

Careful! Students are heading back to school

With the start of the new academic year in Belledune, school officials are asking both motorists and students to be extra careful.

"We're looking forward to seeing

everybody," says Gail Girouard, vice-principal at Jacquet River School. "Coming to school, please be careful of any vehicles."

The first day of class for students at

the kindergarten through to Grade 8 school is Tuesday, Sept. 6. The school bell will ring at 8:50 a.m. but school buses could be on the road as early as 7 a.m.

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Belledune's Jolee Donnelly wins New Brunswick drawing contest

The Donnelly family in Belledune has done it again.

Nine-year-old Jolee Donnelly took first place this year in the francophone category of the New Brunswick Provincial Capital Commission drawing contest for children aged five to 11 years of age. She's the daughter of Lyne and Ron Donnelly - and the sister of Alana Donnelly, who won the second-place award in a francophone writing category of the same contest just last year.

"I was happy to win but also surprised because there are many people who participated," said Jolee.

The francophone category of the drawing contest for her age group attracted 1,400 participants.

When then-10-year-old Alana Donnelly took second place in the writing contest last year with a French-language essay entitled Why New Brunswick is Proud of its Youth, she got the chance to meet and pose with then-Premier Shawn Graham. With the Progressive Conservative sweep last year, that party's leader, David Alward is the new premier.

This summer, Mr. Alward took the time to congratulate Jolee for winning the drawing contest - and to pose with her for a photograph after the awards ceremony in Quispamsis on New Brunswick Day.

"It's not everyone who can meet him," said Jolee afterwards. "I'm happy I did."

The top prize in the drawing contest came with a fun-filled day at TreeGo Moncton, where kids and adults alike can go from one tree to another suspended by cables.

Another winner in the contest was Cassandra Simon who is staying with Susan McGregor. Cassandra took second place in the five-to-11-year-old aboriginal category for her drawing.



Nine-year-old Jolee Donnelly poses with New Brunswick Premier David Alward after winning a provincial drawing contest.



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James' Messenger

I'm just trying to help my tough older brother

We were called the Steelers.

I was all of about 10 years old and it was only my second year playing football but it meant a lot to me that we had made it all the way to the championships.

And when I looked up from the middle of the field into the stands, past the rain-drenched, muddy field, there was my brother John.

In those days, he looked like a giant to me. He was a teenager. He shaved. And he stood over six feet tall.

I looked at him, he looked back and we went on to win the provincial championships.

Now, he's sick. For the past five years, John's been fighting for his life against cancer. He's had chemo, radiation and surgery. He's exercised with weights and forced himself to eat. He's won some battles. And, throughout it all, he's shown true grit.

Now, I want to help. I can't take John's chemo for him and I already pray but I want to do more. So, this year, I'm organizing the local Terry Fox Run in Bathurst on Sept. 18 to raise money for cancer treatment and research.

So far, my brother John's already benefitted from two new cancer treatments. The other day I spoke to him and he told me, "The trick is to stay alive long enough for them to come up with another treatment."

If you want to come out, just e-mail or phone me or, hey, just show up for the run or walk.

I'm doing it for John.

Maybe you can do it for someone close to you.

Birthday Corner

All free birthday wishes in *The Belledune Messenger* must include the first and last names of the well-wisher and the person having the birthday, the type of relationship between them, and the age of the birthday person. E-mail your birthday wishes to: acimediagroup@nb.aibn.com.

Happy birthday, Murray! James Risdon hopes Murray Gell-Mann, the scientist who postulated the existence of quarks (the particles not the Star Trek bar), has a great 82nd birthday on Sept. 15.

Council Meeting Schedule

Sept. 19	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	7 p.m.
Nov. 21	7 p.m.

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B elledune D ays celebrates our families and community !



Teens (and little tykes earlier in the day) may have kicked off the dances during Belledune Days.

But local seniors weren't sitting many dances out either when their night came. Reggie Noel (left) managed to steal away bartender Gail Legacy for at least one dance on Seniors' Night.



Families and community with



Barry Mazerolle (upper left) turned the platters, sometimes accompanied by Belledune's David Culligan, during the senior's dance at the Belledune Recreation and Cultural Centre.

During the Karaoke and Nacho Night, former Jacquet River resident Wayne Hickey's antics made the crowd roar with laughter.

Reggie Noel enjoys a hot dog on the festival's opening day.



down-home hospitality for visitors!



Even more seniors got up to dance when the music started to play at the Belledune Recreation and Cultural Centre than did the younger crowd at their events. Among the couples cutting a rug were Lonnie and Maudie Donnelly (right). Karlee Duivenvoorden gets ready to slam one for the Anyshore softball team during the mixed tourney.



Families, fun and summertime!



Anita Bertin, of Gravel Hill, was one of many to try her luck during the mackerel derby at Roherty Point on the Friday evening of the closing weekend.

On the same day, Derek Guitard showed his form at the bat for the Anyshore team during the mixed slow pitch tourney in the ballfield behind the Belledune Recreation and Cultural Centre

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Belledune Public Library	522-3701
Emergency	911
Environment New Brunswick Emergencies	547-2092 1-800-565-1633, afterhours
MLA Roland Haché - Nigadoo Chaleur Riding	542-2424, during business hours
MP Tilly O'Neill-Gordon - Miramichi Riding	1-800-567-5564 237-2333
NB Power - Outages - Streetlights	1-800-663-6272
RCMP	911 For emergencies 1-888-506-7267 Non-emergency
Blue Bin Recycling Program	546-8016, ask for Sarah
Restigouche County - SPCA - Animal Control	684-4396 557-9790 emergency
Roman Catholic churches - St. Gabriel The Archangel & St. John the Evangelist	237-2027
Royal Canadian Legion Durham - Jacquet River	237-2983
Village of Belledune Municipal Office	522-3700
Chief Administrative Officer - David Hughes	522-3703
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