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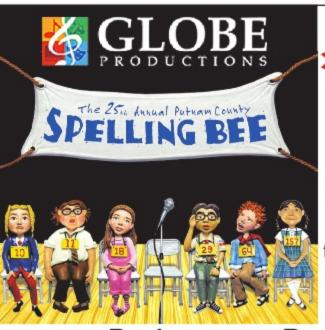
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Ethel Gardiner students create documentary on water wastage

By Kathryn Boyle kboyle@theifp.ca

A student group in a local Grade 7/8 split class has created a documentary on water wastage and how to conserve water.

The group, consisting of students Abbey Hogan, Aeryn Lediard, Benjamin Macor, Colin Hunter, Connor McConaghie-Butt, Daniel Ho and Simon Dawes is just one of three groups working on a documentary. They attend Ethel Gardiner Public School in teacher John Dinner's class, and began working on the project in December.

The documentary is one of many films to be submitted to a Toronto film festival called Water Docs. In this competition, schools from across the GTA are asked to create a four-minute documentary about water issues in their community and to develop an action plan to address the issue.

Although Water Docs has been going on for two years, this is the first year Dinner brought it into his classroom.

Kids these days are interested in multimedia. They re on their phone on the time so might as well turn them into tools to learn with, Dinner said. I got them outside, taking photographs and shooting clips and thinking about what it is they re taking pictures of give a little bit of purpose to what they do naturally.

It also has great cross-curricular learning, he added. It's got science, with the water and the systems, you ve got language arts with the writing of questions, and then even a component of the language now is media literacy.

The documentary is called Taking Care of Water: A Recipe for a Healthy Future, and Dinner has left it up to the students to investigate on their own.

The issue the students chose to focus

on is water wastage and the steps to take to conserve water properly.

We thought it was a really large issue in Halton, Lediard said. It's something we can relate to often, in many different ways, and people of all ages can apply it to their lifestyle.

The students saw the effects of purchasing bottled water, which only strengthened their motivation to finding a better

To get some of their information, the students interviewed Peter Smith, product director of Angus GeoSolutions Inc. in Halton Hills, where they learned about the many ways in which water is wasted and how to conserve water. They also received some assistance from the Town in getting their information, and plan on putting up some flyers to help bring awareness to water wastage.

Some of the ways to conserve water include turning the tap off while brushing your teeth, checking your home for cracked or rusted pipes, and watering lawns only as needed.

The documentary is in its final stages and will be handed in to Dinner on April 6.

We re a couple weeks away from the due date and we just have some editing and some voice-overs that have to do with the facts we learned from our interviews and otherwise, Dawes said.

We ve had a few months to work on this project, Macor added.

It s really coming together now, Lediard chimed in.

The subject of the documentary came easily to the group after they looked and learned about water conservation and the ways people in Halton were wasting water.

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