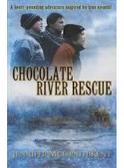


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The grades 3-5 students at Dorchester Consolidated participated in the Destination Imagination Instant Challenge this month. Students were involved in hands-on problem solving activities that involved higher order thinking skills. Thank you so much to Cheryl Laliberte, Community of Schools Coordinator for our region, for leading the students through this event.

The whole student population once again participated in the “Writers in the School Program”. This year the author of *Chocolate River Rescue*, Jennifer McGrath Kent, spent the day at our school engaging the students in literacy based activities. She “took” the grades K-2 on a dragon hunt and stirred their imaginations. The grades 3-8s learned about her process as an author and how to get inspired to write realistic fiction.



We also had local author Catherine Eileen Gillespie visit us and share her book *Listening in the Rain*. We were delighted that she donated a copy of her book to our library. It was wonderful for students to spend time with a published author who is also a former Dorchester village resident!

The student council hosted a Social for Grades 5-8 this past month. There was a games room, a dance room and activities in the gym. The theme for the dance portion of the evening was Valentines and we were so lucky to have Mr. Drew Francis come DJ the event! Thank you to the staff who volunteered their time to chaperone this event and the parents who were chauffeurs.



The RCMP visited the grade 7/8 Health class this month to help wrap up the outcomes on the uses and abuses of drugs. The officers shared a slide show and answered student questions.

Dorchester Consolidated School students participated in an Enrichment Block this month. Students were involved in co-curricular activities of their choosing. We had district personal, community and parent volunteers, outside organizations, and of course DCS staff, facilitating these activities. This year, we added some new additions to the lineup and these included movie making, pottery and Bricks 4 Kidz robotics. We held a showcase event at the end of the month to allow students to show each other the products they made or the skills they learned. We made pottery, programmed robotics, shot videos, designed websites and much more!