



The Avelar family donated their winnings from the 50/50 draw to the Grade 8 class.



Left - Raegan Woodiwiss enjoying her cotton candy.



Above - Julia Pearce paints a design on Amari Botelho's face.

Right - Addison Kok and friends at the golf game.



Queen of Peace hosts Meet the Teacher Night

The Queen of Peace Catholic School Council organized a Fall Fun Festival for Meet the Teacher Night. Parents, staff, and past and present students enjoyed barbecued hot dogs, a bake sale, games with prizes, produce/mums sale, cotton candy, raffles and face painting. The Avelar family donated their winnings from the 50/50 draw to the grade 8 class. It was a great way to start the new school year.



Owen's artwork - Bug Alley

Libro Credit Union invited Southwestern Ontario students to participate in a calendar art contest celebrating their favourite community pursuits and activities. Owen Pimentel, a Grade 2 student from Queen of Peace School, created a picture depicting a caterpillar on a leaf. Owen is pictured at left with Leamington Libro Branch Manager Denise Milkins.

(SUN Photo)



Queen of Peace student wins art contest

When Libro Credit Union announced the three winners of its 2015 youth calendar contest recently, Amazing Adventures in Southwestern Ontario, Owen Pimentel of Wheatley was thrilled to be named.

The winners of the three categories are:

- Elementary School Group A (Junior Kindergarten - Gr. 3): Owen Joseph Pimentel of Wheatley for Bug Alley
- Elementary School Group B (Gr. 4-8): Miranda TeBokkel of Thamesford for My Backyard
- Secondary School (Gr. 9-12): Anastazia Klara Csegery of Strathroy for The Tree of Summer

"We asked youth to submit a drawing celebrating their favorite community pursuits, passions and activities," said Tania Goodine, Libro Credit Union Executive Vice President, Engagement. "Libro received hundreds of entries, and we asked the public to vote for their favorites on our website. We were absolutely thrilled by the artistry and creativity on display, it's a testament to all the wonderful things

happening in southwestern Ontario."

The winners received a \$500 RESP contribution, a \$200 gift card (at either Toys R Us or Best Buy) and \$1,000 for their school or youth group.

The winning drawings will be featured in Libro's 2015 calendar, which is scheduled to be available at Libro's 27 branches in December. The calendar will also include other selected contest drawings from across Southwestern Ontario.

Owen, son of Gale and Tim Pimentel of Wheatley, chose to have the \$1,000 donated to his school, Queen of Peace in Leamington. The money is earmarked for the recent landscaping project at the school, which Owen's teacher, Mme Ingratta, was instrumental in organizing.

Leamington Libro Branch Manager Denise Milkins presented Owen with the giant cheque for \$1,000 in front of his fellow classmates, who cheered him on in a classroom celebration on Wednesday, October 8.

Datsyuk drops in

Detroit Red Wings' star makes surprise visit to new hockey academy

A group of students at the new F.J. Brennan Centre of Excellence Hockey Canada Skills Academy got the thrill of a lifetime last week when Detroit Red Wings star Pavel Datsyuk made an unannounced visit to the facility.

"The students were absolutely floored when he walked into the room," said Centre of Excellence principal Kevin Hamlin, who helped coordinate the visit.

"The kids were very emotional and very excited to meet him, and he gave them some really amazing and memorable advice."



Photo courtesy of Stephen Fields/WECDSB

Detroit Red Wings centre Pavel Datsyuk poses for a photo with F.J. Brennan Catholic High School principal Melissa Farrand at Central Park Athletics last week.

The brand new F.J. Brennan Centre of Excellence Hockey Canada Skills Academy opened last month at Central Park Athletics.

Certified by Hockey Canada, the facili-

ty is home to about 90 students from Corpus Christi Middle School and F.J. Brennan Catholic High School.

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Hockey students thrilled with visit from Datsyuk

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Students enrolled in the program spend half of their day getting hockey-specific instruction and normal curriculum there, and the other half at their respective schools taking regular courses.

Hamlin said the Russian centre and three-time Frank J. Selke Trophy winner was interested in learning more about the course and the facility.

"He was curious about what we do here and wanted to see it first-hand," Hamlin said. "He spent a couple of hours visiting

classrooms, talking with the students and meeting with (Central Park Athletics owners) James and Leigh Anne King.

"He was just so kind and gracious with everyone. It was really an outstanding visit, one the students will remember for a lifetime."

St. Annes Terry Fox Run /Walk



Photo by Matt Weingarden

Last week over 1,000 students at St. Annes High School took part in the annual Terry Fox Run/Walk. Steve Byrne, event organizer, says the event has been going on for seven years and every year the event has raised more than \$20,000. The students have raised over \$150,000 for the organization to date. The schools cross country team lead the run. The walk takes about an hour and Byrne says afterwards the students are fed lunch because of the generosity of numerous local sponsors who help offset the costs. "It's a great day for us to bring the student body together and give back to our community," said Byrne. "For the past seven years we've been blessed with beautiful weather for this event." Chloe Kyrtasak, prime minister at St. Annes, says the event is a really great way to get the student body involved and promote community.

Ice Bucket Challenge reaches St. Louis Catholic School

By Bryan Jessop

Staff members at St. Louis Catholic Elementary School were more than happy to get 'soaked' for about \$200.

The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge officially paid a visit to the Leanington school Friday, Sept. 12, when principal Kelly Rilley and vice principal Bob Flanagan were dunked with containers of ice water in front of the entire student body. To the pleasant surprise of the 330 students, 16 additional staff members were also soaked with buckets of chilly water at the same time as part of the ALS research fundraiser. Rilley and Flanagan were dunked by Leanington Fire Department firefighter Derek Clark and chief Chuck Parsons while other participating St. Louis staff members were dunked by Grade 8 leader students.

"We're teaching the kids about what this is really for," Flanagan noted.

The challenge began Friday, Sept. 5 during the school's first student assembly of 2014-15. Presenting a message theme of collaboration, a video was presented by French teacher Lilly Reive. The video contained footage of Reive participating in an ALS Ice Bucket Challenge



St. Louis Catholic Elementary School vice principal Bob Flanagan and principal Kelly Rilley got dunked by Leanington Fire Services chief Chuck Parsons and firefighter Derek Clark while 16 other staff members were dunked by Grade 8 leader students for the school's ALS Ice Bucket Challenge Friday, Sept. 12. (SUN Photo)

conducted prior to the start of the school year and to Rilley's and Flanagan's surprise, ended with Reive issuing them with a challenge.

A few of the staff members taking part in the St. Louis challenge had already been targets of previous renditions of the same fundraiser, but were happy to find themselves under the bucket for a second time.

"They were excellent about it," Rilley said of St. Louis staff members' involvement and fundraising efforts.

Rilley turned out to be the target of yet another surprise during the Friday afternoon dunking. Although she was initially drenched by the contents of a small recycle bin identical to the one emptied onto Flanagan, Parsons followed up by emptying a much larger container onto the unsuspecting principal.

As of Sept. 12, the ALS Association received \$112.4 million in Ice Bucket Challenge donations in the United States. ALS Canada recently surpassed \$10 million in Ice Bucket Challenge

donations.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is a neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal chord. Commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, the condition causes the degeneration of motor neurons that eventually die. As a result, the brain's ability to control muscle movement is impacted — often leading to paralysis. Currently, between 2,500 and 3,000 Canadians over 18 are affected by ALS.

Holy Name walks for Terry Fox Foundation

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by Jennifer Cranston



Last Thursday, Holy Name students from JK to grade eight walked to raise money for cancer research in honour of Terry Fox.

"We need to continue Terry's mission. He put that on us," said grade eight teacher Steve Gregetz.

Each year the "Toonies for Terry" campaign raises about \$1,000.

Gregetz explained that the annual event is about more than cancer. He called Terry Fox a great Canadian hero.

"He never gave up and we hope that is something the kids can do in their own lives," he said.

St. Anthony School honours Terry Fox legacy

by Heather Marentette

On Wednesday, September 24, students from across Canada participated in special events in honour of Terry Fox and the National School Run Day.

In Harrow, staff and students from St. Anthony Catholic School stepped up to the challenge once again this year by raising funds and participating in a walk of their very own. New this year, a group of participant, including some parents and school principal, Carl Bull, took part in a 5 kilometer run that took them through Harrow and onto the Greenway. For the first try at this new addition to their annual Terry Fox day, Bull said that he was very pleased that 10 per cent of the school's population opted to

take part in the run instead of the walk. He hoped that in the following years, that portion of the event would continue to grow and promote healthy and active living choices for students.

Terry Fox was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and raised in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, a community near Vancouver on Canada's west coast. An active teenager involved in many sports, Terry was only 18 years old when he was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer) and forced to have his right leg amputated 15 centimetres (six inches) above the knee in 1977.

While in hospital, Terry was so overcome by the suffering of other cancer patients, many of them young

children, that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. He called his journey the *Marathon of Hope* and aimed to raise \$1 for every Canadian towards his cause.

Fox started his run in St. John's, Newfoundland on April 12, 1980 with little fanfare. Although it was difficult to garner attention in the beginning, enthusiasm soon grew, and the money collected along his route began to mount. He ran close to 42 kilometres a day through Canada's Atlantic provinces, Quebec and Ontario, but on September 1, after 143 days and 5,373 kilometres, Terry was forced to stop running outside of Thunder Bay when the cancer had spread to his (continued on page 20)

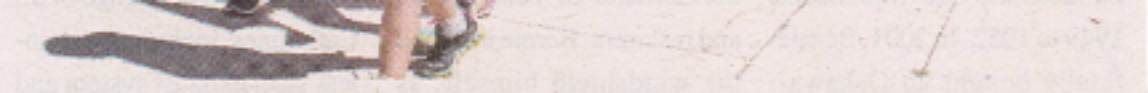


For the first time this year as part of their annual Terry Fox Walk, a group of students, staff and parents from St. Anthony School (pictured above) participated in a 5km walk.

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Terry Fox Legacy





The entire student population of St. Anthony Catholic School in Harrow took part in the annual Terry Fox Walk last week on Wednesday, September 24.

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lungs.

Fox's dream of raising \$1 for every Canadian was realized in February 1981 when the Marathon of

Hope's donations totalled \$24.17 million. He passed away a short time later on June 28, 1981 at the age 22.

According to the Terry Fox Foundation, to date, over

\$650 million has been raised worldwide for cancer research in Fox's name through the annual Terry Fox Run, held across Canada and around the world.



St. Anthony students from grades 6 to 8 will be participating in the FIRST LEGO Competition this year, showcasing their skills in building and programming small robots to complete a variety of tasks. Pictured above are members of the competition team along with coach Aaron Chan.

World of Robotics

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 December at St. Clair College where they will showcase their skills.

Each challenge has three parts: the robot game, the project and the FLL core values. Teams will program their robots to score points on a themed playing field and showcase how they can develop a solution to a problem. In early fall on an annual basis, FLL releases a challenge which is based on a real-world scientific topic. Past challenges have been based on topics such as nanotechnology, climate, quality of life for persons with disabilities and transportation.

Aaron Chan, one of St. Anthony's competition team coaches, said that the students are catching on to the technology very quickly and just finished constructing their robots. They are now working on programming those robots to meet this year's challenge requirements with the aid of himself and fellow coach, John Lee.

"It's great for increasing their problem solving skills but it's also a team building exercise," said Chan.

In addition to exposure for competition team members, all St. Anthony School students from grades 4 to 8 will be getting hands-on experience with this new technology. Chan said that the school will be combining the robotics with their French program in an effort to make things more interesting and to utilize the language in a practical way. Students will learn verbs of motion, colours, parts of the robot and how to describe it, all in French.

Bull said that he and other staff members at St. Anthony are proud to be able to involve more than just competition team students in their robotics program, something that is not necessarily being done at

other local schools.

In order to pay for the significant cost of this new equipment and competition expenses, Bull said that the school and parent council members have been fundraising for the past two years to meet their goal. He even implemented cost saving techniques in other areas of spending to assist with the robotics program requirements. Thanks to this dedication and local sponsor, Hometown Family Pharmacy, they were able to make the program a reality

this year.

"Especially for a small school, money has to be carefully metered out and you have to fundraise for extra programs like this," said Bull. "We are very grateful to Hometown Family Pharmacy for so generously helping us out."

FLL is a world-wide organization with more than 25,000 teams in approximately 80 countries. Only about eight schools in Windsor and Essex County are participating in the program this year.

St. Anthony School students dive into world of robotics

by Heather Marentette

Students from St. Anthony School in Harrow are being introduced to the fun and exciting world of science and technology in a very hands-on way with the introduction of a new robotics program and participation in FIRST LEGO League.

Just last week, students from grades 6 to 8 helped launch the program, building complex and intricate robots using specially-designed LEGO kits. Complete with a number of sensors that can be programmed to detect things like light, touch and sound to varying degrees and motion capabilities, the program allows the students to expand their knowledge of technology like never before.

"We're very excited to offer this opportunity to our students," said Principal Carl Bull. "...When we hear LEGO's, we typically think of the standard square, colourful blocks we played with when we were younger. These kits are very different from that and are so much more complex and interesting."

Ten students from St. Anthony have signed up to participate on the school's competition team and are



A special initiative at St. Anthony Catholic School in Harrow this year is introducing students to robotics technology. Pictured top, students pose with one of the robots they built and below, students work to program their finished robot to respond to different sensors.

currently preparing for specialized challenges that will utilize their robots and programming abilities.

Hosted through the FIRST LEGO League (FLL), local teams will compete in early

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Joe Meloche Ford and Free The Children team up to take down hunger

Amherstburg River Town Times

By j charron

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Joe Meloche Ford is proud to partner with Free The Children and St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School for the We Scare Hunger campaign – a national program that is teaming up participating Ford dealerships with schools and community groups to collect non-perishables for local food banks.

Joe Meloche Ford encourages residents of Amherstburg and the surrounding regions to drop off donations to the dealership at 55 Sandwich St. N. throughout the month of October.

“Hunger is an issue that affects people from all walks of life so the services that food banks provide can make a huge difference for a family going through a difficult time,” said Joe Meloche, dealer principal at Joe Meloche Ford. “In a tight-knit community like Amherstburg, it’s everyone’s responsibility to help one another, which is why Joe Meloche Ford is proud to support this worthy cause.”

Each year, millions of Canadians use food banks, and last year, one in 12 people in need of help were turned away because of lack of food. Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd. is a Co-Title Sponsor of this year’s We Scare Hunger campaign in Canada, a Free The Children initiative dedicated to collecting non-perishable food items to support local food banks, and raising awareness about local hunger.

We Scare Hunger is a global initiative kick-started by Free The Children to encourage students and local community groups to contribute to the collective goal of raising one million pounds of non-perishables for local food banks.

“We challenged our dealer community to Go Further and rally in support of this important initiative by becoming community donation centres this October,” said Sarah Rae, partnership and events manager for Ford of Canada. “With nearly 200 dealerships

participating nationally, the response has been tremendous. We are very are proud of the support we've seen from our dealers across the country."

Supporting local charities and community groups has been a priority. Throughout the dealership's history in Amherstburg, Joe Meloche Ford has supported local parishes, minor hockey associations, hospitals, school fundraisers and food banks.

Cpl. Nathan Cirillo to be honoured by local Catholic board
Red Day planned for Friday at the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board
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Students from St. Anne Catholic High School came up with the idea for Red Day to honour slain Cpl. Nathan Cirillo. (Amy Dodge/CBC News)

Students and staff throughout the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board are being encouraged to wear red Friday in honour of slain Cpl. Nathan Cirillo.

Cirillo, a 24-year-old reservist from Hamilton, was shot Wednesday while on honorary guard at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, the suspected gunman in Wednesday's Ottawa shootings, was shot and killed inside the main Parliament building.

The idea for "Red Day" was had at St. Anne Catholic High School in Belle River.

A board spokesperson said officials decided to encourage all schools to participate as a result.

Over \$8,000 raised at Stella Maris' "Read and Run for Fun Day"

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Amherstburg firefighters Rick Laframboise and Vanessa Amlin brought a therapy dog with them to Stella Maris School's "Read and Run for Fun Day" last Friday. The firefighters let the kids play with the dog before they read stories to the students.

By Ron Giofu

It was a day where students at Stella Maris School not only had a chance to have fun staying active as well as reading, but to raise big bucks in the process.

The local Catholic elementary school held its "Read and Run for Fun Day" last Friday and raised over \$8,000 in the process. Proceeds will be used to upgrade technology, purchase physical education equipment and other projects principal Sophie DiPaolo and the school improvement council deem important.

"It's a school fundraiser," explained DiPaolo, who is in her first year as Stella Maris principal. "I've done it at other schools. The kids seem to enjoy it."

DiPaolo said younger students were outside and being active in the morning while the older students read while roles were reversed in the afternoon. The afternoon also saw Amherstburg firefighters Rick Laframboise and Vanessa Amlin attend with a therapy dog. The two firefighters read to younger students and let them visit with the dog.

By surpassing the \$8,000 fundraising total, DiPaolo pointed out Stella Maris School achieved its goal.