

# St. Anne's In Motion!

Lakeshore Mayor Tom Bain, Deputy Mayor Al Fazio and Lakeshore Recreation Co-ordinator Mariette Renaud joined St. Anne's students last week for the annual 'In Motion' community walk.

The walk is held in support for a healthier active community across Windsor-Essex. The event is supported by the Healthy Kids Community Challenge Windsor Essex and the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Take Charge program.



# St. Louis helps 'Drive Away Hunger'

By Bryan Jessop

Students at Leamington's Catholic elementary school got into the generous spirit of Thanksgiving a few days early this year.

St. Louis Catholic Elementary School once again took part in Farm Credit Canada's yearly Drive Away Hunger campaign, partnering with the organization's Essex County branch to donate just under 1,400 pounds of non-perishable food items. From Monday, Oct. 2 to delivery day — Friday, Oct. 6 — students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 brought donations from family members to the school in support of Leamington's St. Vincent de Paul.

Upon arrival, FCC representatives Lori Simard, Lauren Ball, Paul Bateman and Henry Hotz were greeted by St. Vincent de Paul's president Carol Lesinky, secretary Stephanie Heaton and spiritual advisor deacon Alex Litt.

"This means that we can continue to provide to those in need," explained Lesinky. "It's also really important that these students know what they can do and that they learn to be responsible in their community."

This year marks FCC's 14th annual Drive Away Hunger campaign, a cross-Canada initiative that has thus far provided more than 33 million meals. St. Louis has been involved with Drive Away Hunger since its inception in 2003 and currently participates in the charitable gesture as a ME to WE School. St. Louis principal Kelly



Farm Credit Canada's Paul Bateman is assisted by St. Louis Catholic Elementary School students in loading up trucks with Drive Away Hunger donations at the school Friday, Oct. 6. The donations were delivered by FCC employees to St. Vincent de Paul at St. Michael's Catholic Church on Elliott Street in Leamington. (SUN Photo)

Riley explained that the program coincides with the school's ongoing compassion theme, also noting that the donations made will remain within the Leamington region.

"The real goal is to teach the kids that they can make a difference, no matter their age or size," she said. "That's the beauty of being a WE school — we do both local and global projects throughout the school year and students get a real feel for the positive impact they're making."

Drive Away Hunger was organized as one of St. Louis's social justice initiatives, the first of the school year following WE Day in To-

ronto earlier this fall. Nine students and teacher Jessica Meloche were selected to attend the by-invitation

SUV brought by local FCC reps were loaded by Grade 5 and 6 students before being shipped to the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. This year's five-day collection included several boxes of cereal, canned goods, pasta, crackers, baby food and other items on the FCC's list of crucial food bank requirements.

Lesinky pointed out that this year's St. Louis contribution is exceptionally valuable, as the need for the food bank's resources continues to grow. A campaign to increase the current St. Vincent de Paul's membership from the current group of eight is ongoing. At one point, Lesinky explained, resources reached a low that forced the food bank to temporarily close its doors.

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only event that included thousands of students from across Ontario. The list of special guests included Prince Harry.

The FCC formula of two meals per pound of food collected translated into 2,790 meals from St. Louis this year. The pick up truck and



# Giving thanks at

# St. John the Evangelist

Story and photo by  
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Last Friday students at St. John the Evangelist school in Woodslee were treated to the annual turkey luncheon to celebrate the Thanksgiving season. The annual event was put together by school's Parent Council and shared at the St. John Parish Hall across the street from the school.

"This luncheon has been going on for a very long time," said Jennifer Levack, parent council chair. "In fact, I remember sitting at a table as a student and my mom and the other parents preparing lunch and serving it...now it's my turn. It's such a pleasure to be able to pay it forward."

She believes that it's important to carry on the legacy because it helps to bridge the generations, as well as the community together. Before the meal the students attend a mass.

"It sends a very positive thanksgiving message to these kids to know that they are loved and cared for...we live in a great community and that's what it's all about," said Levack.

Putting together the meal is a two-day process according to Jen Jakovic, who organized the event. With the help of the Parish



kitchen workers and other parents, the purchasing of the food, the cooking and carving of turkeys and the mashing of potatoes is a true labour of love.

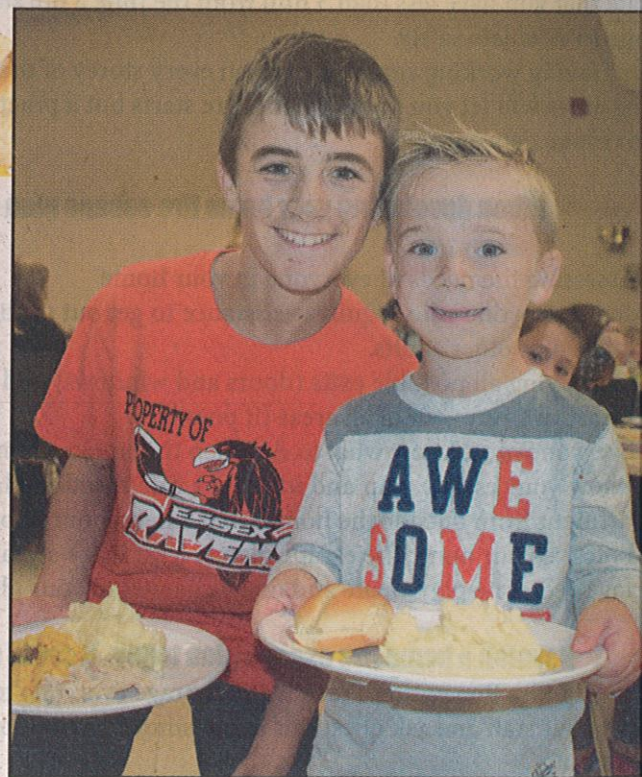
To feed the hungry masses, four large turkeys are required. A shout out to Essex-Foodland, who supply all of the ingredients for the perfect Thanksgiving lunch.

"Well, we couldn't put this on without the help of many volunteers," said Jakovic, who has been involved with the lunch for

eight years. "Today we are feeding 104 students, 17 staff members and 20 volunteers."

"We have an amazing little community and an amazing little school and we try do many events throughout the year," she added. "The kids really look forward to this event."

The Parent Council wishes to thank the St. John the Evangelist Church and St. John's Parish Hall.





# St Anthony shares what they can St Anthony Grade 8 off to Muskoka



The St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School hosted their first can drive of the school year to donate to the local for banks. The Thanksgiving Can Drive brought in over a hundred non-perishable and personal hygiene products in just a short amount of time.



The Grade 8 students of St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School are heading off to Muskoka with the other Grade 8 classes in their family of schools. This Grade 8 trip will encourage the students to take part in a wide array of fun and challenging activities. This includes leadership and team-building exercises along with heart-pounding fun on ziplines, exploring nature through hikes, cycling and canoeing and trying their hand at archery. The trip will run from October 10 to the 13. This is a long-time school board tradition and helps to celebrate the Grade 8's achievements over the course of their elementary school years.