



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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"A BAD PENNY" COMES BACK TO W.E.C.D.S.B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

In the final days of World War II, seven brave young RCAF men (including Windsor pilot Bob Upcott) and their Lancaster bomber, "Bad Penny," were chosen for a dangerous mission to help a country in need. As in the old expression, "... like a bad penny, it keeps coming back" Bad Penny and her crew flew over enemy territory to Holland where they "bombed" the Dutch with food bundles. Their successful test run served to launch the Allies' "Operation Manna;" over 11,000 tons of food was dropped in 10 days to the Dutch people.

Their story was the basis of the book "A Bad Penny Always Comes Back" by Glen Mitchell. Mitchell is very generously providing each elementary school in the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board with a copy of the picture puzzle based on his book. The puzzles will be presented to the Grade 3 class at St. Jules Catholic Elementary School. Retired teacher Joyce Cherwak, who works as a volunteer on the Lancaster bomber restoration project, will also read to the children from the book.

DATE: Monday, November 16, 2009

TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Jules Catholic Elementary School, 1982 Norman Rd.

All media are invited to attend this event.

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