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Dear A.V. Graham Community:

December was an exciting month with lots to celebrate. It began with our first Community Day, proceeded with collections of hats, mittens and canned goods, followed with a fantastic presentation of the North Pole Musical and ended with our Student of the Month assembly.

Thank you AVG! Together we have collected over 70 items to help keep children warm during the winter months. Our 'tree of warmth' was overloaded with donations of hats, scarves, mittens and gloves which were donated to the Children's Aid Society of Windsor Essex.

In addition, over 2000 cans were collected for the Essex Food Bank and Drouillard Place. Your

support is phenomenal.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A. Dibbs, Principal
and
T. Rilett, Vice Principal

A.V. Graham Community Day

by Jenna (Gr. 7)

On Friday, December 2nd at A.V. Graham, students participated in the school's first-ever Community Day. Students were given a list of interesting activities, ranging from soap carving and pizza making to knitting and yoga. They were encouraged to take on a project in which they had little or no experience.

For an hour and forty minutes, parent volunteers lent their time and knowledge to the students as they taught them a potential new hobby. The purpose of this fun day was for the students to learn and try something new and to open their minds to unique opportunities.

Greater Essex County's Director of Education, Warren Kennedy, stopped by for a visit and to look in on this entertaining afternoon. A.V. Graham School would like to thank all of the generous parents who came in to assist the teachers. We hope to have many more Community Days in the future!

A.V.G. Parking Spots

This is a gentle reminder to A.V.G. visitors that the designated handicapped parking spots are reserved for those with permits.

Also, please refrain from parking in spots marked *Office Staff and Administration Only*.



Thank you for respecting all of our community members.

December Images...



The school calendar
may be viewed on our
homepage under
Calendar of Upcoming
School Events or click on the
link below.

<http://www.gecdsb.on.ca:9995/avgraham>





Inclement Weather

When wondering whether the buses are running, please remember to visit

<http://www.buskids.ca> where bus cancellations are posted.

Fog Days: Buses do not run in the AM but will in the PM.

Snow Days: Buses do not run in the AM or the PM.



ECO School Team

We are going green with our school newsletter. Each month you will be able to find it online. If you do not have access to the internet, please have your child go to the office to pick up a printed copy of the newsletter.

<http://avgraham.pbworks.com/w/page/23772229/Newsletters>

Coaches' Corner

Congratulations to the A.V. Graham Girls' Volleyball Team!

The A.V. Graham Girls' Volleyball team started practising in October, and have continued improving all season. The team was made up of the following players: Eisha Aujla, Abbey Brown, Aliya Dizdavevic, Hannah Drkulec, Kristen Dwyer, Lexie Farrer, Samantha

ASD Fundraiser Basket Winners

Thank you for all of your support.

4F - Handy Household Items:
Mrs. Woltz
4M - Ready for Every Occasion:
Debbie Sauve
5C - Leisure Activities:
Mrs. Merrett
5W - Rainy Day Treasures:
Tracey
6V - Sweets and Treats:
Wayne Samwell
6M - Cooking 1: Mila H.
6M - Cooking 2: Kendall W.

7F - Christmas: Meagan 5W
7M - Night at the Movies:
Linda Vodeb
7S - Games Night: Jaden 5W
8V - Gardeners Delight: Ryan G.
8A - Beach Bums:
Devon ASD Room
8G - Tea Time: Mrs. Dycha
8H - Bad Hair Day: Meagan 5W
ASD - Hodge Podge: Emma 4M
Office - Crafty Creators:
Erin 4F & Chantelle 4F
Custodians - Spa Day: Riley F.

Thank you for your assistance in helping our environment.

Sincerely,

The ECO School Team



Funkenhauser, Ellie Girimonte, Emily Gui, Marlee Hewitt, Jenna Hillman, Anna Houbtchev, Mila Huhtala, Jessica Priestly, Kaitlyn Reaume, Jessica Richardson, and Cassie Stirbu.

At the AVG Tournament, the Tier 1 Team won the first place pennant and the Tier 2 Team won the second place pennant. The girls captured third place

at the Regional Tournament. They won first place at the 4A Pronger Division Tournament, and they won silver medals at the District Tournament on December 8, 2011. Many of the players will be graduating to high school next year, and their coaches wish them all the best and encourage them to try out for the volleyball team!

School Council

Intramurals start in January 2012 and Parent Volunteers are needed!

The School Council will be supervising and running Intramurals once again.

We run various sport activities in the gym during lunch periods (12:30 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.) on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. It is an option for students to stay inside during the winter months and still participate in physical activities. A Parent Volunteer Form will be posted on the A.V. Graham website.

We are in need of parents to help supervise and run these events from January through March. If you are able to volunteer, on any day or on all of them, it would be greatly appreciated.

You can also send your name and telephone number via email to wsamwell@hotmail.com or call me at 519-817-3375.

Thanks in advance,

Wayne Samwell
A.V.G. School Council Chairperson

The next School Council Meeting is on Thursday, January 19, 2012.

Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: Library

All parents are welcome to attend! We hope you see you.

Constant Contact via Electronic Email

The Constant Contact Email System is being updated!

Watch for our sign up form for the email newsletter system via Constant Contact.

There will be random prize draws for anyone signing up in December and January!

Please visit the A.V.G. School website and join up for the revamped electronic email system. You will receive the

latest news and information from A.V.G. School and the A.V.G. School Council right to your email box.

Visit the School site at: <http://avgraham.pbworks.com/> and join up today.



Zehrs' Tapes

Please remember to save your ZEHRS' tapes and send them to school with your child. Saving grocery tapes is an easy way to raise funds for our school. There is a drop off box in the office.

Thank you

Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

How is the flu spread?

The flu virus spreads easily. An infected person releases the virus into the air by talking, coughing, and sneezing. Everything a sick

person touches, such as toys and doorknobs, also spreads the virus, which stays active on surfaces for up to 48 hours. If you touch your nose or eyes after touching a contaminated surface, then you can become

infected.

This article is from the website below:

<http://www.wehealthunit.org/immunization/influenza-flu/what-is-influenza/how-is-the-flu-spread>

Coaches' Corner Continued...

A.V. GRAHAM BOYS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM: PRONGER and DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

The A.V.G. Boys' Volleyball Team has just completed an extremely successful season. The boys began practising in mid-October and playing exhibition games in preparation for the three main tournaments of the year. (i.e., Regionals, Pronger and Districts) The boys almost completed a "sweep" winning both the District and the Pronger tournament and placing second in the Regionals. By winning the Pronger tournament, the boys qualified for the Districts and had an opportunity to compete against the best two AAAA schools in the city. The boys were undefeated

and won the gold medal in this event. Coaches, Fraba and Rilett have enjoyed every minute of this volleyball team as this group of boys were a delight to coach, displaying great skill and sportsmanship!

Congratulations!



Everybody laughs the same in every language because laughter is a universal connection. Yakov Smirnoff

Spelling Bee

A.V. Graham School Spelling Bee Excitement!

Way back in October, A.V. Graham Public School began their Spelling Club. It was open to all students. They met and practised during Nutrition Breaks twice a week. The 2nd Annual A.V. Graham Spelling Bee was held on Friday, December 9, 2011. The 22 contestants made for a very interesting, suspenseful competition, especially when it came down to the last two spellers. In the end, Erin, a Grade 5 student, was victorious. She will move on to the Regional Canspell Spelling Bee early in the new year.



Wrapping Yourself Up as a Gift

Winners:

1st for Intermediate: 8V (Angie wore the gift box for the class).

1st for Junior: Kylie (5W)

2nd for Junior: Erin (5W)



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We Value Your Input

If you have any comments, please feel free to write us a note in the space provided and send it with your child to school. Homeroom teachers will collect these and send them to the office.

*Note—All returned feedback forms will be entered into a monthly draw for a prize. In order to stick to our ECO Friendly Goal, the newsletter will only be given to the youngest child in each family. With that being said, please print the names of your children attending A.V. Graham below.

Name of Student: _____ Class: _____

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Please sign: Parent/Guardian: _____



The December Newsletter Draw winner was Simon (7M).

The Caught You Coupon December winners were Sarah (7M), Uygur (6V), and Kylie (5W).