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Leslee Savage of Ballantrae Public School is chased by Ciji Kuczma of Scarborough's Tom Longboat Public School at the pen pal picnic last week.

Ballantrae students celebrate Canada

KATE GILDERDALE
 Correspondent

On June 2, Kindergarten stu-

dents from Ballantrae Public School played host to their counterparts from Scarborough's Tom Longboat Public School in a celebration of Canada's multicultural mosaic.

The get-together was originally inspired by publicity for Canada 125, explained Ballantrae Kindergarten teacher Carol Wells, whose son, Stephen Dow, teaches junior and senior Kindergarten at Tom Longboat.

"Stephen and I thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to twin the two classes,

because his children are very multicultural and live in an urban environment, many of them in high rises."

The majority of students from Ballantrae, on the other

hand, "are a pretty homogeneous group, living in a rural setting." Both teachers felt that exposure to other cultures early in life could go a long way towards diffusing racial tensions later on.

"We wanted to make a little contribution in terms of getting kids together from different backgrounds and helping them to get to know each other," observed Wells.

Mother and son started the ball rolling early in February, when the children began to correspond with each other, first with one huge letter from the class and then individually, as students were twinned with specific pen pals.

"We took miniature photos from the school photograph and included them with the letters," she said. Whenever a package arrived from Tom Longboat, noted Wells, there

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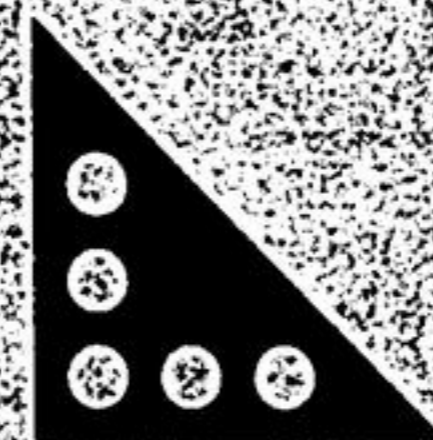
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