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Jacob Beam students support community causes

Talk about making a "nobody" a somebody.

Heidi Holloway's Grade 3 class at Jacob Beam Public School started the "Who is Nobody?" character education program with her class at the start of the year. By the time the program was finished, students had gleaned information on a variety of community causes, and were able to experience first hand the opportunity to give back.

Each student was given Nobody, and encouraged to support community causes, and share with their class what they did. Students ended up donating to the Lincoln County Humane Society, donating their hair, collecting milk bags for third-world countries, writing a letter to a soldier in Afghanistan and much more.



Students give doll identity through good deeds. Heidi Holloway's Grade 3 class at Jacob Beam Public School recently helped "Nobody" become somebody with weeks of good deeds and support for community organizations. Each student in the class had the Nobody doll for a week, and made a contribution, ranging from donating their hair for cancer, to writing a letter to a soldier in Afghanistan.

"They had some really creative ideas. They thought outside of themselves and were able to support some good things in the community," said Holloway of her students' effort.

Abbey Parker fundraised for the humane society and said it made her happy being able to support the cause.

"Animals need a good home and people that love them," she said of her reason she supported the LCHS.

Daniel Petsinis put his pen into action. He decided to write a letter to a soldier in Afghanistan.

"There have been a lot of soldiers in war that haven't come back to Canada," said Daniel.

Mya Capes said each student enjoyed its time with Nobody, doing a good deed, and ultimately learning about giving back, and some of the causes.

"You get to help people in your community and help others," said Mya. "It makes you feel good."

The class even went above and beyond to create awareness. A gallery wall with the Nobody Doll, and each student, filled a wall at the Beamsville school, giving a look at how Nobody became a "somebody" as each student pinned something to the doll in recognition of their efforts. The class also sang a song, "Who is Nobody", at a school concert to represent the experience.

Holloway said she was proud of her class and everything they accomplished.

"You see their personalities come out – it was a great lesson and opportunity for them," she said.