



Eaton Valley CLC

Your Community Learning Centre

The In's & Out's of Learning to Sew

A dozen lucky Pope Memorial students have been busily learning to sew over the last few months and most are nearing completion of their final masterpiece.

Under the watchful and enthusiastic guidance of volunteer instructor Martha Levesque and her team of assistants (mothers!), the students have learned about choosing and using patterns, types of cloth, (carefully!) operating sewing machines, and any number of sewing tips and techniques.

The group of grade 4 and 5's, who have been meeting weekly on Mondays after school are stitching the final elements of their carpenter-style aprons. The grade 6's, who



Martha Levesque and Renée Martel flank grade 6 students learning the finer points of appropriate pattern selection.

have been meeting every Wednesday are working extra hard to complete their outfits for their elementary school

graduation ceremony in June. Runways of Milan, lookout!

The graduation outfit project undertaken by the grade 6 students has been an especially big challenge and many extra



A sample dress to inspire!..

hours have been devoted by Martha, Renée and the students. This type of project is usually reserved for those with significant experience in sewing and not usually those just beginning in the craft.

All students involved in the sewing can be very proud of their accomplishments!

It is thanks to the financial support of the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre and contributions of *Machine à coudre de L'Estrie* in East Angus that this opportunity was available to Pope Memorial students.

A very special THANK YOU goes to Martha Levesque, and her team of assistants, Dianne, Connie and Renée, for their dedication, patience and countless volunteers hours!

HOMEWORK HELP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thanks to a partnership with Literacy in Action, a homework support program will start soon at the Eaton Valley CLC.

Created for high school students struggling in subjects such as math and English, the program will accept participants on a referral basis from New Horizons Adult Educa-

tion Centre and Alexander Galt Regional High School.

Two-hour weekly tutoring sessions will be held throughout the spring, summer and until mid-June 2009. The tutor, to be hired shortly, will also provide some individual mentoring for students as needed.

Once a classroom teacher

or principal refers a student to the program, he or she must agree to participate and, in the case of a minor, requires parental permission as well.

Study sessions will be held once weekly during the evening at the Eaton Valley CLC.

Funding for the program

comes from the *Direction de l'éducation des adultes et de l'action communautaire* of the provincial ministry of education.

For further information about the program, contact Kathy Richan, Executive Director of Literacy in Action at 819-346-7009 or at info@literacyinaction.info.

Free Internet Café: Spring / Summer Schedule

The weekly Tuesday night Internet Café at the CLC will continue under volunteer coordination throughout the spring and summer. Please note, however, there will be no Internet Café on June 24th (St-Jean) and on July 1st (Canada Day). As always, if you are interested in helping, please don't hesitate to call (819)570-7255. The Internet Café is open Tuesdays 7—9 p.m. and all are welcome! Fifteen laptops are available for use by members of the community. Happy surfing!



COORDINATOR NEWS!

For the next four months, Lise Coté-Dougherty will be assuming the coordination reins of the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre.

Having been involved with the development of the community learning centre from its inception last year, Lise is in an ideal position to take on these responsibilities. As a part-time teacher at Pope Memorial and as the facilitator for the intergenerational Farm's Alive project, she is familiar with the school and community alike. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to call Lise at 819-570-7255.

Nancy Beattie is expected back in September for what will no doubt be another busy year at the Eaton Valley CLC!

Learning: Delicious and Practical with Farms Alive!

The delectable smell of baking bread has been wafting down the hall at Pope Memorial, as we have the sounds of clicking knitting needles, hammers, and stories of maple sugaring in days gone by.

Why? A number of seniors willing to share their talents and know-how with their young neighbours, have been teaching students all nature of useful skills and practical knowledge from rural and farming life.

Among the learning sessions that have already taken place are embroidery, knitting, bread making, maple

sugaring (including a day in the sugar bush where students learned to identify a sugar maple as well as how to tap, collect and boil sap into that quintessential Townships treat) and wood-working.

Coming soon is a visit to a dairy farm for younger students and ice-cream making.

SUMMER PLANS

Over the summer, activities will be more low key but 4 volunteer students willing to learn about and help with a garden at St Paul's Home in Bury are wanted and project organizers are currently ex-

ploring the possibility of a summer field trip for interested seniors, parents and students.

The project will resume more intensive activities in the fall and will continue through to Christmas.

Managed by Townshipers' Research and Cultural Foundation, in partnership with the Eaton Valley CLC, St. Paul's Rest Home, the Community Table and Quebec 4-H, the one-time project funding comes from the New Horizons for Seniors program of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

A new partnership: Sûrité de Québec

The Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre is pleased to announce that a community partnership agreement has been signed with the SQ du Haut St-Francois detachment to facilitate background and security checks for volunteers as needed. Such police checks protect our valuable volunteers, as well as the vulnerable populations (ie. students) whom we serve.

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...because a learning community is a healthy community!

The Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre supports locally-driven initiatives leading to a healthy, dynamic, and sustainable community. Our CLC works with the community to build a culture of lifelong learning.

What is a CLC? A Community Learning Centre is a way of responding to community needs by working in partnerships to benefit students, families and the community at large. Our CLC is currently overseen by a dedicated steering committee including community members, teachers, community partner organizations, principals, and the coordinator. We welcome your feedback!

*Tout le monde est bienvenue aux activités et cours du Centre scolaire communautaire
mais il est à noter que les présentations se donnent normalement en anglais.*

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