

Friday, November 30 2018

Gron Morgan Students on Board!



Grade six students at Ecole Gron Morgan Public School had the opportunity to collaborate with board game creator Connor McGoey as they planned and built their personally developed board games. McGoey has developed a number of successful games including Summit and Gorus Maximus.

Mr. McGoey shared with students, his journey in game development from prototypes made from a pizza box to

worldwide distribution. The students had an opportunity to ask many insightful questions about the process and were inspired by the message of persistence and motivation.

Teachers William Gross and Michele Ruberto used the student created board games process as a vehicle for student exploration of probability, number sense, as well as procedural writing and visual arts.

The grade six students are using the individual feedback from McGoey to continue their board games that will be added to a board game lending library. The students were all winners from the experience!

No Time for That

Music is a powerful tool for healing and Elsie Morden has made it her career to share how music has made a difference in her life, and helped her deal with a childhood of bullying. The students at Claude E. Garton Public School were privileged to be the only school in Thunder Bay to share in Elsie's National Tour called No Time for That.

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Elsie Morden is a 23-year-old Canadian country singer, songwriter and motivational speaker. She has performed at Canadian Country Music Week. She was nominated for the 2017 Music Nova Scotia Country Recording of the Year Award and the Manitoba Country Music Association Female Artists of the Year Award.

As the founder and CEO of the registered Canadian Charity "No Time for That Anti-Bullying Society", Elsie has visited over 500 schools across Canada, speaking about bullying prevention, mental health awareness and youth empowerment.

Elsie's message at Claude Garton was loud and clear: Be Yourself. Follow your Dreams, and Never Give up. She also emphasized treating others with kindness and respect; which are character traits that the students at Claude E. Garton have been learning

about and practicing this year.

A Gr. 4 student said, "She didn't just have an awesome voice, but she had a good message too". Claude E. Garton Public School brought in this special tour as part of the school's Bullying Awareness Week activities.

Musher Power!



A message of empowerment was brought by dogsled to the students of CD Howe Public School on Friday, November 30. The 2016 Junior Beargrease Dogsled Race champion and Hammarskjold High School student Julia Cross visited the CD Howe students to share her experiences as a female in a non-traditional male dominated extreme sport.

"Julia has faced many barriers to her success over the years, from the natural challenges of a sport that takes place over hundreds of

kilometers of rough terrain in the worst winter weather conditions, to people questioning her skills and ability to even participate in the sport," says Elaine Oades, Principal of CD Howe Public School. "By overcoming challenges and proving that she can succeed and excel, Julia

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has gained great insight into the value and purpose of teamwork, sportsmanship, and being prepared for any situation that can arise.”

With the help of her faithful training dogs Kate and Koa, Julia’s interactive presentation took students on a journey through a mock dogsled trip, where students learned and practiced preparedness, problem-solving, and teamwork. Throughout the presentation, Julia entertained and educated her audience with humorous and inspiring stories from her own journey, and over the course of the presentation students learned that winning doesn’t mean coming first.



Julia is a competitive dogsled racer and is currently “mushing” with Moe-Town Kennels of Hovland, Minnesota. Julia has been dogsledding since 2007, and her family used to carry mail by dogsled in the early 1900s. She won the inaugural Junior Beargrease sled dog race in 2016, placed second by 43 seconds in 2017, and was a joint winner of the Mid-Distance Beargrease (150-mile) Sportsmanship Trophy in 2018. In addition to her racing, she is a regular and founding columnist for The Sled Dogger magazine, a dog obedience and agility trainer, and public speaker. She hopes to be a Veterinarian, and the first Canadian to win the 1000-mile Iditarod sled dog race in Alaska.

Thinking Pink at Westgate



The Westgate Girls' Basketball Program has been running a Think Pink fundraiser since 2013. All funds raised through this effort has gone to the Northern Cancer Fund.

The student organized fundraiser generates funds through donations for the annual Think Pink game, pledges and a bake sale. This year, \$2200 was donated! To date, the Think Pink fundraiser has donated \$10,000 to the Northern Cancer Fund.

In addition to the funds raised, four Westgate basketball team members have cut at least 9 inches of hair off for donation to make wigs for cancer patients.

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A Hero in our Midst



At the Tuesday, November 27 Regular Board Meeting, a true Lakehead Public Schools hero was recognized for his outstanding efforts. Steve Gerow, Student Support Professional (SSP) at Hammarskjold High School, was presented with a Trustee Character award by Trustee Ron Oikonen for his life saving efforts on September 7, 2018. The following speech was provided by Trustee Oikonen:

"Recipients of the Trustee Character Award emulate the recognized Lakehead Public Schools Character traits of:

- Integrity
- Acceptance
- Empathy
- Respect
- Responsibility

Not all superheroes wear capes and masks - some of them are Lakehead Public Schools employees.

And we are here to honour one very special employee – Steve Gerow, Student Support Professional at Hammarskjold High School.

Friday, September 7, 2018 started out as a typical day at Hammarskjold High School as the first week of the new school year was about to conclude.

During the lunch hour, Teacher Rhonda McKay-Legros began to choke on her lunch.

Initially, Rhonda thought that she may be able to dislodge the blockage herself and then quickly realized that she couldn't and that she couldn't breathe.

As superheroes often do, Steve Gerow jumped in to save the day.

A combination of first aid training and his caring nature provided Steve with the means to successfully apply the Heimlich maneuver to save Rhonda.

Thanks to Steve, Rhonda continued with her day teaching and was able to go home at the end of the day.

Steve Gerow is a well-known local artist who also owns the art gallery The Creative in addition to being a Student Support Professional at Hammarskjold.

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He is known for his calm and professional demeanor as he works daily with students who often need an extra hand getting through the day.

As you can see, superheroes rarely take the day off.

I am very honoured to present this Trustee Character Award to Steve Gerow, Student Support Professional at Hammarskjold High School."

It's Just the Tip of the ICE-burg!

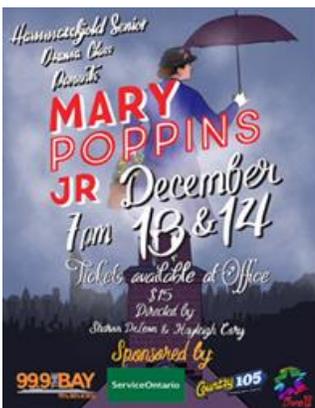


On Friday, November 30, Grade 7 and 8 students in the Claude E. Garton Public School ICE (Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship) Learning Academy showcased their business skills at a "Business for a Day" event. The event was held in partnership with Headstart in Business, a local bilingual organization to create business plans, visit local businesses, and see business in action around the city.

"The students participated in an entrepreneurship business camp where they planned a business as a group, budgeted, took out a loan, and finalized their products for the Business for a Day event," says Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur, Principal of Claude E. Garton Public School. "This culminating event provided a venue for students to demonstrate what they have learned and to showcase and sell the products that they have created."

This is only the beginning of these students showing off their new business skills! Later in the year, the ICE Academy students be competing in an Amazing Entrepreneurial Race based on the popular show the Amazing Race and they will also showcasing their products to school dragons at the Claude E. Garton Dragon's Den event.

Mary Poppins Junior



Mark your calendars for the Hammarskjold High School JR on December 13 and 14 at 7:00 p.m.!

Tickets are on sale at the school office.

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Upcoming Meetings

Committee	Date/Time	Location
Inaugural Board Meeting	Tuesday, December 4 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Parent Involvement Committee	Monday, January 21 6:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee	Thursday, December 13 9:30 a.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Special Education Advisory Committee	Wednesday, December 12 6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street

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