguson. Predeceased by his sisters Bertha McCracken and Margaret Quinn. Walter served in the RCAF during WW II from 1940-1945 in several stations in Canada. After his discharge he farmed at Shiloh for 25 years, returning to Colborne in 1974. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion #187, Colborne and a member of Colborne Masonic Lodge #91. Friends called at the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 11 King St. W., Colborne from 7-9pm. Monday and from 1-2:00pm. Tuesday. Funeral Service was held in the MacCoubrey Funeral Home on Tuesday April 17th at 2:30pm. Interment in Shiloh Cemetery. If desired donations may be made to the Eden United Church, or the Northumberland Health Care Centre. (Cheques Only Please).

Skateboarding bylaw proposed

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Resolution of the "skateboarding problem" on downtown Colborne sidewalks has been the topic of ongoing discussions in the village. Whether or not a bylaw stipulating when and where skateboarding can occur, and what, if any, fines will be levied for infractions is still up in the air.

Recently, an informal meeting of Nick Bubb-Clarke of the Cramahe Community Policing volunteers, Northumberland OPP Inspector Bill Flindall, Cramahe Reeve Jim Williams, and Cramahe building and Bylaws official Becky Bonisteel was held.

"We did come up with some strategies," Reeve Jim Williams reported to Cramahe council. "In the short term, the OPP was to patrol the area to see if it is actually a problem or just perceived to be one. If skateboarders were interfering with pedestrians, then it was to be discussed with them (skateboarders) and they were to be discouraged from being in the area."

At present, there is no bylaw on books to limit skateboarding in the municipality.

As a longer-term strategy, Cramahe council is considering passing a bylaw. A bylaw in use in Brighton since 2000 restricts in-line skates, skateboarding and bicycles on sidewalks. A copy is under review by Cramahe municipal staff. The fines for infractions (\$25 per offence in Brighton) must be approved under the Provincial Offences Act.

"All of us feel that to bring a bylaw forward and enforce it without an alternative for skateboarders would not be the best scenario," Mr. Williams said. "It would be best if an alternative is provided at the time of a bylaw enforcement."

Councillor Mike Johnston urged skateboarders be involved in the consulting process prior to a bylaw being enacted: "Encourage them to participate with us and get their buy-in."

"And excellent suggestion," Reeve Williams said. He added he had invited 10 or so youths to approach him to discuss ideas and options, select spokespersons and offer suggestions.

However, he noted, "I haven't heard from any one."

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