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Cookshire Elementary School

Positive year for Cookshire Elementary

Cookshire Elementary began the 2019/2020 school year with as much positivity as we could. We welcomed our biggest student body in

many years thanks to our large K4/K5 classes and new additions to older grades, which has boosted our total to 95 students and welcomed some new staff members to our ranks. Our classes are full and our teachers have lots of bright faces to get to know and new names to learn.

Our PPO welcomed the students back to school with a BBQ and corn roast, which helped introduce some of the new members to our hungry students. The students filled their bellies with corn and hotdogs and were very appreciative of the PPO's generosity.

We hiked Mont Megantic, an annual event to celebrate our new school year and reintroduce the students to our Living School ideals of well-being for all and a connection to nature. We enjoyed a beautiful day on the mountain and experienced some "shinrin-yoku" or forest bathing to start the year with a positive mindset about nature while taking in the splendor the natural world around us. Throughout the year we will aim to use nature as a guide and learning tool to boost our academics and create a sustainable relationship with nature.

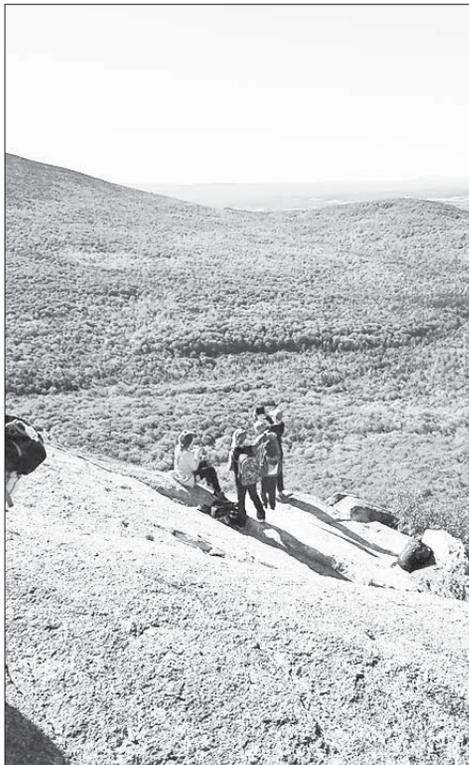
Our positivity continued as we joined hundreds of countries participating in

World Cleanup Day. Students and staff took to the streets of Cookshire to pick up garbage. We visited many local businesses and picked up trash around the buildings and in the parking lots, not to mention the sidewalks and roadsides. Although we did not have any community volunteers, we were pleased to receive many thank yous as we cleaned up the town.

The most recent activity was our

Terry Fox Run, which included many parent volunteers for the afternoon run. Our students were fantastic fundraisers and we almost raised \$800!

Some of our upcoming events include an Ultimate Frisbee tournament with Pope Memorial and Sawyerville Elementary, cross country runs at Bishop's University and Galt, a Halloween door decorating contest and a Halloween dance.



Potton's round barn

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Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Ken Jones Respite group for persons with intellectual and physical challenges, the Round Barn is a morning highlight as he passes on his bus route to the program every Thursday. His joy and love for the barn is evident as you can see him, face in the bus window smiling from ear to ear and telling the other clients on the bus to look!

When Serge arrives at the KJC program, he informs the coordination team staff that the barn is still there and that all is good.

In hearing about Serge's interest and love for the landmark, Round Barn Com-

mittee President, Hans Walser wanted to do something special for Serge. On September 26, in a low key fashion (due to Serge's ease with a small group of people), Hans invited Serge, a member of the KJC Coordination Team and a photographer to come to the Round Barn site for a special presentation in celebration of Serge's interest in the barn. Hans presented Serge with a special Round Barn pin and a beautiful file of information about the barn with photos and the two posed for pictures (as seen here). Copies of the photos will be given to Serge highlighting forever, this special day. Serge was beyond happy. For Hans Walser, a man who has devoted a lot of time and energy, along with oth-

ers in the restoration of the barn, the enthusiasm was contagious.

Meanwhile, there is still work to be done on the barn and funds to be raised. A financial contribution is welcome and if you would like to have more informa-

tion, Hans Walser, President of the Round Barn committee can be reached at 450-292-3566. You can visit the Municipal website for more details about the barn and the restoration project at: www.potton.ca



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