

COMMUNITY AT LEILA NORTH

2020-2021

Showing we care:

- Prepared and delivered over 110 hampers throughout the year.
- Created gifts and cards for Maples personal care home.
- Contributed to the United Way campaigns.
- Lent over a hundred Chromebooks throughout the year to support at home learning during isolations and periods of remote learning.
- Donated winter clothing to Koats for Kids.

Building Community in the Classroom

The tight-knit connections formed by students at Leila are very valued. In a year characterized by distance, independence, and remote learning there were concerns about the effects this pandemic would have on the community of our classrooms. Luckily, even with the constant reminders of their teacher to stay socially distanced, the Grade 7s and 8s of room 25 developed strong connections with each other that allowed them to share openly their opinions and personal experiences. This was most evident during

class discussion periods where they surfaced the questions and concerns the students had about their learning, in their personal lives, or with life in general. The questions ranged from the characteristics of a healthy relationship to what life as a high school student would be like to the social injustices taking place around the world. What was most impressive throughout these discussions was the strong conversations that stemmed from these questions. The learners shared their opinions on controversial topics as

well as their own personal experiences, and throughout it all supported and encouraged each other to speak openly and honestly. It was this support that the students had for each other that truly speaks to the connections they have formed. It confirms that that even when our students are unable to come together in sports, theatre, music, or the other pursuits that used to be so integral here at Leila, the care and openness they show each other will continue to keep the connections in our classroom as strong as ever. As we look forward to next year,





La communauté française à Leila North

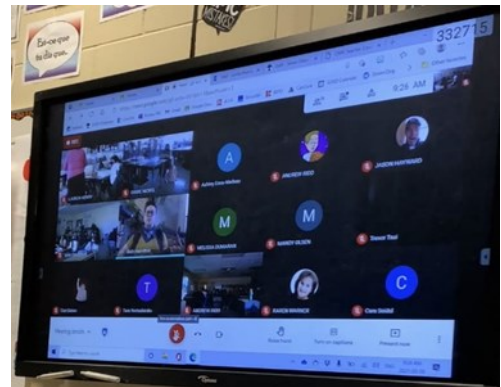
There are many ways to experience the French language. You can eat French food, watch French television, listen to the French radio and read in French, among

other activities. The students in Mme Amita's room worked hard this year to continue to build their Francophonie pride by building up different experiences. They experienced French music by listening to Raine Hamilton, who is a local musician who grew up in French Immersion. Raine was able to join our whole school virtually and preform

music for us in French and in English. This gave all our students, both French Immersion and our Basic French learners an opportunity to listen in French. The students had multiple virtual workshops with organisations like **Arc-en-Ciel avec Janelle** as well as with **FreezeFrame Manitoba and the Théâtre Cercle Molière, all in French!** The students also created short films in collaboration with

FreezeFrame and sessions with the Théâtre Cercle Molière, with hopes to participate in the Festival Théâtre Jeunesse. Together, the students discovered how French is not limited to the confinements of the classroom but outside in the bigger community! Bravo aux élèves pour un bel effort!

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Koats for Kids

Leila North continues to be a proud supporter of the United Way and helping others whenever we can. Every year, as the weather gets colder, Leila North students turn their attention to helping others by collecting Koats for Kids. We collect gently used winter wear, including coats, hats, ski pants, mittens, scarves, and boots, for those who can't afford them. This year, even during the pandemic, Leila North students continued to step up to help others. Unfortunately, the weather will get cold again, and the needs keep growing, so we look forward to helping again next year.

Leila North Supports The United Way

Rooms 10 and 11 Walk for The United Way

On Friday, September 18, 2020 rooms 10 and 11 devoted some time and learning to The United Way. They watched videos and explored the website to discover some of the important contributions of the United Way in Winnipeg. They also participated in “Walk this Way” joining other Winnipeggers to reach the goal of 5000 km so that corporate sponsors would donate \$ 100,000 to keep mentorship programs and other groups like MYAC, KYAC, and Elwick Village operating in our division. Rooms 10 and 11 are proud to support The United Way and hope you might too! The United Way is the biggest non-profit organization in the world. It helps people find jobs and buy food and clothing. The United Way changes people’s lives. It was started in 1887 in Denver. It has 1800 independent organizations in 41 countries, including Canada. The United Way generated billions of dollars around the world, and millions of dollars in Winnipeg. The United Way helps make people happy by making a great future. It helps people with education, income, and health. It doesn't matter who you are or where you come from, the United Way can help. It leads people in the right direction. It helps everyone. Everyone should donate to The United Way.

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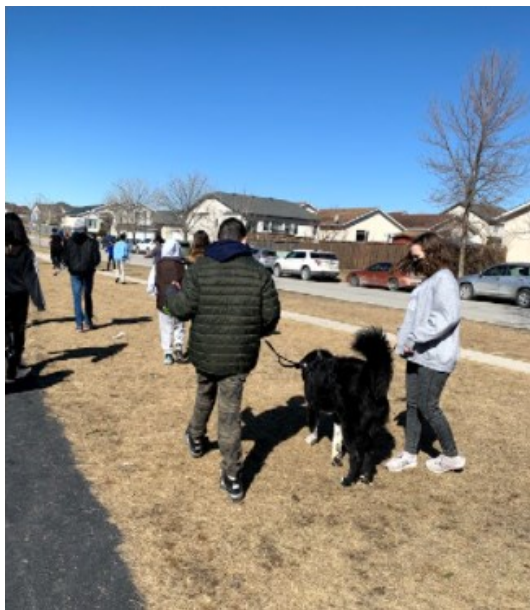
Helping Community Organizations

Students at Leila North usually have many opportunities to volunteer during the noon hour, before and after school and on weekends. In previous years, interested students have participated in organizing events like the Terry Fox Run, Jump Rope for Heart, Spirit Week and school sponsored tournaments. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic fewer of these opportunities have been available. Many other volunteer opportunities like scorekeeping and refereeing, equipment organization, and fundraising through canteen, pizza and TCBY sales have been curtailed due to the pandemic.

Fortunately, with a little bit of reorganization, we were able to hold our Terry Fox Run and a Jump Rope for Heart events. Each class was active within their cohort for 40 minutes as recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run. Collectively we raised \$891.60 for Terry's cause. School closure due Covid-19 interfered with our Jump Off to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The school ended up donating \$400.00 to this great cause.

These learning experiences offered an opportunity to be active, encouraged positive interactions with others, fostered personal and social responsibility, a sense of community and the development of positive leadership skills.

Well done Leila North!



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The Craftroom

It's been challenging during the pandemic to create the fun and spirit of community that is the normal Leila North. In an attempt to provide students with an extra curricular activity that was possible during these times I took our knitting club online. A google classroom called "The Craftroom" was created. It shared techniques, patterns and ideas for knitting, crochet and macramé. Equipment: looms, needles, hooks and yarn were stored in my office and signed out to kids who wanted to participate. There was more interest than normal this year

with over 30 sign outs, and a group of consistent yarn "borrowers". Some students posted and show cased their work, while others set up an evening facetime chat and knit group. If or when students needed help or to borrow something, they found me individually or messaged me in the craft room. Without realizing it students who work with patterns, shapes, increasing and decreasing are improving their numeracy skills. Below are a few examples of work from our community.

