



Grade 3 students all helped each other to pick-up pollution in Joseph Gibbons parkette on Friday.

Novel ending for pupils, pollution gathered up

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Two classes of Grade 3 students at George Kennedy public school have come up with a novel way to spend the last day before summer holidays—picking up garbage.

"When I have gum wrappers, I put them in the garbage," says eight-year-old Nicole Howarth.

Putting up posters to remind people not to litter is a good idea, believes George Kent, 9. It's important "so that Canada could be cleaner," he says.

For Cathy Lyons, 8, the fight against litter begins at home. She says she cleans the recreation room and "the garbage under the couch," although she adds quickly, "there's not much." People who are spotted making litter should be asked to clean it up, she says.

The children and their

classmates are part of the classes of Chris Jefferson and Beverly Whatmough. The two teachers have integrated the study of pollution into their language, mathematics and social studies. On Friday morning they spent about an hour cleaning up the school ground and adjoining park.

The other two Grade 3 classes at George Kennedy also study pollution but not in an integrated fashion.

Steven Yeo, 8, says, "We should try and recycle things. Things maybe could be in rough shape and we could fix them." Steven said he talked his father out of throwing away a rabbit hutch. "I told him we were studying pollution and he decided to keep it."

Steven said he once found a toy car with a bent wheel at the side of the road and took it home. He started to fix the wheel, "and got Dad to finish it

up." After it was fixed, Steven painted it red and orange.

Water pollution is the most serious, says John David Rogers, 9. The solution is not to throw cans, paper or "bottles of stuff" into the water, he says, but "to put them in the garbage."

John also admits to creating some pollution of his own—noise pollution— "shouting when I'm playing soccer."

Noise pollution is also a problem Anthony Beaumont tackled in his poster, a two-part effort showing the problem and the solution. Water pollution is a world-wide problem with people in boats in the oceans throwing garbage in the water, he says.

Unless littering is stopped, says Brian Bell, 8, the world will be covered with litter in about 100 years. Pollution is increasing because people are demanding more and more things with the result that there's more smoke coming out of factory chimneys.

"In our house we don't have very much air pollution," Brian says, "but sometimes there's a lot of noise in our house. My brother and I make a lot of noise and hurt our mother's ears."

Air pollution is a particular concern to Darla Gillespie, 8. By drawing pictures showing the problem and the solution, pollution can be cleaned up, she believes.

Darla is against smoking because of the health hazard and because "it makes the air dirty." Pollution from car exhausts is also serious, Darla believes. "Ask your Dad to get a muffler so the exhaust won't go out."

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