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Some of the members of the Mis-sisquoi North Youth Centre Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter in Mansonville dropped by the Mansonville Elementary School to make a donation on Friday, October 25.

The 2013-2014 SADD Mansonville chapter board of directors is made up of seven dynamic and hardworking youth ranging in ages from 13-17: Ethan Ball, Bethanie Boivin, Sabrina Forde, Emma Leblanc, Kayla Leblanc, Jordan Nichols and Kira Nichols. The group meets every Friday at the youth centre from 6-7 p.m. Working with groups like the Quebec Provincial Police, JEVI, the CLSC and more, the group organizes a variety of activities throughout the year.

After approaching the two local French and English elementary schools and finding out that each was in need of a microwave to improve their lunch programs for the children, the group decided to donate a new microwave to each school. MES Principal Nathalie Char-

trand and staff received theirs on Friday the 25th and the Baluchon French Elementary School will receive theirs in a presentation to their principal, Stephane Gevry at the beginning of November.

SADD members exchanged with the MES staff about ways in which the group can further support and help the elementary school and its students. Well aware that working closely with the community is vital, this motivated group of young people was proud to present its gift to the school.

Upcoming SADD activities include: A rock-a-thon fundraiser on Saturday, October 26, Haunted Halloween at the youth centre on October 31, a craft day November 2, jewellery sale November 9 at the youth centre and an information evening with the Quebec Provincial Police on November 15. Many other activities will take through to the end of 2013 and 2014 is sure to bring more, including the Winterfest Family Fun Day being held in February as part of the municipality's Festive Hearts activities.

The SADD youth are supported by the Former Youth Involvement (FYI) committee made up of young adults who have long been involved at the youth centre. This committee meets monthly to support SADD, the youth centre and the staff with activities, events, fundraisers and community involvement.

For more information about SADD, FYI or other youth centre programs, visit the CAB website at www.cabmn.org or contact the youth centre at 450-292-4886.

English 'Ben' collection is a go

By Gordon Lambie
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The month-long funding campaign that Quebec cartoonist Daniel Shelton held in order to publish the first English collection of his comic strip "Ben" came to a close Sunday, with the \$5,600 goal surpassed by \$428. Organized using the popular crowd-funding website Kickstarter, Shelton had 30 days to gather enough financial support to reach his goal or else he would receive none of the money pledged.

"It's been great hearing from so

many people and I've enjoyed the Kickstarter experience," Shelton said in an update on the project's Kickstarter page when the project reached its goal on Friday. "Now we get down to preparing the book to send out to the printer. For those 113 people who contributed to the project online, the successful funding represents the promise of 110 pages of "Ben" delivered to their homes in time for Christmas. According to the author, details on the production of the book and its availability should become available over the coming weeks.



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MES Staff pose with members of the SADD Mansonville Chapter on Friday, October 25 when the group donated a new microwave to the school for its lunch program.