

## Fruits of their labour

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### 'Apple' Fundraiser Helps Students Get the Food They Need to Succeed in School-

(COLBORNE) – There's an 'art' to fundraising, and students at Colborne Public School are perfecting the process – all in support of their school's breakfast program.

Colourful posters made by Kindergarten and Grade 1 students from the school are now hanging up at the Foodland grocery store in Colborne. The posters encourage shoppers to buy 'apples' and support the school's breakfast program.

The apples are actual paper cut-outs that can be purchased for a minimum \$2 donation. Foodland customers will then write their names on the apple cut-outs showing their support for the school, and all money raised will go to the breakfast program at Colborne Public School. The program offers a full sit-down breakfast free-of-charge to students each morning before the start of class.

The fundraising project – which was co-ordinated by Corinna Hay, a parent at Colborne Public School – will continue to the end of the school year in June. Already, it has raised \$330 in just two months.

"Colborne is the heart of apple country, so this apple fundraiser is a perfect fit for a valuable program that supports our students' learning," says Pamela Buttery, the Principal at Colborne Public School. "We want to give credit to Corinna Hay for spearheading this project, and thank everyone who has already donated. We are also very appreciative of the support shown by Colborne Foodland in helping to make this happen."

Susan Greenwood, the Community Development Coordinator with Northumberland Food For Thought, says the apple fundraiser in Colborne is a great example of how a school and its community can come together to enhance student learning. Because government funding only covers some of the costs, she notes, volunteers and school communities have to fill the gap by fundraising and supporting their local programs.

"Many local students come to school hungry for a variety of reasons, and nutrition programs ensure they get the food they need to fuel learning and success in the classroom," she says.

Northumberland Food For Thought is the non-profit partnership that co-

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