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Fermont

## Presidents Message

Well it happens to be that rolling time of year again with the family reunions, festive meals, Midnight mass and Christmas morning mass. We are in a rush to make sure that things are just right for all those we love. In keeping with the spirit of the season The North Shore Community Association Team and I extend to you our heartfelt wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year. Now I have to get back to some last minute Christmas shopping.....

### Marilyn Durepos is honored....

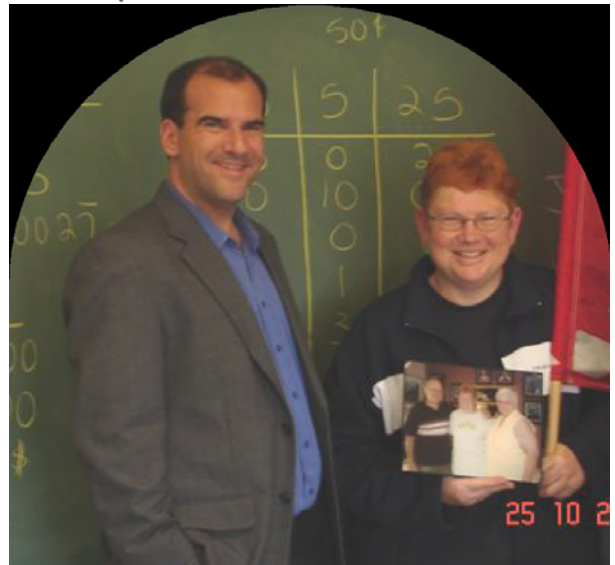


Mrs. Marilyn Durepos was honored for her involvement in school activities, committees, and as Parent Commissioner of the Eastern Shores School Board. She has contributed to the life of the school for over fifteen years. Mrs. Durepos has made an exceptional contribution to all schools within the school board. A dedicated advocate for parents and students with her vast knowledge of the Education Act.

This new award, bearing her name, will be presented annually to an adult volunteer at Baie Comeau High School.

Pictured in the photo is Mr. Brian Rock, School Principal, Mrs. Marilyn Durepos, and Ms. Isabelle Harvey, President of the BCHS Home & School Association.

### A Special Visitor at Riverview



On Wednesday, October 25, 2006, Riverview School was honoured with a visit from Mr. Peter Sheremeta, Director of the Quebec Office of the Terry Fox Foundation. The students from grades 4 to 9 listened intently as he spoke about Terry, Terry's brother Darrell and parents Betty and Rolly, the Marathon of Hope (as it goes on in Canada and around the world), and the progress made since 1980 in cancer research. Mr. Sheremeta is a wonderful speaker with a wealth of stories to share about our hero Terry Fox. Even I learned new things!

He especially wanted to come to thank us for our efforts in keeping Terry's dream alive. He also wanted the students to know that their teacher was a "living legend", being the only person in the province to have organized all 26 Terry Fox Runs held to date. Although he could only stay an hour, he touched us all, and it was one of those special times we'll never forget.

### Christmas Concert



The students at Fermont School are busy practising for their Christmas Concert which will take place on Tuesday, December 19.



THELASTWORD

**A Not-so-Merry Christmas**

On December 24, 2006, a final mass will be celebrated at St. Alexander's Church in Port-Cartier. According to our Bishop,

Pierre Morissette, we can no longer afford to maintain financially two churches in a population where not even 10% practice their faith openly by attending weekly masses. Money must be put into pastoral animation so that future generations of children can continue to receive the sacraments and study about Catholicism. In case you're not aware, the Quebec government's new Education Policy (the Reform) calls for the removal of religion from the curriculum by 2008.

The decision to close it was a blow to all of us who have worked for many years to maintain it. It was built in the early 1960's to accommodate the growing population on the east side of town. Since then, a Lady's Guild was formed and much fundraising was done. Countless volunteers have repaired it, cleaned it, and helped raise money to heat it and pay for Hydro bills. The parishioners have always been supportive and very generous. I myself became involved in 1998 and was a church warden for three years and president of the Fabrique until December, 2005.

Last April, a consultation was held to ask the Catholic population which one they would like to keep open. With two-thirds of that group living on the west side (where Sacré-Coeur Church is), the result was exactly what we expected. We kept hoping that logic and common sense would have the upper hand but it was not to be. The Bishop has decided to close the newer building, the one that is less expensive to maintain, the one that is less in need of repair, and, the one that even managed to put \$80 000 aside despite of the trying circumstances. Since the announcement in July, various groups have tried to convince the Bishop to leave both churches open but to no avail.

The choir has been faithfully practicing for one last midnight mass since early November, but it will not be an easy one to get through, and very few of us feel like celebrating the birth of our Saviour when His Home will be closed two days later.

In closing, I am sorry if I was unable to remain impartial in this article. Having seen first-hand, and been part of, some of the injustices we were dealt, has left me questioning my faith and, unfortunately, bitter

Debbie Laurie

**Flemming has started the year in full swing.**

As peacemakers and peacekeepers, the whole school made pinwheels to promote peace on September 21st ( World Peace Day).

In October the students were also thrilled to have storyteller Samuel Allo come in to each class and entertain them with memorable stories.

Last year, Ms. Johnson and her Cycle 1-2 became involved in a great project to collect enough pennies to sponsor 7 children from underdeveloped countries. This year, the new Cycle 1-2 has taken up the torch and have already



Cycle 1 year 1&2 told of 'Tales of Animals in War', Cycle 2-1's recited special poems, and Cycle 2-2's made special Dove's and talked about the Canadian Flag. The Veterans and the Lieutenant from the Naval Reserve inspired us with their tales of war and message of peace. The ceremony ended with the video-song 'Soldier' from famous Canadian Songwriter Shawn Hookloff.

sponsored 2 needchildren (Pennies in a Bottle).

In keeping with our program, 'ISO ACTIF, which promotes healthy living, students are encouraged to complement the fundraiser Hot Dog Day with healthy foods such as milk, fruit etc. This entitles the students to a draw at this lunch hour. Healthy foods make a healthy body! Thanks to the contribution of the Veterans, students, and teachers, our Remembrance Day Ceremony was very special:



**Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony**

With poppies fastened to their shirts, students and staff of Baie Comeau High School assembled in the Church of St. Andrew & St. George for the Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. This year, it was held on Monday, November 13th. Animated by Ms. Jody Lessard,

students paid tribute to the men and women who fought and died in World Wars I & II, The Korean War and soldiers who have served and died in Peace-keeping missions around the world.

This year, there were two additional special additions to the ceremony: there was a solemn tribute to the 34 Canadian soldiers who have died in Afghanistan in 2006. Each soldiers' photo was shown while their names were read aloud.

Mr. Neil MacIntosh arranged an exhibit of World War I & II memorabilia in the church hall following the ceremony.

Baie-Comeau residents and history buffs M. Roger Morin and Mme Diane Morin spoke to the 92 students and staff. After a 20-minute presentation, students were able to ask a number of questions about the different equipment, war-time tactics and life of a soldier.



Needless to say, the events were appreciated by everyone and thanks must go out to all who helped to co-ordinate this annual event.

Photos and Text by Stephen Kohner

**WANTED!!**

We are in need of digital photos of the North Shore communities. If you have any digital or scanned photos we would appreciate if you would email them to:

[jodylessard@globetrotter.net](mailto:jodylessard@globetrotter.net)



**Book Review**

I got caught reading

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

By C.S. Lewis

And I think his book is good because there is a lot of action.

I feel happy for Lucy since she discovered another world.

I wonder if the White Witch will be able to kidnap all four kids.

I remember that Peter, Susan, and Edmond didn't believe Lucy.

I liked when Mr. and Mrs. Beaver invited the children to dinner.

I learned that Edmund met the White Witch.

I laughed when Mrs. Beaver wanted to take her sewing machine with them.

I understand why Edmund wanted to have more Turkish Delight.

I appreciate that Mr. Beaver helped the kids look for Aslan



Sarah Cycle 2- year 2



**Arts and Culture Centre Visit**



On Friday, November 25, the students from Fermont School traveled to Labrador City, NL, to watch an English play at the Arts and Culture Centre. The play was called Beauty and the Beast. It was a mixture of different children's stories and there was audience participation. Before the play we ate at McDonalds. It was a fun day for all the staff and students.



**BCHS Christmas Show**

Students, Staff and Parents were treated to a Christmas show on December 7th at Baie Comeau High School. An evening Christmas Concert, under the direction and co-ordination of Ms. Maria-Teresa Mastrocola provided an hour of musical entertainment and drama. Holiday spirits were running high in the gymnasium as each cycle and grade presented musical pieces and short kits, much to the delight of the spectators.

Soeur Jeannette Lord of Accueil Marie-de-l'Incarnation gratefully received the food donations collected at the door before the show.

**MS Black Watch docks at Baie-Comeau**

After a few years of continuous effort, the town of Baie-Comeau succeeds in putting their town on the cruise ship circuit. The MS Black Watch, with its + 900 passengers and 300 crewmembers left the United Kingdom on September 21<sup>st</sup> and anchored a week later at the port of Baie-Comeau for a 10 hour stopover. During the day there were guided bus tours of the area, also tourist visited local businesses, and churches. English was the language to be heard in center town that day.

Many hours of preparation had been put into this initiative and the English-speaking community of Baie-Comeau played an important role in the preparations of this event. The NSCA along with other English community partners attended many town meetings over the summer months. Round table discussions with the town of Baie-Comeau, merchants and francophone community organizations of the area concluded that there was a definite need of English resources. Bilingual guides for the tours and interpreters for merchants was in great demand. NSCA circulated this demand throughout the English community. Eight bilingual guides were hired and secondary students volunteered themselves to be interpreters for the merchants. Youth were evenly distributed at the businesses of Place La Salle to translate conversations in English. The Church of St.Andrew & St. George held a guided tour and offered a British afternoon Tea. It was a pleasurable day for all communities and we are looking forward to receiving the second ship in the fall of 2007.



On September 28th, the first cruise ship to come to Baie-Comeau docked at the port at around noon. 900 British men and women came out of the ship to see our beautiful town and its surroundings. As an English-speaking person, the town of Baie-Comeau approached me to be a guide on the busses that were transporting the passengers of the MS Black Watch to different locations surrounding Baie-Comeau. The locations included Papinachois, Manic 5 and the place I went to, Franquelin. My job was to entertain the men and women while we were traveling to the different locations. I talked about the history of our town, our environment like the kinds of trees and the animals in the wild. I also filled them in on some of Baie-Comeau culture.

J.Lessard  
NSCA

A.J. Burgess-Butland



# Merry Christmas

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Potluck Supper at St. Andrew & St. George

This year the Church of St. Andrew and St. George of Baie-Comeau celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Potluck Supper and Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long. More than 40 people attended this yearly community gathering event. This event allows the opportunity to see old faces and meet new ones, families getting together and enjoying great company at Christmas time. Christmas is a season of giving and since the last ten years the parishioners have been contributing to the popular Xmas raffle and this year \$175.00 was raised; proceed will be donated to the Primates World Relief Development Fund (PWRDF) for outreach projects. Over a period of ten years the Church of St. Andrew & St. George has raised \$ 3 138.00 for this worthy cause.



“The joy of fellowship”



“Catching up with old friends”



“Sharing many different and wonderful dishes”



“Getting an early start on the Christmas Spirit”



“The fun of Christmas Caroling”



“Families of all ages getting together”



“Children laughing and singing”



“Welcoming new faces to our community”



“Sharing the joy of music”

The students from Fermont School exchanged letters with a French Immersion class in Labrador City, NL. Our students are mainly Francophone so they wrote their letters in French and the class in Labrador City wrote their letters in English.

They exchanged letters throughout the year and on May 5 we went to visit our new friends. We went to a show at the Arts and Culture Centre in Labrador City, visited their school, and went to the park for a picnic.



On June 14 the students from Labrador City came to visit us in Fermont. They scaled our climbing wall, toured the one kilometer complex which includes the school, fire station, apartments and stores. Afterwards we all went to the beach.

During the visits we spoke English for half of the day and French for the other half. Our students travel to Labrador City, NL to finish their high school education, they are often intimidated because they don't know anyone in their new school. I would like to continue this exchange on a yearly basis so the children will already have friends when they go to Labrador City. It was a great experience for everyone.



**Squirrel's Night Before Christmas**

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the woods.

No animals were eating, their dear Christmas goods.

Ornaments were hung from branches with care

Old Fox was singing a song to old bear.



The wind was soft and the trees were white

Except for those lights that lightened the night

Then a sound was heard, and it broke the silence

It was a big sound that revealed some violence.

Everyone's heart pounded in their chest

But it was just old Owl who had fallen from his nest

They were all sad because Santa wasn't there

They went back to bed thinking it was no fair.

Now Rabbit, now Hare, Mole and old Bird

Do not worry about things you have heard.

Go back to bed, and to your sleep give a shot.

Santa might come or, again might not.

But Santa indeed would come later that night,

Bringing some gifts that would make them smile bright

Then something crashed down, silence broke again.

But it didn't wake the animals they slept deep in their dens.

Only in his tree, Squirrel heard all the racket

He poked out his little nose out, and reached for his jacket.

He saw a little sleight and eight kinda deer

He thought maybe he'd had a little too much beer.

Then he saw something round, walking tall on two feet.

He was singing, and dancing, and humming a little beat.

The man placed boxes in front of every hole.

At Foxe's house he placed just a piece of coal.

Squirrel giggled and laughed for he certainly knew

Who that man was and what Foxy would do.

He knew it was Santa, he knew he was nice.

He knew he lived up there in the country of ice.

Santa turned and looked at him, his beard white as snow

He threw him a big box with a bright red bow.

Santa smiled and turned, he went back to his task.

Squirrel was expecting to get a game or a mask.

He looked at Santa doing his work.

Not knowing what to do, he felt a bit alike a jerk.

Squirrel looked around and saw a flashy red nose.

On those strange looking deer who had held the same pose.

He thought for a moment and realized who they were,

Santa's good old reindeer covered in black fur.

He held his hand out to pet them all.

They were beautiful, standing so straight and so tall.

Santa had finished and was ready to leave,

He had to go on cuz it was Christmas Eve.

The Squirrel was glad have seen such a fellow

Santa's no celebrity, simply generous and mellow.

He's our friend and once every year

He sets out to spread Xmas cheer.

He makes us smile when we feel bad.

He brings us toys when we feel sad.

Santa packed his things and was ready to go.

He would pass on every street row by row.

Squirrel waved, and Santa gave him a wink

And in the tiny instant of just one blink



Santa was gone high up in the sky

Squirrel remembered the wink of his eye.

He turned back slowly, and started walking.

And in the wind he heard Santa talking.

And he heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

Jordan (Riverview Sec. II)  
Riverview

**CBC Breakaway Visits QEHS**

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the CBC radio team from Quebec ( Peter Black & Jacquie Czernin) was in Sept-Iles; the Breakaway program, which is aired each weekday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., was broadcasted live from the auditorium of QEHS. It was a great success and great exposure for the English-speaking community of Sept-Iles. The theme for the program was hockey due to the fact that it was the beginning of the NHL season and Sept-Iles has contributed 3 NHL leaguers- Carbonneau, Duschênes and Dykhuis. All people that came to see the broadcasted programs were encouraged to bring or wear some hockey paraphernalia. During the 2 hour program there were interviews from the local people living in our communities; ranging from all walks of life and representing a good thumb-nail picture of our small but active community. There were prizes given and the winners were chosen by Peter Black and they were asked to give brief descriptions of their hockey memorabilia. It was a great turnout and enjoyed by all. A big thanks goes out to all that prepared the food and clean-up for the occasion also to those that helped in the preparation of the event.

Lloyd Maurice  
Sept-Iles

**News From QEHS...**

On Monday, December 17th, QEHS in conjunction with Flemming Elementary School, held their annual Christmas Food Basket Campaign and collected non-perishable food items. The baskets will be distributed to less fortunate families in the community before Christmas. Many thanks goes out to the supporters.

People working together for the goodness of the community elaborates our objective of "JUST FOR THE HEALTH OF IT" theme which is to create awareness of community, national and global social issues. With this in mind, our students have opted to bring in a gift for a less fortunate child in our community, rather than have their own Christmas gift exchange at school. Each grade has been issued a specific age group for which they can provide a gift. A gift at a cost of \$10 as a limit has been suggested. The gifts will be given to the less fortunate. This activity is coordinated by Ms Lucia Cucchiara.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and HAPPY HOLIDAYS. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us at QEHS.

**"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas time."**  
~Laura Ingalls Wilder~

*Tivia answers*

1.	Moisie River (435 km)
2.	Bate-Comeau, (Alice Lane Public Library)
3.	Schefferville and Sept-Iles
4.	1928
5.	528

**Worship Services**

**Church of St. Andrew and St. George**

**Baie-Comeau**

Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Service of Lessons & Carols at 3:00 p.m.
Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Service at 11:00 a.m.
Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Service at 11:00 a.m.
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Service at 11:00 a.m.
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Service at 11:00 a.m.

**Worship Services**

**All Saints Church**



**Sept-Iles**

Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Service 7:30 p.m. ( Xmas Candle-light Service )
Dec. 31st	Joint Service 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Anglican Service 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	United Service 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 21st	Anglican Service 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	United Service 10:30 a.m.
Lynn Bardie from Ayr, Ontario was the lucky winner of the quilt raffle November 26	

**School Activities & Notices**

**Baie-Comeau High School**

Dec 18<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> Secondary exams  
 Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Pedagogical day  
 Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Classes resume



**Flemming School**

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Sponsor an Angel  
 Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert  
 Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> PPO Christmas movies

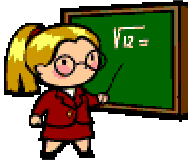


**Queen Elizabeth High School**

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> Activity Day  
 Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Nutritious Xmas Breakfast with Xmas Activities  
 Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Classes resume

**Riverview School**

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Students visit senior home & hospital  
 Dec.21<sup>st</sup> Xmas concert & community gathering  
 Jan.. 9<sup>th</sup> Classes resume



**Canada Day Poster Challenge**

This year Canada is celebrating its 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's Confederation and the Celebrate Canada Committee invites all students to participate in the Canada Day Poster Challenge. This year's theme is a portrait of Canada celebrating 140 years. The deadline for submitting a poster, along with an entry form is February 28, 2007. Teachers please visit the website: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/special/canada/affiche-poster> for more details.



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**NSCA**

We the North Shore Community Association,

a non-profit organization, are dedicated to instilling pride within the English-speaking community living on the North Shore. We aim to empower its residents with information by working to make resources available, promoting access to services, and raising awareness amongst the greater community that we live in. Through encouraging and improving communication we believe this will result in a strong network and will provide opportunities for us to come together.

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**NORTH SHORE TRIVIA**

- Which is longer the Manicougan River or Moisie River?
- In the 1940's , where was the first free bilingual public library in the province of Quebec?
- In 1959, which towns within the North Shore region was visited by Queen Elizabeth II?
- The first hospital in Shelter Bay ( Port Cartier) was built in what year?
- In 1871, what was the total population of the Manicougan and Sept-Rivière region?

**Christmas**

Everyone's skiing, sliding, or making snowmen  
 Everyone's baking pies, cakes, or cookies  
 Everyone's laughing and singing carols  
 Everyone's happy on Christmas Day  
 No one's fighting or being mad  
 No one's carving scary pumpkins  
 No one's crying or feeling sad  
 No one's eating pizza for supper  
 And everyone loves jolly old Santa Clause  
 On December twenty-fifth.

Dan  
 Cycle 3 year 2

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