



SACRED HEART

At Sacred Heart Catholic School, this month might have been the busiest one yet. We kicked off the month with our amazing Catholic School Council holding a grilled cheese day to raise funds for some more outdoor equipment. We acknowledged Catholic Education week with a number of activities. We began the week with our grade two students receiving their First Holy Communion and ended our week with our grade seven students receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. During this week, students also participated in a school-wide living rosary celebration and a May Crowning Mass to celebrate our Mother Mary. We had two teams represent our school at the Provincial Skills Canada competition

in Toronto, and it was a great experience for them. We celebrated volunteers this month with a special recognition of Mrs. Paige Penner at the Wellington Catholic Volunteer Recognition Night, where one volunteer from each school in the district is recognized. We held a number of spirit days over the last two months to raise money for United Way and are happy to report that our spring campaign raised more than \$1,000 for United Way Guelph, Wellington, Dufferin. Our junior and intermediate classes were very fortunate to participate in the Green Legacy program

of Wellington County. The grades four, five, and six students travelled to the Green Legacy greenhouses and were able to help with transplanting and care of the trees, while our intermediate students travelled to a local farm and planted over 500 trees in one morning. All students had a great time. We will be wrapping up this month with our grades three and six students writing EQAO, and we know they will do a great job. We are all looking forward to June and all the fun and excitement the end of the year always brings.



ACTON HIGH

Getting in touch with nature: Grade 11 students had the opportunity to go to Five Oaks Centre to learn about Indigenous cultures. While there, students made medicine bags and got in touch with nature by learning about the environment and the various edible plants available.

Walking for water: On May 15, students used buckets donated by Acton Home Hardware to carry water from Fairy Lake to symbolize the chores that many young people endure elsewhere to obtain clean water. This Me2We event raised \$250 to help build a water well abroad.

Soccer scores: The Junior Girls Soccer Team competed in an Oakville tournament last week, opening the day by defeating Abbey Park 3-1. Acton then faced Blacklock and was triumphant after a penalty shoot-out. Acton went on to lose 1-0 to Nelson in the semi-final game.

Red goes green: The closing night of Red3 on

Friday May 4 provided a unique opportunity for everyone as strong winds knocked out power just before the opening scene. However, the show went on with the use of both natural light and cell phone illumination from the audience.

War vet talk: On May 23, grade 10 students were visited by Phyllis Bunn, a WWII veteran and Acton resident. As an aerial photographer during the war, Phyllis relayed her experiences helping to train Allied Forces pilots along with her memories of life in Canada during that time.

Canadian wood: On May 15, students trav-

eled to Erin to check out a wood shop of former Acton High student Paul Lemiski. Paul started his career in the school's wood shop and continues to expand his business to this day. Students were inspired by his success story.

Comm Tech in May: Students recorded six songs after learning about acoustics, microphone placement and mixing from Brian Hewson at Escarpment Sound. Order of Canada recipient Brian Robertson highlighted his successful career in the music industry. Former Acton High student Joe Frechette chatted about his experiences working in film and television. Finally, Q107's Ryan Parker provided his outlook on the importance of networking.



ROBERT LITTLE

Things have been hopping over at Robert Little. Spring has finally arrived, and with it our new bridge. Our School Community has been patiently waiting for two years for the Bridge that connects our field to River Street. Now our community can directly access our field from the South East side of town without having to walk out to Main Street.

We know many families took advantage of the new bridge when they walked to our school for our annual musical, "Dig It". We had two sell out crowds at both our day and evening performances. The musical took us on a journey through Ancient Civilizations, and the catchy tunes and corny jokes were enjoyed by all. Our 168 students were spectacular as they wowed the crowd with their acting, singing and dancing.

May 7 to 11 was Mental Health Week in Ontario. Our staff and students were active each day that week engaging in activities that promote taking care of your mental health.

We took opportunities to be mindful, and classes spent time outdoors for some fresh air and sunshine. Our week of events ended with a full day of Yoga in the gym for all students to enjoy. We strive to make the connections with our students to value the time it takes to take care of your well being. We are grateful for the leadership of Mrs. Stoehr this year with all our well being activities.

This past month we were able to celebrate our HDSB Student of Excellence, Kate Grootendorst. Kate, a grade five student at Robert Little, excels in so many areas of school life; academics, athletics, arts and school leadership. Kate is a kind and generous student who is consistently kind, strives to do the best in all she does and makes a difference every day. We are so proud to celebrate her!

With May also comes our Annual Jump Rope for Heart

Event. Students wore red and spent up to 100 minutes outside moving to the beat of the music that was set up for them. Funds are still being counted but we feel we are going to make a substantial donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Thank you to all the families and community members who annually help us support this needy cause.

Our grade three students participated in EQAO right after Victoria Day. We are so proud of all our students who worked through some tough math problems and read some great poetry. The next few weeks are going to fly by for our students with so many great events planned.



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