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## **ST. WILLIAM**

# *World Down Syndrome Day*



St. William Catholic School students, including Mrs. Roy's Grade 2/3 class (pictured), showed their support for World Down Syndrome Day by wearing crazy socks recently. Down Syndrome International encouraged people all over the world to help raise awareness of what Down syndrome is, what it means to have Down syndrome and how people with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities.

Photo courtesy of Joe Fata

## Holy Names high school Robotics Teams



Holy Names high school, one of 10 rookie teams from the Windsor area, surprised the competition at the Windsor Essex Great Lakes Regional FIRST Robotics Competition at the St. Denis Centre Saturday, April 6, 2014, by punching their ticket to the world championship. (JOEL BOYCE/The Windsor Star)

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### **Sandwich, Holy Names robotic teams advance to world championships in St. Louis**

The Windsor Star

Joel Boyce

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Basketball playing robots took centre court Saturday as 1,500 tech-savvy students from across North America went head-to-head by putting their mechanical and intellectual masterpieces to the test.

“It’s LeBron James meets General Motors,” said Irek Kusmierczyk, director of robotics and youth programs at the WEtech Alliance. “We knocked it out of the park.”

The Windsor Essex Great Lakes Regional FIRST Robotics Competition attracted students from 13 schools in Windsor and Essex county, along others from across Ontario, Quebec, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana for a two-day competition at the University of Windsor’s St. Denis Centre.

And students Sandwich and Holy Names secondary schools earned tournament honours, with both team qualifying for the world championships in St. Louis, April 23-26.

Each year a different style of game in play for the FIRST Robotic competitors. This year it was basketball. Teams had six weeks to prepare a robot for the 2014 challenge called Aerial Assist. The freshly built machine required some basketball skills, with points being awarded scored when the ball hits the scoring net and when team members successfully pass the ball to other robots.

Veteran competitors from Sandwich high school took top honours Saturday, winning the Chairman's Award for the first time.

Winning the prestigious award in their hometown was an honour, said lead mentor Lee Awad.

"We couldn't script this any better," said Awad, a teacher at Sandwich high school.

Saturday was also a day for the underdogs.

Holy Names secondary school, one of 10 rookie teams from the Windsor area, surprised the competition by punching their ticket to the world championship.

Catherine Tillie, teacher and mentor from Holy Names, remained in shock long after their team — along with robot Johnny Five — was awarded regional finalist. She found it difficult to describe her exact feelings.

"All we wanted was a working robot and not to be embarrassed on the field," she said. "It kept going forward and we kept getting excited."

Windsor was one of seven Canadian cities selected to be permanent host of this event. Organizers are already preparing for next year.

Kusmierczyk said the robotics competition will bring \$500,000 to \$1 million in direct economic benefit to Windsor each year.

It can also direct young people into the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as well as skilled trades — addressing Windsor's youth unemployment crisis and skills mismatch that is hampering local industry, according to Kusmierczyk.

When Tillie first brought the idea to her school last year, nobody knew what it was. Now students want to be involved. Tillie said it's already changed the lives of her students, convincing some to change their career paths towards skilled trades and robotics.

"I'm happy I had a small part in that," she said.

Tillie also said the robotics competition is turning Holy Names into a more technically focused school.

"This is phenomenal for Windsor," he said. "This is going to help develop the next generation of engineers, technology entrepreneurs and skilled workers.

"These (fields) are where the jobs of tomorrow are going to be — and the jobs of today. We're leading them to promising career paths."

Greg Phillips, a team leader from Simcoe high school in St. Catharines, was impressed by Windsor's hosting debut.

"This is the best regional event I've been to in years," he said. "It's so professional, that's the only way I can describe it."

Phillips praised the location, the 12-membered regional committee, St. Clair College's on-location mobile workshop and the team social event with over 600 kids enjoying Adventure Bay.

"This weekend has been electrifying," said Gary Rossy, pit administration leader and co-winner of the Volunteer of the Year award.

Kusmierczyk said more than 40 companies are supporting this grassroots, industry-driven tournament funding and mentoring. He hopes to develop the kind of technology and engineering talent in the city that will attract long-term industry investment in Windsor.

"There's nothing like this," he said. "Windsor needs to step up and get behind this program. It's good for the city."

A delegation of 30 people from Changchun, Windsor's sister city in China, visited the tournament and agreed to send a team next year.

"This is a tremendous event," he said. "This is something we should be proud of."

# St. Anthony School Students Celebrate Differences at Inclusion Assembly

by Heather Marentette

St. Anthony School students joined with countless others from around the world last week to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day and promoted acceptance of people of all abilities and backgrounds.

On Tuesday, April 2, the students participated in their first ever Inclusion Assembly. Lead by school Principal, Carl Bull, the assembly featured short videos or presentations created by various classrooms that demonstrated how they accepted others every day.

“Many, many students face challenges. Challenges that we see and challenges



**St. Anthony Catholic School in Harrow held a special Inclusion Assembly last week in support of World Autism Awareness Day. Pictured above is a puzzle created by the students of the school in recognition of the symbol for Autism Awareness.**

that we don't see,” said Bull. “The question I want to ask is how can we as a school

community put our arms around those students and help them.”

Every year, Autism organizations, schools, businesses and individuals throughout the world celebrate World Autism Day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events. This year marks the seventh annual World Autism Awareness Day and the slogan, Light it Up Blue for Autism Awareness, was evident at St. Anthony's last week as almost every student donned a shade of blue for the day.

Hanging on the wall throughout the assembly was a giant blue puzzle with each of its pieces created by a student in the school. A puzzle piece has been symbolic of Autism Awareness for a number of years and this project, said Bull,

was to promote the fact that although every student is different, when they are put together, they are complete.

“When we talk about inclusion, it takes what we believe internally of our faith

and it challenges us to take that even farther...It challenges us to be aware of how we act towards one another every day,” said Bull.

Also attending the assembly was a representative from the

Windsor chapter of Autism Ontario. On behalf of the entire school, Bull presented a cheque to Autism Ontario for \$450, raised through the sale of special bracelets.

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# **Sea of Blue**



Photo courtesy of Joe Bachetti

The seventh annual World Autism Awareness Day was held on April 2. St. William Catholic School staff and students donned their blue attire to show their support. St. William also sold \$2 bracelets and raised nearly \$600 for Autism Ontario.

# ST. PIUS X

## *Kids helping kids*

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As part of their Lenten project, students in Mrs. Coughlin's Grade 6 class at St. Pius X Catholic School collected items of clothing for students at St. Angela's School. Many of the children involved performed extra chores at home to earn money to be used for the purchase of socks and other items. The response from St. Pius families to the needs of others in the WECDSB community was overwhelming. Thank you to all families who took part in the project.

Photo courtesy of Nancy Sarkis



## March Madness!

St. John the Baptist held it's own March Madness Junior Basketball Tournament involving over 50 students from Grades 4 to 6. The teams were coached and refereed by the Grade 7 leaders. After several weeks of round robin games where new skills were learned, the Heat prevailed as champions.



# Windsor student wins 3D redesign challenge



Marco Angione, 18, holds a 3D model version of the design which won first place worldwide in the Stratasys Extreme Redesign 3D Printing Challenge. (Sean Previl/Special to The Star)



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A Windsor student is walking away with a big win on a global scale.

Marco Angione, an 18-year-old Grade 12 student at Catholic Central High School, won first place worldwide recently in the high school category of the Stratasys Extreme Redesign 3D Printing Challenge.

The competition asked secondary and post-secondary students around the globe to take a product and think of a way to improve on what it does. More than 600 entries were received from 12 countries including Canada, the United States and China.

The students were divided into three categories: art and architecture, high school, and college engineering. A top 10 list was released for each category last month and the top three were chosen last week by four experts in the fields of 3D printing, design and engineering. There was also a bonus Extreme Sport category in which only one winner was announced.

Late last year Angione's technological design teacher Josh Spina decided to make it a class project. Spina said the competition gave students the opportunity to explore their creative side.

"With a design class you always have to have the students be motivated and interested in (the class) and have creative freedom," said Spina. "When I heard about this competition, I thought it offered the flexibility to each individual to take the project and run with it in their own directions."

Angione designed a socket gun attachment to allow drivers and automotive technicians to screw and unscrew all five bolts on and off a car tire at the same time. He said changing tires at his co-op placement, Allchin Brake & Steering, was a difficult task and it's what prompted the project.

"I started to think about the struggles and thought, 'How could I make a mechanic's job easier?'" said Angione.



Marco Angione, 18, with his 3D design which won first place worldwide in the Stratasys Extreme Redesign 3D Printing Challenge. (Sean Previl / For The Windsor Star)

Knowing he was competing on a worldwide scale made him nervous but winning the competition made the entire experience worthwhile, he said.

“Finding out that I won top 10 was pretty exciting but finding out that I won first place was over the moon for me. Winning this competition made me feel better about myself and made me feel confident about the work that I achieved. It was a big thing for me because I had never won a competition like this.”

Spina said while he was always an engaged student, Angione showed real interest in this project because he was able to focus on the field he wanted to go into.

“Sometimes I have to get them motivated and keep them on task and I didn’t have to do that this time with Marco,” said Spina.

Angione will receive a cheque for US\$2,500 and also received a 3D model of his design and a \$50 gift card for making the top 10 in his category. He said he will use the money to assist in paying for his post secondary education at St. Clair College, where he will start in the motive power technician program in September.



Team Canada Olympic women's hockey player Meghan Agosta — fifth from left — poses for photos with the Cardinal Carter girls hockey team and her three Olympic gold medals following a rally at the school's gymnasium Friday, April 12.



Three-time Olympic gold medalist Meghan Agosta poses with "celebrities" following a Cardinal Carter version of the talk show Ellen in the school's gymnasium Friday, April 12.

## Agosta returns to her roots

By Bryan Jessop

Three-time Olympic women's hockey gold medalist Meghan Agosta was given a celebrity's welcome for a return visit to her former high school, Cardinal Carter.

A rally in the school's gymnasium greeted the Ruthven born-and-raised Olympian in the form of a talk show featuring numerous other "celebrities," including students portraying the likes of Ellen Degeneres, Danica Patrick, Zayn of One Direction, Lady Gaga, Zach Galifianakis and several others. During the tribute, the school made a presentation of \$800 for the Meghan Agosta Foundation, an organization Agosta created to help underprivileged youths from across Canada play ice hockey.

The original contribution was \$500, collected during Olympic Spirit Day where the school's students and staff gathered in the gymnasium to watch Agosta and her team storm back for a 3-2 overtime gold medal victory against the United States. Following the event, however, staff members pooled their resources to contribute another \$300 for the foundation.

During the visit, again with nearly the entire student population gathered in the gym, Agosta described her experiences in Sochi, Russia while witnessing and taking part in a few unique activities organized in her honour.

"We went through so much adversity, with players getting cut, our coach resigning a month-and-a-half before the Olympic games — they pushed us out of our comfort zone," Agosta explained. "With five minutes left, I looked up at the clock and wondered 'how the heck are we going to do this?'" — a reference to Canada trailing the U.S. 2-0 in the dying minutes of the gold medal contest.

"I wake up every single morning and I still can't believe

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Team Canada gold medalist Meghan Agosta accepts a rose from "Zayn" of One Direction as "Ellen" looks on during a rally at the Cardinal Carter gymnasium Friday, April 12.



"Andy" presents a cheque of \$500 to Team Canada Olympic gold medalist Meghan Agosta for the Meghan Agosta Foundation during a rally at the Cardinal Carter gymnasium Friday, April 12. The school actually raised \$800 for the foundation, established to give underprivileged children in Canada the chance to play organized hockey.

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how we pulled that off," she continued. "I'm pretty proud of myself and my teammates."

The series of events during the rally included a cake-cutting ceremony, a putting contest between Agosta and Cardinal Carter's OFSSA golfer Devan Schulert, a few brief dance lessons offered by the stand-in line-up of celebrities and the official unveiling, signing and retirement of Agosta's #2 Cardinal Carter hockey jersey. The number will no longer be used by either boys or girls Cougar hockey teams.

During the event, Agosta discussed topics such as pastimes, superstitions, experiences as an aspiring player growing up in Ruthven and her intention to again represent the Canadian women's hockey team for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in South Korea.

"South Korea is definitely on my mind," Agosta said. "I still have a lot more to give and to represent Canada is such an honour. I guess time will tell and we'll see what happens."



Cougar Robotics team is comprised of, back row left to right: Bryanna Romanyk, Hannah Iacobelli, Steven Zuccato, Mark Smith, teacher Brad Chambers, Juliano Marujo, Domenique Mastronardi, Liam Mastronardi. Front from left: Costa Liovas, Alex Hamelin, Grant Sutherland. Absent from photo: Curtis Lacount, Chris Lapa.

## Cougar Robotics competes in the first Windsor-Essex Great Lakes Regional Robotics Competition

On April 3-5, the Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School's robotics team, Cougar Robotics, competed against 39 other teams from across Ontario, Quebec and the United States at the first Windsor-Essex Great Lakes Regional Robotics Competition. The event was held at the University of

Windsor.

Under the guidance of teacher Brad Chambers, 12 students from grade 9-12 with an interest in engineering and technology participated in the competition. In order to compete, the team had 6 weeks to design, build and program a robot that would be able to launch a large ball to other robots and through goal posts.

Although the rookie team did not advance into the final rounds, they performed well and found the competition to be a great experience.

Cougar Robotics would like to thank all of the sponsors for their generous donations of time, financial support and services. Thanks to their generosity, Cougar Robotics was able to participate in the competition.

Students are already preparing for next year's event and are looking for additional sponsors. If you would like to be a sponsor please contact Cougar Robotics at [cougarrobotics4932@gmail.com](mailto:cougarrobotics4932@gmail.com)

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## St. Louis badminton team wins WECD SB championship



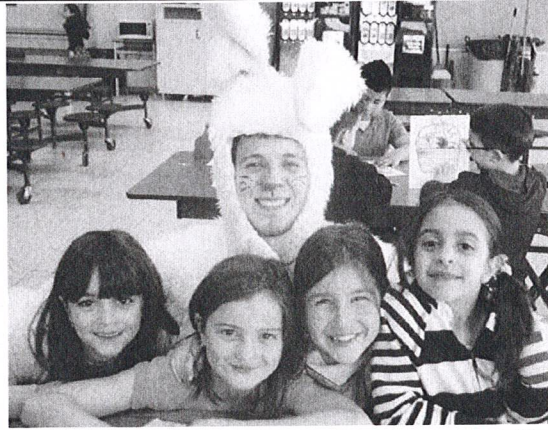
**St. Louis School's badminton team, back row left to right: Ms. Gebrail (coach), Dairene Daman, Aiden Rodrigues, Reis Rocheleau, Charbel Nohra, Solomon Sleiman, Dan Daman, Alejandro Salan, Paige Thompson, Brennah Winderburn, Miranda Obeid. Middle row: Diana Jiminez, Kaitlyn Simpson, Jaclyn Moore, Gillian Marocko, Matt Carvalho, Austin Paparola, Tiana Bowman. Front: Derrick Antunes, Mark Jraiche.**

St. Louis School's badminton team ended its season last week by winning a WECD SB championship at the University of Windsor. The Leamington team had a 17 point margin over runner-up Holy Name of Essex.

Placing first were Mark Jraiche in singles, Dairene Daman and Paige Thompson in doubles, and Derrick Antunes and Brennah Winderburn in mixed-doubles. Finishing in second place were Tiana Bowman in singles, Charbel Nohra and Solomon Sleiman in doubles, and Matt Carvalho and Kaitlyn Simpson in mixed doubles. Finishing in third place were Aiden Rodrigues in singles, Dan Daman and Austin Paparola, and Jaclyn Moore and Miranda Obeid in doubles. St. Louis School hosted four invitational tournaments of its own this season and its 32-member team managed to win all four of those as well.



From left to right are Queen of Peace students Cole Gualtieri, Joshua Chauvin, Owen Pimentel and Julien Pereira with the Easter Bunny (Valere Gaspard, CC).



Queen of Peace students, from left to right, Daesa Minaudo, Alessia West, Carys D'Alimonte and Marianna Saad with the Easter Bunny (Valere Gaspard, CC).

## Students enjoy visit with Easter Bunny

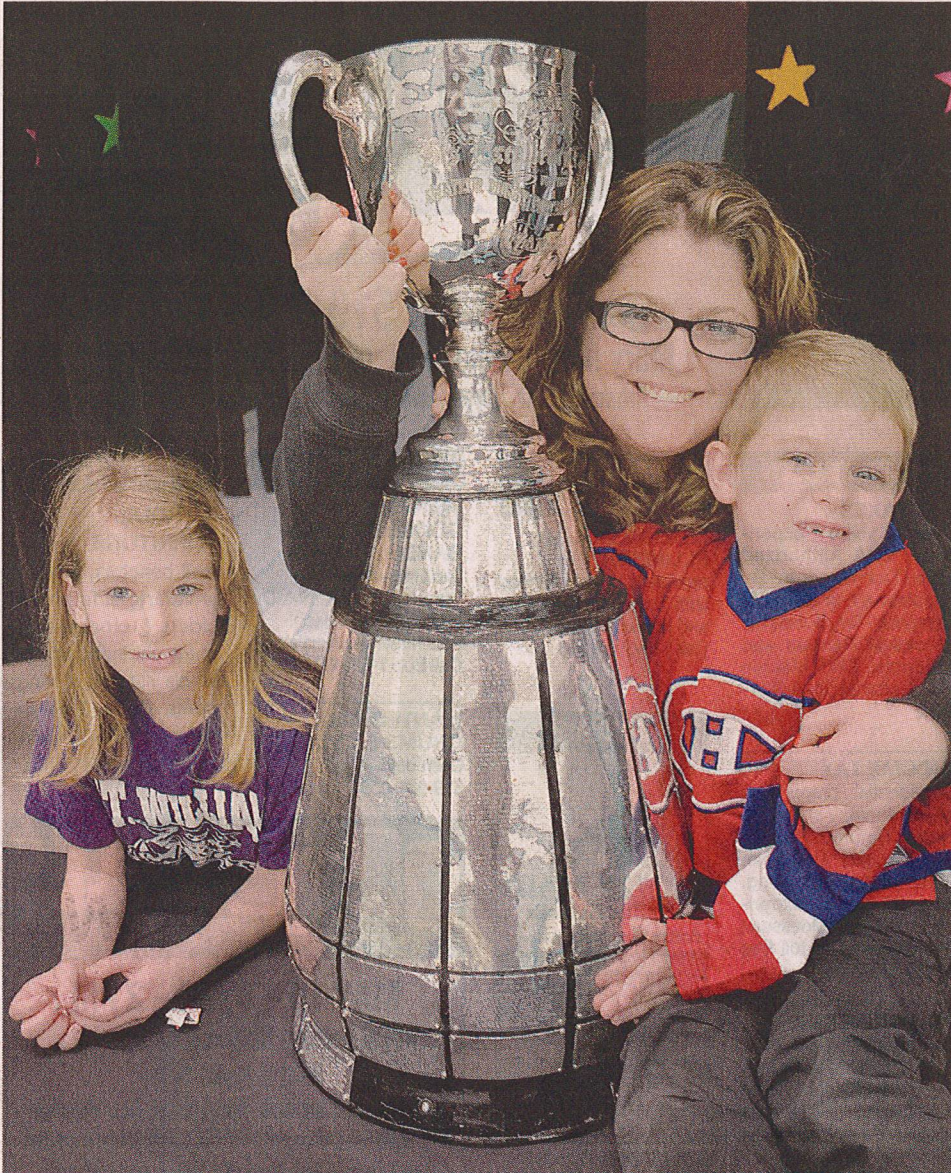
On Wednesday, April 6, children from four local Catholic elementary schools (Queen of Peace, St. Louis, St. John de Brebeuf and Holy Name) attended an Easter Egg Hunt at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School. They participated in face-painting, a colouring contest, an egg hunt, and a hotdog lunch. There was even a visit from the Easter Bunny! The activity was organized by both the Leadership students and Student Parliament at CC. Fun was had by all!



## Haircuts for Cancer

Brooke Da Costa (left), 8 years old, and her friend Brooklyn Loeppgy (right), 9 years old, have been growing their hair for almost two years now, in hopes to have enough length to donate their hair to cancer patients. Originally they thought it was a great idea to be able to help cancer patients by donating their hair, but since they heard about local cancer fighter, 7-year-old Aubri Andre, their motivation has skyrocketed! "My hair will just grow back, so it just makes sense to donate it!" said Brooke. The girls decided to do it together during Easter weekend, on Sat. Apr. 19, at Ulook hair salon in Kingsville where hair stylist Teresa Avelar (centre) gave them a new look. Brooke and Brooklyn are classmates in Grade 3 at Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School in Leamington and have been great friends for over two years now! *(Photo submitted)*

# 'Bring Home the Cup' contest winner



Shoreline Week photo: Matt Weingarden

Tina Camlis and her children Kayla, 9, and Noah, 6, pose with the Canadian Football League's Grey Cup at St. William Catholic School last week. Camlis was selected as the national winner in the Lowe's Canada "Bring Home the Cup" contest. She chose to have the historic trophy delivered to her kids' school so over 600 students could catch a rare glimpse of the Cup. Camlis also received a \$500 Lowe's gift card and \$500 cash prize.



# THE HARROW NEWS

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## Elementary Schools Celebrate Earth Day with Legacy Tree Plantings



Early years students, Landon Marontate and Maeve Giroux, helped out a couple employees from the Town of Essex last week during their school's Legacy Tree Planting event hosted by the Communities in Bloom committee.



Grade eight St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School students, Nathan Cacilhas and Kevin White, lent a helping hand during their school's Legacy Tree Planting, held last week in honour of Earth Day thanks to the Town of Essex, Communities in Bloom and TD Friends of the Environment.

by Heather Marentette

Students at six elementary schools within the Town of Essex celebrated Earth Day in a special way last week with Legacy Tree Planting events designed to promote environmental awareness and stewardship amongst the younger generation.

Harrow Public School, Essex Public School, St. Anthony Catholic Elemen-

tary School, Holy Name Catholic Elementary School, Colchester North Public School and Ecole Elementaire Catholique Sainte-Ursule were all presented with red maple trees, a native species of the local Carolinian region by the town's Communities in Bloom (CIB) committee on Tuesday, April 22. The committee was able to make

this event a reality thanks to generous funding from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation which donated \$2,000 towards the plantings.

Through the Legacy Tree Planting Program, the senior graduating classes from each participating school are asked to plant their school's tree in honour of Earth Day (continued on page 8)

## Elementary schools Celebrate Earth Day with Legacy Tree Plantings



The Town of Essex and its Communities in Bloom committee hosted Legacy Tree Plantings at local elementary schools last week in honour of Earth Day thanks to the funding from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. Pictured above are students from Harrow Public School.

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program's aim is to help create a legacy of environmental awareness over the

course of a student's academic life at the school while also encouraging students to take pride in their community by enhancing and beautifying green spaces.

"The students here are very important to our legacy program," said Anne Marontate, a CIB committee member, to Harrow Public School students during the planting. "You get to watch it grow but you have to take care of it...as you grow, you'll be able to watch the tree grow every year and one day, you'll be able to do the same for another class."

The tree at Harrow Public School was planted outside the front entrance of the school, incorporated in the main landscaping there, so students and visitors to the school will be able to see it as they walk in.



On April 22, Earth Day, Legacy Tree Plantings were held at five local schools including St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School by the town's Communities in Bloom committee.

Adrienne Reaume, Vice Principal at Harrow Public School thanked the Town of Essex, Communities in Bloom and TD Friends of the Environment for making the tree planting possible and assured them that the students would nurture and care for their new tree.

"We're very excited and looking forward to having some more greenery out here," said Reaume.

Later in the afternoon, St. Anthony School received their own red maple tree which was planted in the back school yard as part of

the naturalized space there. A number of other trees and shrubs have already been planted in this section of the school yard which provides a green backdrop for activities and a place for students to learn about the

environment.

"You've done a great job so far and I think that the whole town is really proud of you," said Brenda Dunn, CIB committee member during the St. Anthony School tree planting.

School Principal, Carl Bull, acknowledged the Communities in Bloom committee for the contributions they've made to the school's green space in the past and thanked them once again for this latest addition.

"Communities in Bloom has been a great partner for the school for many years and I'd love to see that continue," said Bull. "I know that the students really appreciate this area back here and we love being able to watch it grow."