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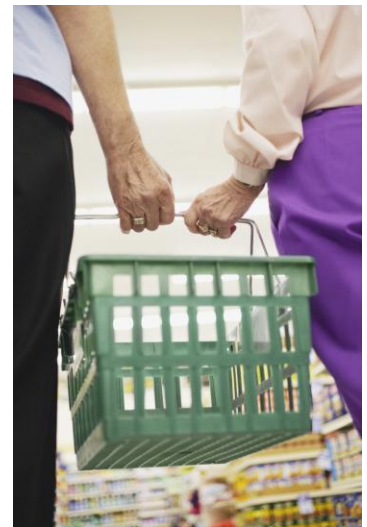
Food For All



Mr. Parish's Class, in an effort to become more involved in our local Prescott community, started our regular visits to the Food Bank this month and donated their time to help prepare 'Snack Packs' for local school kids. Students learned about putting together a balanced and healthy snack and about the cost of shopping for the week on a fixed budget. It was an eye opener to see how expensive certain shopping items were and what it meant to not be able to afford the more fun treats. Showing we care doesn't just help others - it helps us to fully understand as well.

READING BUDDIES

St. Lawrence Academy reaches out to the local community by becoming 'Reading Buddies' to the Pre-K kids in Brockville. The grade 4,5,6 class, after practicing their oral reading skills with our SK/1 class, ventured out to take under their wings preschool families at the Brockville Library. Each student was matched with 1-2 younger children to share their love of reading, make a craft and make new friends. St. Lawrence Academy is special because of it's opportunities to mentor and lead. Building leadership skills encouraging regular interaction with our Primary levels sets us apart from other school communities. In a Public system where children are separated into age categories for 12 years of their lives, SLA encourages an intermixing of ages, interaction is encouraged, communication skills are practiced and mentorship naturally occurs. Congratulations Mrs. Nandoo and the 4,5,6's for being such a great example to our younger students and for being such great representatives of SLA in our local community.



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you can afford!*

CARING For the Earth

SLA Eco-Club began their work within the school walls this month in full force. The pro-active club immediately installed three bins in each classroom for composting, plastics recycling and paper recycling to reduce SLA's garbage disposal. Working together every Friday, they then personally collect the waste and remind students of the program.

It was a great encouragement to have each class representative explain the bins to their class, and tell us the difference that recycling can make on our environment. In some of their first meetings, students were asked to come up with different ideas as to how SLA can make a difference. One student suggested picking up any garbage we see on the ground as we walk around our towns and cities, another idea was to travel to recycling plants to see how recycling really works. Plans are in the works for growing gardens of pepper plants, flowers and trees on SLA property and even an earth worm farm once the snow melts! We can't wait! Thank you Mr. Parish, for sharing your eco-awareness with us!



Success is just a Word away!

We have trouble 'defining' the hard work and dedication shown by SLA students for this year's Spelling Bee. With only just over four weeks to practice for the Regional competition, St. Lawrence Academy students did us proud by conquering their fears and representing SLA with lots of spirit. **Anastasia J.** and **Madeleine J.** made it to the first round, **Finn B.** and **Zaida F.** to the third in the Junior and Primary category consecutively and **Gabby A.** to the fifth round in what turned out to be quite a tense competition full of pressure and anxiety. We were surrounded by competitors and their parents who took the contest quite seriously. With decision protests, mispronunciations, microphone problems and in some heartbreaking cases - an inability to hear the word correctly - tensions were high. This Spelling Bee was SLA's first experience, but it is sure not to be our last as we begin to look ahead in preparation for next year's Bee. A special thanks to Mrs. Kellam and parents who all worked hard to help the students learn over 400 words in such short notice. Your hard work paid off! Can we 'put it in a sentence'?

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COMING IN APRIL:

SLA OPEN HOUSE - APRIL 3RD, 2014 - 4:00-5:00PM
JUMP INTO JK - APRIL 16, 2014 - 8:30AM-12:25PM
EARTH DAY APRIL 22ND, 2014 - ALL DAY
LIONS MUSIC FESTIVAL MONDAY APRIL 28, 2014
& WEDNESDAY APRIL 30, 2014 9:00-11:00AM