# school news

# **Field Trips and Special Events Dominate Spring Schedule**

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year was Dummerston School! You can see all the grant recipients on the Hannaford's website at http://www.hannaford.com/Contents/Our\_Company/Community/programs/ hhs/index.shtml.

Our teddy bear tea was held in May and was a great success. Parents, grandparents, friends and toddlers were invited to join us for an afternoon of stories, snacks and information about the school. Parents who attended were able to learn about playgroups, early education services programs and the Welcome Baby Program, and get ideas about "getting ready for kindergarten."

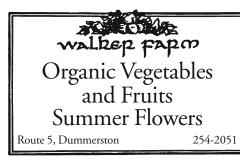
The retirement and recognition dinner was held on Friday, May 11th. Dummerston School recognized the following individuals for their years of service to the school: Mike Walior (five years), Rick Walsh (ten years), Heidi Gould (fifteen years), Stella White (twenty years) and Wendy Scott (thirty years). The evening also recognized Linda Ives for her many years of service and dedication to the Dummerston School community.

In June, Dummerston School hosted a morning of native American storytelling, song, and dance presented by Eaglebear and his son, Itsa of the Apache nation. Their presentation included songs, dances and storytelling as well as hands-on artifacts for the students to see and discuss. We are grateful to Kate White for introducing us to her friend, Eaglebear.

Our June recognition ceremony provided an

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afternoon of presentations and awards to many deserving students for their hard work and accomplishments throughout the year. Citizenship Awards were given to Tori Svec and Andrew Gadowski (fourth grade), Riley Johnson (fifth grade), Kayla Wood (sixth grade), Soren Pelz-Walsh (seventh grade) and Amy Murphy (eighth grade). Six and seventh grade academic/effort awards were given to Theresa Glabach, Hannah Reichel, Magda Blakeson and Jared Gray. Eighth grade academic/effort awards were given to Amy Murphy, Katy Annis, Travis Elliott-Knaggs and Trevor Emery. Eighth grade athletic awards were given to Travis Elliott-Knaggs, Shelby DavisLane, Tanner Walior and Erin Stachura.

The department of education notified us that



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Girls on the Run

Dummerston School's GOTC are (from the left): front row—C. Lackey, K. Lewis, B. Dews, K. Parker-Root, E. Rivera, J. Brown, F. Finnerty, G. Cassel, E. Schor; middle row—I. Renaud, H. Hobbs, A. Carpenter, L. Annis, M. Doucette, S. Harvey, S. Rivera; back row—coaching assistant A. Korenewsky, B. Snow, coach H. Parker.

Dummerston School will receive \$42,399.00 from the Small Schools Stability Grant for 2007-2008! That is good news!

I am also pleased to announce that Dummerston School made its annual yearly progress (AYP) for another year.

The PTFO sponsored their annual teacher/ staff appreciation breakfast in June. Along with our delicious breakfast buffet, we had an opportunity to pay tribute to three members of the Dummerston School community who will not be returning when school begins in September. Patty Walior and Lavon Butts have worked at Dummerston School for eight and nine years, respectively. They have filled various positions during their time here and they will be truly missed. Luckily for us, Patty and Lavon will continue to stay active in the PTFO. We also said good-bye to Linda Ives. Linda is retiring from education and Dummerston School after thirty seven years in the field. In June, members of the school board, teachers and staff paid tribute to Linda for her exceptional work on behalf of the Dummerston School community. Outstanding teachers like Linda exemplify the best that education has to offer. We wish her well and are grateful for the guidance and resources that she has provided to our new and equally capable middle school math teacher, Jen Brown.

We would like to thank everyone in the community for their support of our students and their accomplishments. We have had many volunteers throughout the year and we always appreciate the parents and community members who give their time for the benefit of our students. We look forward to seeing you next year at our concerts, games and other activities.