

# 'Nobody' now a 'Somebody' at Pinecrest school

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As it turns out, nobody is really a somebody at Pinecrest Memorial School in Bloomfield.

From October until May, Mrs. Bass's Gd 5 students took part in a character education program called "Who is Nobody?". The program helps students give a "blue demin character - Nobody," a character. When Nobody arrived in October, it didn't have much of a personality or sense of character. Each week, one of the students took Nobody home.

The student chose a special project to help living things. At the end of each week, Nobody's character had been enhanced by the student's experience and the student shared that experience with the rest of the students in the classroom.

Nikita built a compostter with her father and made a poster about composting that she and Nobody hung in the No Frills store.

Krista went to a nursing home and helped the residents.



Scott Lavender of the Picton Rotary Club, sponsor of the Who is Nobody program; Jamie Robb, principal at Pinecrest; Mrs. Bass, Gd 5 teacher. Mrs. McFarlane HPEDSB Child and Youth Counsellor and students Adam Brett, Melissa Branscombe, Chineeka Cassibo, Noah Deary, Joshua Dougherty, Tye Eaton, Amelia Elley, Johnathan Goode, Jared Hartley, Trevor Lawson, Krista May, Ayesha Mazhar, Kelsey Miller, Kirsten Molyneux, Nicholas Monroe, Tyler Nash, Jaret Parliament, Elise Perkins, Keith Petrasek, Shyanna Shelley, Sulena Smith, Kendra VanHaarlem and of course, Nobody who is now Somebody. Theresa Durning photo

Keith helped his cousins from Switzerland learn about Canadian culture while they were visiting Canada.

Elise picked an angel from the CAS tree in December and bought Christmas gifts for someone she didn't know.

Tye helped his brother with reading and

homework." The list of character building experiences and events is a long one.

From a professional development conference on child character development to a special project in a grade 5 classroom, Nobody became a somebody with the help of some very special students.

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