Rockin’ Fundraiser for Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre youth programs

Local group marks Toddlers Week

The Scoop

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he Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Students Against De-

structive Decisions (SADD), Former Youth Involvement (FYI) as well as Drop-

in group youth and volunteers came to-

gether on Saturday, November 17 from

to raise funds for the youth programs

and SADD.

The group had lunch together while

rocking with delicious sandwiches, desserts and juice provided by parents

and friends; a treat for all taking part. Games were planned for the entire four

hours of rocking and included a fiercely competitive “Win, Lose or Draw” as well

as a Christmas themed, “Name that tune.” By three o’clock, one SADD mem-

ber remarked:

“i can’t believe we have been rocking for three hours, it seems like we just

started!”

Everyone rocking was given the op-

portunity to write their guess as to how

much was raised by the 13 rockers plus

the efforts of three members who got do-

nations to encourage the fundraiser but

who were not able to rock. The guesses

were made in secret with the closest re-

ceiving extra tickets for the many door

prizes drawn at the end of the event.

Although a few donations are yet to

be collected, once everything comes in,

the event will have raised over $2600.00

thanks to the kindness and support in

the community and far beyond. Wow! The

gerocity displayed by those who con-

tributed and the enthusiasm of those

who rocked made this annual event an-

other huge success. While all who raised
did a fantastic job, of note were the two

top fundraisers, Kate Eldridge (SADD

member) who raised $350.00 and volun-

teer, June Peacock who raised $1000.00!

The SADD, FYI and Drop-in youth

sent out a resounding thank you to all

who donated, rocked and to those who

provided the lunch as well as to Julia

Hastings who volunteered her time help-

ing throughout the day. The groups

plan to “ROCK ON” and extend an invi-

tation to all to stop by the Centre and

answer the needs of the

community and we thank you.

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the Mother Goose project, 25 parent-child

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The program la Ferme aux petits, meanwhile,

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volunteer readers. The activities are based

on pleasure and allowing children to de-

velop their phonological awareness, as

well as their social and interactive skills.

Deadline: December 10, 2018

We hope we can continue to rely on your support, as it remains very

important for the success of our Christmas basket campaign.

Please, make cheques payable to

(tax receipts for donations of $10 and over will be issued):

AGRHS Christmas Basket Campaign

and mail to: AGRHS, P.O. Box 5002, 1700 rue College, J1M 1Z9

Thank you for your generosity!

We NEED A HELPING HAND THIS HOLIDAY!

ALEXANDER GALT CHRISTMAS BASKET

CAMPAIGN 2018

The AGRHS Christmas basket campaign has been a long-standing tradition in the community. Over the years we have been fortunate in being able to rely on several partners and community members to help fill the baskets with some staples and all the trimmings of a holiday meal. Thanks to great success last year, this holiday season we will continue to focus on raising funds rather than food items (any such donations will be taken to the local food bank), baskets will be created from the funds received.

With the help of our local partner Lennoxville’s Provigo Robert Lafond, we are able to create baskets filled with daily necessities, holiday essentials and fresh produce. Your over-

whelming support has allowed us to move forward to better answer the needs of the

The baskets will benefit families from Alexander Galt Regional High School

sector (elementary and high school).

Project Partners for Educational Success

Dec 18 & 24

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Project Coordinator Josianne Bergeron.

A part of the Great Toddlers Week (GSTP), which is in its third edition

from November 18 to 24, the Estrie Project Partners for Educational Success (Projet PREE) is inviting Townshippers to unite their voices on behalf of the 20,000 toddlers in the Eastern Townships to make early childhood a real social prior-

ity. The GSTP is the perfect time to reflect collectively on the living conditions of children aged 0 to 5 and what we can do to help them achieve their full potential. In Quebec and the Eastern Townships, the majority of toddlers are doing well and live in an environment conducive to
to ensure that each of these small citi-

zens gets the best start possible.

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In the Eastern Townships, the propor-
tion of children vulnerable in at least one area of development has also increased, from 26.8 per cent in 2012 to 29.4 per cent in 2017. It is clear that these results are comparable to the Quebec average, which is also up since the first edition of the Survey. Note that boys and children from disadvantaged backgrounds are more subject to this vulnerability.

“The situation is worrying. The learn-

ing and experiences of the child shape their overall development and greatly in-

fluence their educational success,” said

Project Coordinator Jostanne Bergeron.

“It is important to act collectively, to

work in consultation and complementar-

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