



Leading Edge

From the desk of **Bill Hogarth, Director of Education**

Science Fair Winner

Congratulations to **Adelina Cozma** from **Silver Stream PS** who recently won a Gold medal in Health Sciences - Junior Division at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

14th Annual Pow-Wow



The 14th Annual Pow-Wow will be held **tomorrow**, Saturday, May 24, 2008 at Sutton DHS. The theme this year is "Kinoomowadaa Eshkiniigig Waa-zhi-mnaadendiziwad" (Teaching Youth to Respect Themselves). There will be two Grand Entries, at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m., and a Giveaway at 8:00 p.m. Plan on attending this wonderful community event celebrating our first nation heritage!

Energy Conservation Week, May 25-31

Ontario's first Energy Conservation Week (May 25-31) will build on previous conservation awareness events and challenge Ontario power users to embrace conservation in their day-to-day lives, both at home and at work.

Earth Hour inspired people to make a symbolic statement about electricity conservation. Now the challenge is to find ways to use the awareness generated by Earth Hour and turn it into meaningful, everyday actions. Each day of Energy Conservation Week will focus on a different aspect of energy conservation. The initiative primes Ontarians to more effectively manage their demand for electricity in advance of the summer peak and ultimately over the long term. More details can be found on the Energy Conservation Week website at www.energyconservationweek.ca. Of note is **Electricity Impact Day (Monday, May 26)** which will focus on providing knowledge to Ontario's institutions (i.e., schools, government buildings, etc.) on how to reduce electricity consumption.

Who is Mr. Nobody?



In September, grade eight students at **Ventura Park PS** decided to give back to the community. Guided by their teacher, **Mrs. Herman**, pairs of students donated their time, materials or funds to help someone else. They volunteered (at hockey leagues, shovelling driveways, baking, reading), raised funds (for the Cancer Society, for homeless shelters and women's shelters) and donated money (to the Hospital for Sick Children, the Out of the Cold Program). The range of programs was astounding.

"I loved contributing to a worthy cause, and just because my project is finished, I'm not going to stop raising money. This is a worthy cause and the children really loved getting the art supplies," stated one of the students. As a culminating activity, students attached a description of their work to a 'Mr. Nobody' doll, thus turning it into Mr. Somebody. Their caring, sense of responsibility and empathy was remarkable. Ventura Park students should be very proud of themselves.

Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario's Symposium: Call for Presenters

ETFO is hosting a provincial symposium on poverty and education in Ontario. The symposium will be held from November 6-7, 2008 in Toronto. Educational leaders, researchers, teachers, and community partners are invited to participate as workshop facilitators. The Federation has issued a 'Call for Presenters'. Submit a proposal to share your work on this critical issue with other educators and community members from across the province. Contact igiles@etfo.org or kwalford@etfo.org for more information about the application process.

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