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Anti-bullying Week by Meadow and Dursameen

Anti-bullying week is about respecting ourselves and others. We gathered in the gym for a big ceremony on Monday, November 18. In the ceremony we listened to performances and celebrated Anti-bullying. We discussed how bully-

ing affects our school and others. It can be really hurtful, and we want to put an end to it.

At the assembly we listened to Mr. Wendlandt and Ms. Drimmie's classes performing presentations. Also grades 1-8

made a video about bullying they shared at the ceremony. For the Anti-Bullying Awareness Week grades K-3 did a coloring contest and 4-8 did a poster contest. Prizes went to the winner of each grade level.

STUDENT COUNCIL BY JAYDEN

This year Student Council is led by Ms. Wright and Ms. Heighton. Student Council is a program that is held every Friday at lunch hour for students in grades 5-8. Each class

voted for the two students who they thought would do the best job on Student Council. Student Council plans all of the school dances, spirit days, such as iPod day,

hat day, and pajama day, to name a few. This reporter is one of the room reps from grade eight working to make the school year more fun for the whole school!

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Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 2 Candy Gram sales start \$0.50 each
- Dec. 8 LEAP Community Helpers SPCA Fun Skate 2:00 (Sportex)
- Dec. 9 Report Cards go home
- Dec. 11 JR. High Band Winter Concert 7p.m.
- Dec. 12 2:15 dismissal for PTIs
- Dec. 19 K-3 Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20 Last day before Christmas break



Peace begins with a smile.-Mother Teresa

LOCAL STUDENTS GO TO *WE DAY* BY JAYDEN

We Day was on October 30th 2013 in Winnipeg. *We Day* was an opportunity for Student Council members from Flin Flon to go to Winnipeg. Only two members got to go from Mclsaac School's Student Council. *We Day* is about people sticking up for each other, being yourself, and being the change needed in the world. There were multiple acts, singers, and speakers. Some of the acts that were there were Shawn Desman, Kenyan Boys Choir,

Neverest, Maria Aragon, and Martin Sheen to name a few.

It was held at the MTS center in Winnipeg. There was 16,000 thousand young teenagers from all over Manitoba. One of the things that we did at *We Day* was called the "We dance". It's when all of the people there stood up and danced. Each seat had a *We Day* bag which had a newspaper, books, and a light that you put on your wrist and every time you'd clap, it

lit up, and when everyone clapped the whole stadium was filled with sparkly lights. I'm glad that I got to go to *We Day*. It was a very inspiring show and a great opportunity.

Introducing...Ms. Senyk by Anna



Q. What do you like about teaching L.E.A.P?

A. I get to work with students from grades 4-8 in both Mclsaac and Ruth Betts, and it gives me the opportunity to work with students that I've taught before like Vishwaka Epa, who I student taught when he was in kindergarten.

Q. What is your favorite thing to do on the weekend?

A. I usually make healthy muffins or soup for the week ahead, do planning for school, and spend time with family and friends.

Q. How many students do you teach?

A. There are approximately 100 students in L.E.A.P.

Q. What do you see yourself doing in ten years?

A. Hopefully working here at the school, but I've always wanted to open my own restaurant or bakery.

Q. What group do you like teaching in L.E.A.P? What is the most interesting one?

A. They are all fun, but I think

my favorite is Mythology because I love reading about Greek Mythology like in the *Percy Jackson* novels.

Q. Do you have any siblings?

A. I have one younger brother named Callan.

Q. What did you do before you came to Mclsaac?

A. I taught grade 4 at Ruth Betts Community School for 5 years.

Q. What's your favorite color and why do you like it?

A. My favorite color is purple because it is a happy, rich color. I also like turquoise because it is calming.

"An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind." - Mahatma Gandhi

Remembrance Day Ceremony BY MIKYLO

The Remembrance Day ceremony was on November the eighth in the McIsaac school gym. Many parents came for the service. It began with Ms. Jardine's grade eight band playing O Canada. Next, Mrs. Smith's Choir sang Song of Peace, which is about a wish for peace all over Earth. Fol-

lowing that, the grade eight band played Be Still, my Soul.

Alyssa Richards then played the Last Post and everyone stood for the two minutes of silence. We then had a man who had served in the military in Afghanistan, Steve Bashchuk, come and talk about his

experience in the military. Then the poem "In Flanders' Fields" was recited in French. All students then took a poppy off of the giant lettering 'PEACE', exited the gym, and went home for lunch.

Lest we forget.

Interview with Stephen Baschuk by Jayden

Stephen Baschuk spoke at our Remembrance Day ceremony.

How long ago did you serve in Afghanistan?

Kabul in 2004, and Khandahar in 2006. Each tour was 6 months long.

Did you choose to go to war?

Yes, I had a choice. It felt like a personal obligation to my friends. I chose to go.

How did you feel when you

found out that you would be serving in Afghanistan?

I was excited to be going over there and when I first arrived, because we arrived in the heart of the city at the International Airport, it was quite an intense culture

shock.

What helped you to get through being so far from loved ones and friends?

I have been doing it since I was about 12-13 years old. I got over being homesick at a young age. I travelled all over

Canada, going to camps for Cadets.

Did you receive any letters or packages while you were away?

Yes, in Kabul I got a package from my buddy who I served with in Edmonton, with treats, candies and magazines around Christmas time. A lady from the FFSD sent me a letter and a photo from The Reminder of me. And students sent care packages and letters.

How did you feel when you got asked to speak about experiences?

I think it was a good way to

Ask the Advice-o-nauts

Q. I have a grandpa and he's dying and I need help to stop crying. What do I do?

A. I have been in a similar situation with my grandma. I spent a lot of time with her and always thought positively like, "She will be in a better place right away." Just spend time with him and think of good memories. You will get over this eventually, but until then I hope you feel better and I'm sorry you're going through this. –Advice-o-naut 1

Q. How do I be a good friend?

A. Stand up for your friend if he/she is being bullied, comfort them when they're sad, and invite them to hangout sometimes. Just be nice, trustworthy, and friendly. –Advice-o-naut 1

Q: How can I stop being bullied?

A: Well, you should tell someone. The best way would be to stand up for yourself and communicate with people you think can help, like an adult or friend. –Advice-o-naut 2

Q: How do I stop fighting with my brother/sister?

A: Well just know that they are your family and even when you fight they will be there for you. Set boundaries with your parents that your sibling has to follow. Just try to stay positive and remember that your brother or sister is probably trying to get a reaction out of you. –Advice-o-naut 2

INTERVIEW CONTINUED...

take part in the Remembrance Day ceremony.

What made you sign up for the Canadian Armed Forces?

Being in Cadets helped me get used to life in the military culture, and I wanted to carry that into my adult life.

What's your title?

I don't have a title anymore but I was a corporal in the infantry.

How old are you?

32 years old.

What's your full name?

Stephen Ronald Baschuk

Where are you from?

I was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, lived in Snow Lake until I moved to Denare Beach, then Creighton, and then I lived in Flin Flon.

Thank you for the interview.

LEAP is on the web!

<http://flinflonschooldivisionleap.weebly.com/>

LEAP Community Helpers presents:

Candy Gram Sales

Dec. 2-13 \$0.50 each

Candy Grams will be delivered on December 20.

Fun Skate

Sunday, December 8

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Creighton Sportex

FREE with a donation to the SPCA or \$2.00 to skate.

Proceeds go to the local SPCA

