



PORTLAND UCW

The UCW met in the friendship room on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. Olga Baker introduced Katy Bond and Julie Hutchings from the Community Development Action Group of the Portland Health Centre. A presentation was made and the girls asked everyone for their ideas to help the Health Centre to make a better Health Centre for the Community.

President Claire Mills welcomed everyone and read a poem on St. Patrick's Day.

The minutes were read and approved. Roma Derraugh gave the financial report and Myrtena reported on the Community Friendship.

It was moved and seconded that Claire Mills and Roma Derraugh be on the committee for the kitchen renovations. Thank you cards were read from Harry and Shirley Scott, Phyllis Chant and family, Margaret Ritchie ACW and Marj O'Neil. It was suggested to have a bake sale on July 11, 1992 and August 8, 1992. Claire closed the business with a verse called Be Cheerful. Group 1 were responsible for the devotions and presented a service on Lenten Tenebrae Liturgy. A very impressive service.

The next UCW to be April 21 at 7:30 p.m. Group 4 worship and program and Group 2 responsible for lunch.

A social time was enjoyed around a beautiful St. Patrick cake.

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A TRIP TO THE SUGAR BUSH.
Mr. Seward's Gr. 4/5 class recently enjoyed an old fashioned sleigh ride courtesy of David and Danny Chant. All participants had a wonderful afternoon.

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Welcome Back: It hardly seems possible that the third term is here. Staff and students are already hard at work with Science Fair projects, Kindergarten Registration and visits from the Dental Health Nurse. We greatly appreciate your support during the past months and look forward to working with your children during the coming weeks. Please feel free to call us at the school if you have questions or concerns.

Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking: Students from Gr. 1-8 recently put their best foot forward during both our school and the Branch public speaking contest. A list of participants and their topics is attached to this newsletter. At the school level the winners were:

- PRIMARY DIVISION - 1st - Brock Fournier
2nd - Kyle Porter
3rd - Ashley Kepka
4th - Sandra Dunfield
H.M. - Jessica Long
- JUNIOR DIVISION - 1st - Adrienne Fournier
2nd - Scarlett Thomas
3rd - Elisabeth McCuen
4th - Crystal Morris
H.M. - Derek Dunfield
- INTERMEDIATE DIV. - 1st - Christina Carrick
2nd - Bonnie-Jean Adams
3rd - Becky Riley
4th - Jemma Luscombe-Mills
H.M. - Philip Kompass

Special thanks to judges Rob Preston, Peggy Frye, Wendy Purdie.

Bluebird Houses: On Friday, March 27 Mr. Seward's Gr. 4/5 students will take part in our annual trip to clean and repair the many bluebird houses which have been erected along the back roads in the Portland area. Each year the students in Mr. Seward's class take on this very worthwhile project, and have a great deal of fun discovering which animals have actually been inhabiting the houses. Families of mice are usually the most exciting! Each group of students will be accompanied by an adult during this excursion. The bus for this trip is being donated by Howard's Bus Line, courtesy of Dale Howard.

Science Fair: The wide range of topics and quality of displays at the Science Fair showed much interest and hard work on the part of our Gr. 4-8 students (and their parents). The following students earned the opportunity to take part in the Rideau District High School Science Fair on Thursday, March 26: David Rogers/Morgan Thomas - Friction; Ryan Kennedy - Horizontal/Vertical Gravity; Melissa Davis/Christina Carrick - Conductivity of Electricity; Mark Turnbull/Matthew Kompass - Air Pressure; Karina Riley/Kelly Hanna - Acids; Bonnie Adams/Cheryl Joly - How a Battery Works. Special thanks to the judges Trish Kehoe, Joanne Orr and Trustee Sam Fleming for a job well done.

Legion Gift to Rideau Centennial: A portrait of Queen Elizabeth II and a Canadian flag were recently donated by Rideau Lakes Branch 231 to our school. Mr. Joe Raison and Mr. Doug MacKinnon delivered the gifts which will be displayed with pride in the gymnasium.

Ready for September: Wednesday, March 25 was an exciting day for 21 little people as they registered for JK-K for the fall. During their visit the children met their teacher, the secretary and the health nurse and were able to drop in to the classroom. Mrs. Newman very generously provided treats for both the parents and the new JK-K students.

Proud To Be Canadian: In recognition of Canada's 125th birthday and in co-operation with the local Kinsmen, all students and staff at Rideau Centennial will participate in a school assembly on April 2 at 1:00 p.m. and will be able to sign a "signature flag". Local Kinsmen, including John Riley, will take part in the assembly. Parents are most welcome to attend.