



PAULETTE'S VIEW

News from the Superintendent



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Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools

- **Embedded PD Info Session**
Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 pm
Montfort Centre
- **Telling Wilde Tales**
St. Martin de Porres School
Production
February 10 & 11, 2010
Memorial Centre
- **Faith Day**
March 1, 2010
Mass with Archbishop Smith
at St. Mary's Church
Speaker Immaculée Ilibagiza
at École Secondaire Notre
Dame High School
- **Education Foundation First Annual Fundraiser**
March 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm
Westerner Park, Marquis
Room
Left to Tell by Immaculée Ilibagiza
Tickets \$25 - available from
Black Knight Inn Ticket
Centre **NOW!**
- **School Board Meeting**
Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30 pm
Montfort Centre
- **Little Women Musical by Notre Dame Students**
March 4, 5 & 6, 2010
Memorial Centre
Tickets \$20 (Students \$15) See
newsletter for more info.
- **An Evening with Walter Gretzky - Notre Dame Fundraiser**
March 13, 2010
Holiday Inn on 67 Street
- **ACSTA Catholic Conference**
March 12 -13, 2010
Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

Schools Put their Faith into Action

It's hard to comprehend how you accomplished it in just two weeks but you really did raise \$48,829.73 for the people of Haiti to be sent to Development and Peace and matched by the Canadian Government.

Here are a few school stories:

The Social Justice Student Leadership



Team at **St. Francis of Assisi School** discussed many different ways to make a difference. A

popcorn sale stood out as a possibility but students felt that just getting money was not enough. They wanted to educate people about why it was important. The students spent the next week giving up lunch hours to write various facts about Haiti on popcorn bags. They sold over 700 bags for a sizeable amount of money but just as importantly, they raised awareness about the tragedy in Haiti. The team also had a toonie donation, teacher dress-down week, Hats for Haiti and a pizza sale.

In Rocky Mountain House, **St. Matthew's School** welcomed a Grade 2 student into their school community. She just arrived from Haiti a week ago to join her adopted family. The school community feels very blessed to have her.

Student Council Ambassadors at

St. Patrick's Community School organized the "Hearts for Haiti"



campaign that asked students to offer a donation and hang a heart on the wall as a symbol of prayer for the people of Haiti. The wall became a very inspiring visual for all to reflect on the needs of Haiti. School staff donated money to wear "blue jeans" to school.



At **École Camille J. Lerouge School**,

students and teachers were offered privileges in exchange for donations to the people of Haiti.



One mom says her kid figured out how much it would cost to buy every privilege and then bought some for his friends. One student went out with her parents to do a bottle drive and collected \$561! In total, the school raised over \$15,000!

At **St. Teresa of Avila School**, students participated in "Crazy for Haiti" program.

One parent wrote: "Jacob came home and asked if I knew about the "Hattie People". Jacob said, 'They had an earthquake, you

know.'" Jacob then told me that if he raised \$50, his teacher would match it. Jake asked if he could donate the \$30 cheque he had on the refrigerator, and asked to do some "extra chores" to raise the remaining \$20. I started crying,

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and Jacob then thought he had done something wrong. Jake said, "It's okay Mom, I don't have to." I explained to Jacob that I was crying because I was so incredibly proud of his unselfish offer to help those in need. I explained that it would be \$50 in toys he would not have so he really understood. Jacob smiled and told me, "Mom, they need it more than I do!"



Jacob had just received this cheque two days before he came home with his story about the "Hattie People". The fact that Jacob offered to give his hard earned money to those with a greater need, was one of the proudest moments I have experienced."

At **St. Dominic Catholic High School** in Rocky, former Vice-Principal, Blake Krause, pledged to let students dye his hair any colour if they met their fundraising goal. Mr. Krause is confident that he will have a new look next week when the final number is announced.

I am very proud of how the Division embraced this year's theme "Let us Love in Faith and Action". Staff and students in our schools are strong models of our faith that calls us to practice social justice and charity. The Haiti Relief Initiative will have been a life changing experience for our students and they will carry it into the world long after they leave school. Thank you for what you did for the people of Haiti and our students!

Prayer Day for Haiti

The Prayer Day for Haiti service held at St. Mary Church this week was a beautiful way to mark the closing of our Haiti Relief Initiative. "Epic Rock Band" from École Secondaire Notre Dame High School's offered their musical talent. High school students also performed a modern day dramatization of the "Good Samaritan Story" that saw a robber attack a student as others ignored his pleas for help. Some walked by him talking on their cell phone, others listened to their ipods, or chatted together as he laid on the ground. It was a short yet powerful *drime* - drama, mime and music!

Many thanks to Ryan Ledene, Division Faith Coordinator, and Jeannette Manser, Youth Ministry Coordinator, for organizing a very inspiring prayer service!



Mission Impossible at Holy Family School

Students at Holy Family School were challenged to complete a gymnastics course to the tune of Mission Impossible. They were featured on the front page of the Advocate this week. ***Congratulations to all the staff who put together the fun event, especially teachers Jackie Weddell and Cori Bussard!***



Students' innate potential comes alive with love, recognition and respect!

WE HONOUR OUR CHILDREN