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Kindergarten students from Mother Teresa School have been making the annual excursion to the maple syrup operation at the Hundt farm for 28 years.

(photo submitted)

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## Annual maple syrup trip a 28 year tradition

For nearly three decades, Kindergarten students from Mother Teresa School in Walkerton have been enjoying a sweet spring treat, courtesy of a local farm family.

The annual excursions to visit the Hundt family's maple syrup operation at RR 2, Walkerton were started by Gerard and Joan Hundt 28 years ago, and have continued after their son Francis and his wife Janice took over ownership of the farm 10 years ago. In fact, the elder Hundt's still help out with the visit, along with Francis and Janice's children. Janice's father

drill, while another tasted the sap running into buckets. A third group walked to the pan to observe the sap boiling. They learned it takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup.

Students then went back to the barn, where bales of hay had been set up for visitors to sit on. They were treated to six different kinds of cookies. Grandma Joan Hundt had made 40 dozen, which were enjoyed by the group, ravenous from walk.

Students were also treated to milk, donated by the Ontario Bio Organic