

School Page

Princess Elizabeth Elementary

What are we really doing?

MAGOG

Yikes, every day I madly scan the Sherbrooke Record flipping to the school page and reading about the wonderful school events being held at ETSB schools.

There have been stories of Terry Fox runs, first day events, open houses, a "friendship bench," outings and a new sensory room.

How does Princess Elizabeth Elementary School compare. Are we doing enough?

Well, we have completed a number of beginning school ac-

tivities, too.

Our first day started with an optimistic and hopeful welcome to parents and students in the gym, and kindergarten parents in the library, a fun afternoon was held on the first Friday with games and activities and Mr. Freezies.

PEES students ran for Terry Fox, raising \$660.

We will hold a walk-a-thon for the kindergarten students around Merry Point, Cycle 1 students will walk the Cherry River Boardwalk, and Cycles 2 and 3 will climb Mount Orford, all to raise money for their year-end

trips.

The principal's geese alert sign-up sheet has started. Our anti-bullying program of pink t-shirts and assemblies is continuing with this year's theme of "One can make a difference."

PEES Community Learning Centre has also been active: the night school started with 15 presenters and 175 attendees, 14 Grade 6 students began horseback riding at Parkside Ranch for six weeks, volunteers are signing up to mentor students in English and French in reading and/or math.

The community garden is

bursting with vegetables and a celebration of "Stone Soup" will be shared with all our students in the next week.

A Vesey's fall bulb fundraiser is underway to support the garden project Stage 4.

But what are we really doing as teachers and staff?

PEES teachers are trying to open students' hearts and minds by having every one of our 254 students attach to a PEES staff member.

The PEES staff has learned that our students will be more open to learning if they feeling safe and secure, cared for and

attached to an adult at school.

We want to hear laughter, see smiles, nodding of heads, pleased parents who feel we are caring, knowledgeable and excellent teachers and staff.

So please take the time to look up at the blue sky and see the wisps of clouds float by, hear the hook of geese overhead and see the colours of the leaves.

Take a few minutes to eat with a child, smile and nod. Listen to what they have to say.

Attach.

E. BAYLIS CREARY
PEES PRINCIPAL



Everything was awesome!

"LEGO" Movie under the Stars in Potton as part of the "Cultural Days" celebration



THE SCOOP
MABLE HASTINGS

On Friday, September 26th, as part of the "Cultural Days" celebration held all over Quebec traditionally during the last weekend of September, the Missisquoi North Youth Centre collaborated with Cinema Potton in bringing families a special fall event; the large screen projection of the "Lego Movie" under the stars for all to enjoy.

According to the website, www.culturedays.ca, "Cultural Days are three days (this year taking place from Sept. 26-28) of interactive activities that enable the discovery and appreciation of arts and culture that are offered free throughout Quebec to the public."

Cinema Potton is a non-profit group that was established to hold the screening of quality films and has worked hard to bring these movies locally to Mansonville and surrounding areas for approximately five years.

Always striving for community collaboration and to bring the joy of film to all age groups, Cinema Potton approached the Missisquoi North Youth Centre (also a non-profit organization) with the idea of an outdoor family film night under the stars and the idea blossomed and grew from there.

The evening began at 5:30 p.m. with a free barbecue furnished by the youth centre and prepared by volunteers. During the barbecue, "Lego" themed activity tables had been set up for the children to enjoy including: a Lego mask table where a variety of Lego movie characters could be created, a Lego block play table and a Lego poster coloring area.

These activity stations were abuzz throughout the evening while those gathered waited for twilight to arrive and the adventure to begin.

At 6:30, the indoor "snack shack" opened and the smell of freshly popped popcorn exited out into the warm fall evening.

Snacks in hand including free fruits furnished by the NexKemia Company, the crowd set up their chairs and prepared their blankets.

Door prizes provided by the Youth Centre were drawn just prior to show time and included a copy of the Lego Movie on Blu-Ray, the soundtrack from the movie and a Lego play set.

By 7:15 p.m., the movie began to a delighted crowd.

With over 70 people attending, the event was easily measured by the smiles on both the children's faces and those exchanged between volunteers from both community groups who made the event possible.

As the evening came to an end at approximately 9 p.m. many parents left with an extra bag of popcorn under one arm and their children's hands cupped in theirs.

As a group made their way from the Youth Centre toward home, one small voice summed up the evening...

"Everything is awesome,"



JASON FORGET

Clara Giroux, age 5, and her sister Maeva, age 8, at the Lego Movie.

echoed out into the fog and a father's laughter quickly chased behind.

Cinema Potton works tirelessly to offer films in the area. The success of their efforts is measured by the interest and attendance of the people of Potton and surrounding areas. The committee encourages and welcomes anyone interested in attending a film.

This event was an exceptional one, being held outdoors. Their regular location for the projection of films is in the local town hall and is quite com-

fortable and very inclusive.

For information on this or future films, contact Angele Hebert at 450-292-3566 or ahbert@explornet.ca.

The Missisquoi North Youth Centre offers weekly programs for youth ages 5-12 (elementary school aged) on Thursdays and Fridays after school.

Programs for older youth, aged 12 and up, are held on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information about the youth programs, visit www.cabmn.org or call the Youth Centre at 450-292-4886.