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Elementary students meet, greet and compete at Galt



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By Matthew McCully

On Friday, 336 Grade 5 and 6 students from 12 different Eastern Townships School Board schools gathered at Alexander Galt Regional High School for a day of activities and an opportunity to get familiar with their future school and classmates.

For over a decade now, the Galt feeders and other surrounding elementary

schools have participated in the activity day.

When the students arrived in the morning, they were divided into 14 different teams mixed with students from the different schools. Each team was given a team jersey, and they stuck together for the whole day, competing as a team in a variety of sports.

While many of the schools had played soccer, basketball and bad-

minton against each other throughout the year, the activity day gave the students a chance to meet in a less competitive atmosphere and get to know each other. Next year, many of the students will likely end up in classes together at Galt.

Many of the students signed each other's team jerseys to solidify their new friendships.

MVHS students collect 156,607 tabs for Shriners

By Matthew McCally

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For the past two years, students at Massey-Vanier High School have been collecting pull tabs from aluminum cans in support of the Montreal Shriners Hospital for Children.

Yesterday a brief ceremony was held to present the Karnak Shriners E.T Club Estrie branch with the nine boxes collected this year (totalling 156,607 tabs), as well as a cheque for \$225, which the students raised through can recycling efforts.

"It's kids helping kids," said Tab Project Coordinator Gail Klinck. "And it's free. You just take the tab off a can, but the impact is huge," Klinck said.

In March, students from MVHS, accompanied by local Shriners Dexter Larose and Xavier Guillaud, went on a tour of the hospital to see what their tab-collecting helps to support.

The Montreal Shriners Hospital for Children, built in 1925, originally focused on treating children with polio and TB. Today, the hospital specializes in treating critical orthopaedic conditions, including osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease) and severe spinal and limb abnormalities. The hospital offers a full array of services from reconstructive surgery to rehabilitation, regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

According to Klinck, the funds through can recycling and tab collec-



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Karnak Shriners E.T Club Estrie members Noble Nelson McArthur, Noble Jean-Claude Marchand, Noble Gerald Thomas and club secretary Noble Dexter Larose with Massey-Vanier Vice-Principal Donald Kerr, Student Council Advisor Karen Sissons, MVHS student council member Emily Luyer and Tab Project Coordinator Gail Klinck. Yesterday, the Shriners were presented with a cheque for \$225 and nine boxes of aluminum tabs, collected by MVHS students, which will help support the Montreal Shriners Hospital for Children.

tion will help the hospital provide casting kits for the parents of children with brittle bone disease.

Children who are afflicted with the disease can break a bone simply by being picked up by parents. Because frequent trips to the hospital, with some parents traveling great distances, can

be extremely costly, doctors have created casting kits that parents can be trained to use at home to help their children.

The kits cost \$75 each, Klinck said. The Montreal Shriners Hospital set a goal of raising enough money to pay for 300 casting kits by the end of June.

According to Klinck, the whole school participated in the tab collection, and she hopes in years to come, other schools in the area will join in the collection effort. "Just imagine if all schools did that", commented Klinck.

Bright lights, short stories, big winners

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The 12th edition of the Brome Bright Lights Short Story contest held its awards ceremony at Brome Lake Books this Saturday June 16. Children in Grades 1 through 6 in the Brome-missisquoi area were invited to take part.

In total, 111 entries were submitted this year.

The winners were:

Second prize in Grade 1-Zennon Fournier from Mansonville Elementary.

First prize in Grade 1- Michaela Meacher.

Second prize in Grade 2- Mya Gardner from Mansonville Elementary.

First prize in Grade 2- Amelya Jersey from Mansonville Elementary.

Second prize in Grade 3- Rebecca Grant from Heroes' Memorial.

First prize in Grade 3- Emma Chalifour from Farnham Elementary.

Second prize in grade 4- Heidi Rochat from Farnham Elementary

First prize Grade 4 Connor Patch from Heroes Memorial.

Second prize in Grade 5- Takoda Quilliams from Knowlton Academy.

First prize in Grade 5- Devon Whitehead from Heroes Memeorial.

Second prize in Grade 6- Benji Cantelon from Knowlton Academy

First prize in Grade 6 Josef Robert from Knowton Academy.

The Grand Prize was awarded to Michaela Meacher.

A big thank you to the Knowlton Lions club and the Knowlton Players for donating the prize money and well done to all of our budding writers, good job!

Heroes' Memorial Grad Night

By Louise Smith

On Friday night, the students in Grade 6 and Secondary One at Heroes' Memorial had their prom. Every year the senior students get a chance to dress up and have a special dance to say farewell to their elementary years. Parents decorated the gym and it was beautiful. The balloons will be kept in place for the Farewell Ceremony later this week. At that time, parents will come to acknowledge the passage from elementary to high school life.

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Admission is free.

Daniel Prenoveau Brings the world of music to Farnham Elementary

By Louise Smith

Last week, musical globetrotter Daniel Prenoveau presented a workshop to students from the Pre-Kindergarten level to Grade 4 at Farnham Elementary School. He had a wide selection of instruments from around the world. He demonstrated some of them and then had all the students, in groups, come up and be part of an international musical instrument ensemble. The students were enthralled. From drums to wooden frogs, the students played in unison. It was amazing to watch.

The staff was impressed with how attentive the students were and Daniel was impressed with their musicality and sense of rhythm and being able to follow directions so well. You know it is a good workshop when a student, after spending an hour in the workshop, is heard saying at the end, "I wish this time was just starting and not ending."

Daniel Prenoveau has traveled to over forty different countries to collect musical instruments. He gives his workshops in English and in French. He can be contacted at www.productionskila.com.

