

# Terrace Bay public school winter carnival



Terrace Bay Public School students all joined in on a rather unique parade of floats that travelled down to the Simcoe Plaza for all to see.

by The Grade 6 Class

The Carnival began with a parade along Simcoe Plaza. It was led by Marshall Bagdon, a Grade 2 student. Music was provided by the Senior Kindergarten class. There were many beautiful floats made by students from grades 1 to 7. Each grade was represented by a King and Queen. They were:  
S.K. - Julie Anne Reid and Michael Matson;  
Gr. 1 - Lori Fenton and Rory Singleton;  
Gr. 2 - Crystal McLean and Jason Laidley;  
Gr. 3 - Rachael Cunningham and Kelly Maenpaa;



Cross-country skiing was one of the special events held for the students. This avid skier hammed it up for the photographer.

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# News

## Will 'buckling up' benefit students?

The Ad Hoc Transportation Sub-Committee of the Lake Superior Board of Education held its "Presentation Night" on Tuesday, February 28 in the Library of the Terrace Bay Public School. The sole purpose of Tuesday's meeting was to allow the opportunity for individuals or groups to make written or oral presentations to the sub-committee.

Mr. Gerry Armour chaired the evening and immediately asked if any of the concerned citizens attending had presentations. He was handed a petition requesting that high back seats and padded armrests and seat belts be installed in all area school buses. Karen Park then asked the committee if they would accept a written presentation later in the week as she had just received some information but had not had time to prepare it.

The meeting was then silent and Mr. Armour was about to close it when Lynne Badger rose and quoted one of the articles to which Ms. Park had referred. She read: "The fact is, many studies have been carried out on the advisability of seat belts in school buses by the American Society of Engineering, the Canadian Standards Association, The Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering - University of California and the United States Department of

Transportation. All of the above groups support the premise that seat belts at this time do not effect greater passenger safety on school buses." She added that she personally was not convinced that seat belts were the answer and what she had read so far, indicated that they weren't. She was in favour of the high back seats and more padding in the bus.

Suddenly, where there had been silence, there was discussion and people made statements concerning their stand on the issue. Mr. Don Burton felt that seat belts should be installed in the buses. Gerry Armour stated that he "supported the recommendations of the corner's jury." Judie Cooper also favoured seat belts saying that any damage to children caused by seat belts would be less than if they were not wearing them.

Lynne Badger disagreed saying that in a recent bus accident in Thunder Bay where an empty bus tipped over on its side, had there been children on the bus in seat belts, they would have been dangling from their waists six feet in the air. Mrs. Stachiw asked Mrs. Badger if a six feet fall on the other hand could have broken some necks? She added that her daughter was seriously hurt because she didn't have a seat belt on in the Terrace Bay bus accident. Mrs. Badger suggested that

padding on the ceiling may have minimized her injuries.

As the discussion progressed, it was clear that the majority of people in the room favored seatbelts being installed in the buses. Mr. Chris Ray felt that since cars had seat belts in them, giving people the option of wearing them before it became law, perhaps the Board should give the student that option. Then if seat belts in buses are required by law in the future, this area will already have them. He felt that if the belts were there, the kids would at least have the choice of wearing one for their protection.

The discussion then turned to how to assure that the students buckle up. Many suggestions were put forward including: having the bus driver check each passenger; hire monitors to check each passenger; fine parents whose children refuse to wear belts and simply not allow children to ride the bus if they object to buckling up.

Mr. Tardiff, owner of North Shore Transit was questioned as to costs involved in installing the seat belts and how long it would take to have them installed. He estimated that it would cost \$6,000 per bus and though some companies refused to install them, he thinks the job could be done in Thunder Bay in a matter of two or three days. The

price did not include the cost of high back seats at \$200.00 each and the reconstruction of the floor.

It was suggested that perhaps the old buses could be replaced even though they have three years of service left. The matter was dropped when it was indicated by Wayne Anderson that even on the new buses which are equipped with high seat backs, the floor would still have to be altered.

Mr. Tardiff also expressed concern over insurance as the company with which he deals has informed him that they will not be responsible for injuries caused by the seat belts.

Karen Park asked if the committee would be making recommendations regarding driver training and retraining. Mr. Armour said they would be but the committee did not feel that they should make their other recommendations public until they had been presented to the Board.

The Ad Hoc Transportation Sub-Committee must now discuss all information and presentations regarding the recommendations of the Coroner's jury and make their own recommendations regarding the policies they believe the Board should adopt. The next meeting of the Lake Superior Board of Education will be held March 19th in Marathon. All interested people are urged to attend.

Gr. 4 - Renee Kaizer and Nathan Speer;  
Gr. 5 - Alana Harper and Steven Smeltzer;  
Gr. 6 - Tara Kraehling and Tom Bigelow;  
Gr. 7 - Sherry Gagg and Terry Singleton; and  
Gr. 8 - Lana Phillips and John Gosselin.

Crowns for the Kings and Queens were made by the S.K. class.

Following the parade, the Junior Kindergarten, Senior Kindergarten and Grade 8 classes went skating. The Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 classes went tobogganing. The Grades 5, 6 and 7 students went cross-country skiing and games of snow soccer were played in the field.

Hot dogs were provided for the students at lunch time. Along with the staff members, a

special committee was set up to help plan, serve and clean up at lunch break. The committee members were: Michael Clements (Gr. 6); Wayne Slawson, Jody Speer and Terry Singleton (from Gr. 7); and Lana Phillips and Mandy Ray (Gr. 8).

The afternoon events were set up similar to play day. The Grade 8 class was in charge of the events. The students were divided into 18 teams with the Grade 7 class acting as captains.

The following were the first 6 teams who received ribbons:

- 1st: Team 6 - Sherry Gagg;
- 2nd: Teams 1 and 8 - Andrew Bonnema and Betty Hopper;
- 3rd: Team H - Jamie Semple;
- 4th: Team 3 - Sheri-

Anne Deschamps;  
5th: Team 7 - Shane Harper;  
6th: Team C - John Mark.

Congratulations to all classes who worked so hard on snow sculptures. All entries received a participation ribbon as did all the students who worked on floats.

A special "thank you" to all the staff members for their assistance during the carnival; acting as supervisors, score keepers, chefs, providing hot chocolate, and as participants. We would also like to thank the students who set up events, worked on the lunch committee, ran errands, helped with the clean-up and took pictures throughout the day.



Younger students participated in snow soccer.

## Local business upset over peddlars

Prior to the regular Council meeting on February 27th, a delegation of local businessmen comprised of Mike Moore, Terry Korzinski and Bob Churchley met with Council regarding the subject of peddlars' licences.

They spoke out in reference to the various peddlars who come into the town of Terrace Bay and set up business (through rentals of various halls, etc.) for periods of 2 to 3 days throughout the year. They expressed concern over the fact that

these "fly by night" peddlars offer discounted merchandise to the citizens of Terrace Bay but aren't available at a later date to honour faulty or damaged merchandise. The residents then take the faulty articles to their local merchants, expecting them to repair the item which was purchased elsewhere. It was felt that the people are getting stuck with virtually no protection. The local merchants in turn can't honour warranties or guarantees on merchandise which is not pur-

chased from their stores. Some of the residents of Terrace Bay have become upset when the store owners refuse to handle these articles.

Since ruling was made in 1970, peddlars of this nature have paid (to the township) a fee of \$100. This one time fee will allow that peddler to come into town on various occasions to sell his wares for a period of one year from the purchase date of the licence. This peddler's licence fee has

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