

THE Principal's Message



What gives me hope?

Looking back on this past school year generally, and this past month in particular, there are so many things that have given me hope.

After adding up all the toonies from Toonie Free Dress Days and the proceeds from the fundraisers initiated by the Student Government, we had a grand total of \$900 to spend. I went around to the classes and presented a list from the Plan Canada Gifts of Hope catalogue. The students gave their input on what they felt would be the most well received and lasting gifts to children and their families in developing countries. So with a little help from my friends, we purchased two cows, three hens, a rooster, 12 rabbits and a pig! The generosity, kindness and depth of understanding from our young students that they can change the world, gives me hope.

When the Grade Two class spent time studying the effect of oil spills on our environment, many of them went the extra mile with their research and showed impressive insight on just how important this topic is. They weren't satisfied to just learn about the most recent spill off the Gulf Coast and feel sorry for the affected animals, they needed to DO something. Thus the idea of a lemonade and cookie stand and fun raffle was born. The students' desire to develop an

environmental conscience and make a difference with the \$320 they raised for Greenpeace, gives me hope.

CGS introduced the idea of a Science Fair to our students from SK to Grade 2 this term and the idea turned into a very professionally organized exhibit of scientific investigation and discovery (many thanks to Jane for taking on this huge project). The judges were all amazed by the way the students not only built and created their projects, but with how they presented them orally with such detail and poise. Seeing so many of our students showing off their enquiring minds by volunteering to participate in our first Annual Science Fair, gives me hope.

I have experienced another year of CGS pride and accomplishment. Students have worked to be the very best they can be. Parents have supported and encouraged. Teachers have enlightened and inspired. Together we have made the possibilities for success limitless. All of this gives me hope.

Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer.

Marie Bates