

Growing Global Competencies While Giving Back

Developing future-ready learners who possess the global competencies to excel in any area their interests may someday lead them is a priority of Anglophone South School District (ASD-S). By teaching our students empathy and good citizenship, encouraging creative thinking, and empowering them to make a difference in the world, our young people are developing the skills to make positive changes as our future leaders.

Just like the invaluable support our schools receive from community partners throughout the year, it is important we recognize and celebrate the huge role our schools play in making the holidays meaningful for others in our communities.

Guided by dedicated staff members, our students were busy participating in community events, acts of public service, fundraising projects, and more. Dollars were raised, donations were collected, and students ventured into their community, visiting seniors' homes, writing letters to troops, and volunteering for those in need.

This year alone, hundreds of boxes of food and thousands of dollars were collected for our local Food Banks. Countless families received support in the form of food boxes, meals, gifts, and necessities, and thousands of dollars were raised for a variety of causes from Sussex to Grand Manan, such as Harbour Lights, United Way, SPCA, and Romero House. Below are just some of the activities our schools organized leading up to the holiday season.

Saint Rose School

Students collected donations for their "Captain Underpants" Underpants Tree to donate locally. They delivered handmade Christmas cards in the community and produced Christmas Hampers for families in need. The students also raised funds for the SPCA and \$491.27 for the Empty Stocking Fund.





Princess Elizabeth School

Students partnered with community members to create Christmas Food Hampers for 25 families and host a breakfast for 700 people, including Santa, in their gym.

Lakefield Elementary School

Lakefield is working toward becoming a UNESCO school and focused on generosity through the month of December. They had a local and global cause to support this year. They supported the Joshua Group in Saint John with both food and gifts. They supported a village in Nepal to help with clean water and sanitation and through their efforts of student led fundraising, raised \$4040.90. Representatives from the Joshua Group also came to speak to the students about global awareness and the importance of generosity. These causes will help students to better understand the United Nations Sustainable Goals of No Poverty, Zero Hunger, and Clean Water and Sanitation.

Westfield School

Classes competed to collect items to donate to Romero House. Monies raised during their Christmas Bazaar were used to provide pajamas and stocking stuffers, such as toiletries, underwear, and socks, to members in their community. Classes wrote letters to military members spending Christmas overseas. Students also performed random acts of kindness, captured them, and put them on display to inspire others.

Centennial School

Staff 'dress-down' funds resulted in a \$300 donation to the North End Food Bank. The school choir sang for the Empty Stocking Fund and donated the \$230 raised.

Sussex Regional High School

Students held a toy drive and staff purchased gift cards and groceries for families in the community.

Saint John High School

Students volunteered again this year to help empty the tractor trailer of donations at Romero House. \$1500 was also raised for the Empty Stocking Fund. A food drive was held for the local Food Bank and their own 'SJHS Cupboard' for the holidays. Twenty students that require support were provided bags of gifts and food for their families over the holidays. This includes gifts and meals. The Varsity Girls Basketball team sponsored a family by themselves, and did the shopping and wrapping. The school also gave out 20 personal care kits to students that were in need. These were filled by the staff and included personal care items, socks, gloves, candy, gift cards and other items that were donated by the staff.



Champlain Heights School

The school held an annual fundraiser bazaar in support of the Benin Orphanage in Africa.

Beaconsfield Middle School

The students held a food drive for the West Side Food Bank, as well as participating in the SKIP (Seniors and Kids Inter-generational Program) by providing a Christmas Program at a Seniors' Apartment Complex.





St. Martins School

The school organized a food drive to support Lakewood Headstart.

Kennebecasis Valley High School

Through fundraising, students and staff support 18 families in the community with stockings for kids, food, and gifts.

Bayview Elementary School

Students raised \$200 for the SPCA, \$436.55 for Romero House, and donated eight large boxes of food to East Side Food Bank!



Barnhill Memorial School

Students and staff raise money and food donations in a Newcomb ball tournament for the West Side Food Bank. Clothes and gifts were also collected to donate to Hestia House.

Sir James Dunn Academy

Staff and students fundraise and prepare three food hampers for the Volunteer Centre in St. Stephen. The school has also been doing Adopt-A-Family for 25 years. They give Christmas dinner food, milk, eggs, margarine, bread, potatoes and a \$100 gift card each for turkey and perishables. This year the SJDA students played Dodgeball to raise funds for the hampers. The Dodgeball game was started



three years ago by this years' graduating class. It was a record year, raising over \$700. Staff also donate to one of their school's families in lieu of a Christmas present exchange.

Milltown Elementary

Students and staff donated approximately \$400 to the United Way, and \$200 plus food donations to Santa's Helpers. Students also participated in Santa's Helpers Telethon.

Belleisle Regional High School

The school works with a local church to prepare baskets for some of the student's families that were in need of support during the Christmas season. Students collected socks, mittens, gloves, and toques for the 20K Sock Day and carolled at local senior homes. They also made and sent Christmas cards to Canadian Armed Forces and collected food items for the local food bank.

Sussex Elementary School

The staff supports families identified through the Sussex Sharing Club with holiday gifts. They also held a used book sale and silent auction with proceeds being divided between the Salvation Army and the Sussex Sharing Club.

Hampton Middle School

Students collected and delivered items to the Hampton Food Basket.

Blacks Harbour School

Staff and students organize a fundraiser to purchase coats, ski pants, mittens and hats for approximately 40 families. Grade 3 students did a weekly visit to the nursing home in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The school also took part in Operation Christmas Joy, providing needy families with Christmas dinner supplies and gifts.

Quispamsis Middle School

The school Band and Singing Club went to Kings Way Care Center to perform for the residents. Staff and student donated gifts and raised funds to go to the Kennebecasis Fire Fighters Charitable Society.

Hampton Elementary School

Students held a Mitten Drive for the local community, as well as a Food Drive, donating 589 lbs of food to the Hampton Food Basket.



Rothesay Elementary School

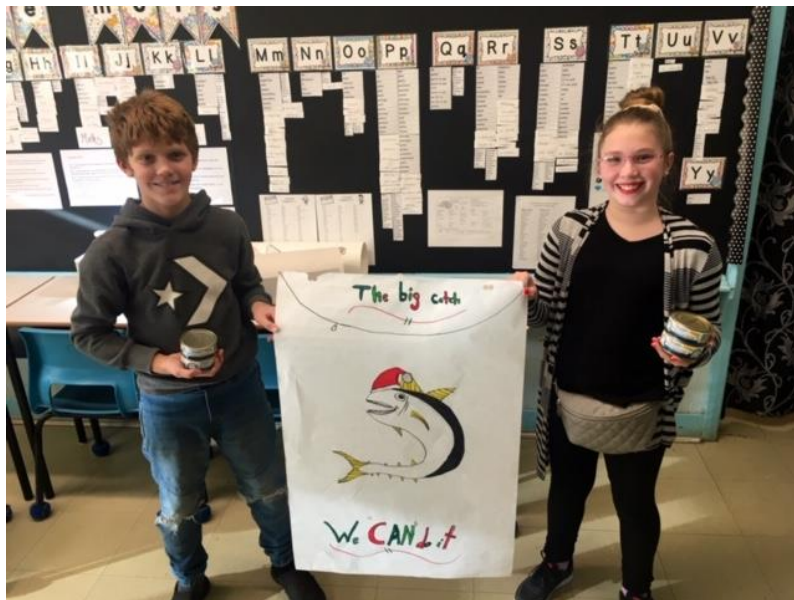
Students organized a Fill the Sleigh campaign where students filled their large Christmas sleigh with personal care items to be donated to the Salvation Army.

St. Stephen High School

Several groups, including Best Buddies, collected items for the local Food Bank. SSHS Drama club donated a collection of toys to the Volunteer Centre. The school's WE Group held a Hat and Mitten drive for the elementary school. Students worked to put Christmas hampers together and run activities at the Old Ridge Seniors' Home. They also delivered baked goods, flowers, candy canes and handmade cards to community members to spread some Christmas cheer.

Loch Lomond School

Students devised a campaign, “The Big Catch”, where they collected cans of tuna for donation to the Lakewood Headstart Food Bank.



Macdonald Consolidated School

Students decorated a Christmas tree and set up the turkey dinner at a local seniors’ home. Proceeds from a recent dance went to support a local family and items were collected for the Food Bank.

Prince Charles School

Students collected change to raise \$470.90 for Harbour Lights.

Seaside Park Elementary School

Working with community partners, the school supported approximately 50 families this holiday season. Many classes were busy writing letters and making cards for Armed Forces personnel who were serving overseas during the holidays. Many students also created holiday cards and crafts to be shared with community partners, and collected items for the local Food Bank.

Quispamsis Elementary School

Students held a food drive to support the KV Food Bank. Also, staff supported several local families, which included nearly 20 of their students. Classes visited the Shannex Senior Home and Quispamsis Community Park to assist in decorating for Christmas.

Vincent Massey Elementary School

Students made cards for the local seniors home and sang for their residents. Some students organized a mitten drive to add to the 61st annual Mitten Tree project. They donated a record number of mittens, more than 250, which is the highest in the 61 years. As well, all classes performed for the Santa's Helpers Telethon.



Kennebecasis Park Elementary School

The students raised \$553.10 for the Empty Stocking Fund during a 'Pajama Day', and students performed at the telethon. The school also held a rummage sale as a fundraiser, and raised \$1380 for the United Way.

Sussex Middle School

Sussex Middle School partnered with Sobeys again this year, collecting for local food banks. They made a monetary donation of \$3509.11!

Belleisle Elementary School

Staff and students supplied two families with food for their Christmas Dinners and lots of extra food supplies for January, when money is tight. They also provided Christmas presents and clothing to these families.

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Students helped Harmony United Church members pack 55 Christmas boxes for those in need.



Hampton High School

Students organized a Coffee House with proceeds going to fund children's education in Swaziland. The school's "Me to We" group collected hats and mittens for homeless shelters in Saint John and Hampton. Students wrote letters to military personnel who are away from their families at Christmas time. The Leadership class visited seniors at the Snow Centre and served Christmas dinner to Dr. A. T. Leatherbarrow students at the Hampton Legion. Students collected goods for the Hampton Food Basket and the girl's hockey team worked organizing their boxes. The school also hosted a holiday concert with proceeds being donated to the Hampton Food Basket. In total more than \$650 was raised. Staff also held a Secret Santa for 50 of the school's less fortunate students.



Dr. A.T. Leatherbarrow School

Students collected and delivered food items to the Hampton Food Basket.

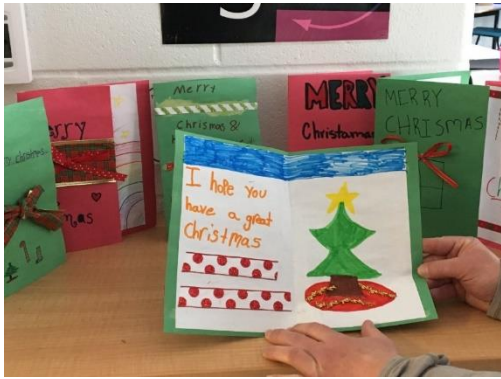
Sussex Corner Elementary School

Students filled gift boxes for Samaritan’s Purse as well as collected food for the ‘Stuff the Bus’ Food Drive Campaign for the Salvation Army and Sussex Sharing Club.

Rothesay High School

Students organized a Sock, Mitten & Hat Drive for Romero House, a Pajama Drive for IWK, and staffed Salvation Army Kettles. They also held a Toy and Teddy Bear Drive for the pediatric oncology unit at the Saint John Regional Hospital and raised \$1020 for the unit.



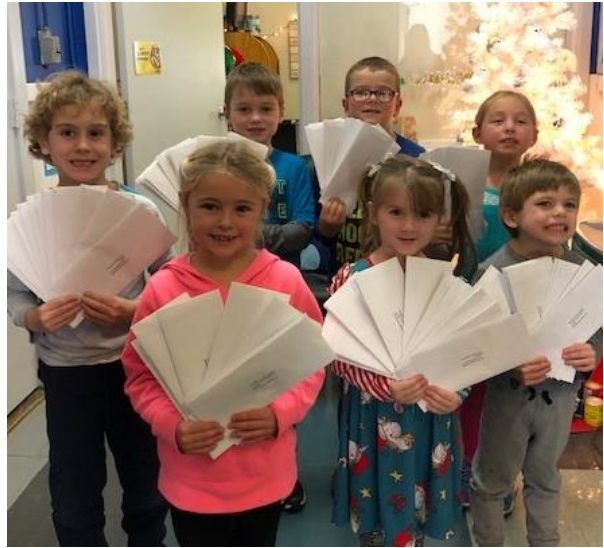


Chris Saunders Memorial Elementary

Their WE Club created cards to spread kindness to residents in one of the nursing homes in the KV area.

Grand Bay Primary

Students donated 200lbs of food to the River Valley Food Bank and staff donated \$280, raised through casual Fridays. All students also wrote Holiday greeting cards to military personnel who are not coming home for the Holidays.



Island View School

Students raised \$416 for Harbour lights through their “Best Seats in the House” sales at their Christmas Concert. \$287 plus eight large heavy boxes of food, clothing, and Christmas Cards were collected for the West Side Food Bank. Students donated twenty-five “Sweet Dreams” bags, \$500 in toys, and pancake mix to Hestia House and Romero House in addition to twenty-six full purses that were donated to the Purse Project. Students also cooked many batches of soup and cookies for Romero House. As well, staff raised \$452 for the Rob MacMurray Bursary Fund.



Grand Manan Community School

For the third year, students participated in Emma's PJ Drive. Emma Pearson was a young teenager from Carleton County that passed away. Her parents decided to start a pajama drive in her memory. It started in Carleton County and now in its 5th year has spread to different places in New Brunswick and in the United States.

Pajamas go to multiple organizations in the province (Food bank, Kinsmen miracle boxes, shelters, nursing homes, pediatric wards in NB, the IWK, and many more).

They are also donated to people in need, those who lost their houses in fires, or have been through other tragedies. Through donations of pajamas and monetary donations, GMCS contributed 75 pairs of pajamas to the drive.



Lakewood Heights School

Students presented a cheque for \$1215 to Romero House that was raised through their Best Seat in the House Fundraiser, and donated 500 pairs of socks that were collected during "Socktober". Students helped with lunch service, decorated, and sang Christmas carols during their visit to Romero House.



St. Stephen Elementary School

The school's K-Kids club raised 268 lbs of food and \$1293.00 for the local Food Bank by organizing a pajama day and collecting donations at their school Christmas concerts.



Harry Miller Middle School

Students gathered food for eighteen Christmas dinners to be shared with families in the HMMS community and also collected a large bag of new, warm socks for families in need to be distributed throughout the organizations in KV and Saint John.