

VEP students visit OPP, hospital

The VEP (Very Effective People) students of Cobden Public School had an educational and fun time on February 5 and 6. The grade 6 students from Mr. Jamieson's and Mr. Keon's classes travelled to Pembroke General Hospital and the Pembroke O.P.P. station.

At the police station, the students first watched a film about young offenders, while Constable Boire explained the consequences of breaking the law while between the ages of 12 and 17. Also shown were the many types of apparatus

used for smoking illegal drugs, from homemade to store-bought varieties.

A tour of the station was conducted, and the students were shown the communications room where all calls reporting accidents, crimes, etc. are received. The students then visited the holding cells which were small and dark and found they don't really feed criminals bread and water, but good food like hamburgers and fries.

After lunch, the group visited the Pembroke General Hospital and were shown the emergency room.

Nurse Myra Sloan demonstrated the procedures used by the hospital in the case of an unconscious patient. An aspirin overdose was used as an example—the most common overdoses by young people.

In the ambulance garage, the students were shown how equipment, such as stretchers, is used and under what circumstances. Inside the ambulance there are hundreds of different items for many different purposes. The students were surprised at how loud the siren sounds close-up.

At the Lorraine Building,

the boys and girls heard an interesting talk by Mr. Larry Sobol from the Addiction Research Foundation, about drugs, both illegal and prescription. They learned the most commonly used drug, and the one causing the most problems, is alcohol. The students also learned to think twice before lighting up or drinking.

The students thanked all of their hosts for an exciting and informative visit. Going on field trips has always been enjoyed by the students. They like seeing the real thing!

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A very large group of VEP [Very Effective People] students from Cobden Public School took a field trip to Pembroke earlier this month. While there

the students visited the OPP station and the Pembroke General Hospital.

CDES students will go on exchange

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A group of 26 students from Cobden District Elementary School will be travelling to Beauceville, Quebec next month as part of a bilingual exchange program organized by SEVEC (The Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada).

They will be living with local families in Beauceville for five days. The group will be leaving on Tuesday, March 24 and returning by train on Saturday, March 28.

"It will truly be a unique experience for these young participants to live, speak and understand our nation's

other official language," says Mme. Diane Matthieu, project co-ordinator and school teacher at Cobden.

"The participants are between the ages of 12 and 14 and have been looking forward to this occasion after several months of preparation."

The students participating in the exchange are Chanda Gibson, Stephanie Keon, Shawna Mick, Cecille Smith, Becky Childerhose, Jennifer Sutton, Emily Godin, Darlene Jackson, Susanne Warren, Sonia Warren, Marie-Paule Cotie, Alison Rae, Kristi McHugh,

Becky Langstaff, Kealy Graham, Chris Krieger, Christopher Hall, Edward Egan, Todd Leach, Keith Sexton, Brad Turcotte, Brad Dowdall, Jim Gouthro, Kerr Childerhose, David Rose and Paul Reinert. Principal Henry Brown and Mme. Matthieu will be escorting the students.

Shortly afterwards, on June 2, it will be the Beauceville students' turn to travel to Cobden and stay with our local families for five days also.

The project is organized with the support of the parents, the Renfrew Coun-

ty Board of Education, Cobden District Elementary School and SEVEC, which subsidizes the transportation costs for the 26 participants. Funding for the transportation is provided by the Ontario Ministry of Education and/or by Open House Canada, the youth exchange program of the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada.

SEVEC, an independent, non-profit organization, has a background dating back to 1936 in organizing successful exchanges. Close to 100,000 young Canadians have now participated.