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W.J. Berezowsky Holds Court on Cyber-bullying

W.J. Berezowsky grade 5 to 8 students had the opportunity to examine the issue of cyber-bullying through an engaging and thought-provoking presentation put on by the People's Law School's Justice Theatre.

insult and attack a student are some of the ways the victim in this case experiences online bullying.

The presentation took students through a complete trial in the Canadian Justice System. Twelve students were

then presented their arguments as to their client's innocence.

Students came away from the presentation with a clear understanding that cyber-bullying is a crime and that there are real life consequences of engaging in bullying behaviors.



In this compelling drama a new student inadvertently makes an enemy of a popular student and finds himself subjected to a vicious cyber-bullying campaign. Hostile text messages, the posting of embarrassing photos, and Facebook groups set up to

chosen as the jury in the case and they were responsible for listening to the evidence and making their determination of the accused's guilt or innocence. The judge laid out the charges and the prosecutors presented the evidence of the accused's guilt. The defense

It really helped reinforce a strong anti-bullying message for the students.



DESTINATION IMAGINATION

New Test-Pilot Project Allows Students To Expand Their Minds

By Samantha Paradis and Jacelyn Perret

ARTHUR PECHEY PUBLIC SCHOOL –
Prince Albert –

Ms. Russell's Grade 6 Classroom test-piloted the Destination Imagination program for Pearson during the months of March and April. This is a new performance based project from the United States, also known as DI.

Jayden Bissky of the Gr. 6 class informally states, "We did DI to see if it fits in with the Saskatchewan Curriculum." Ms. Russell explained to the students that the outcomes fit into the Language Arts, Visual Arts, Drama, and Career Planning Curriculums. Supriya Pillay comments on further activity, "We were excited because we had never done this before, it would be a fun learning opportunity."

The students used The Four C's of 21st Century Learning throughout the process. They are creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.

To kick start DI, students enjoyed a series of drama warm-up challenges, from making musical instruments from household objects, to finding the quickest way to have a ball travel through teammates.

Students then got sorted into one of four groups and gave the roles to certain group members, whose skills qualified for that position.

Each of the students had a role in the making of the cartoon script. These included: creating and developing the characters, writing the story, special effect management, drawing the cartoon cel, and the improvisational element.

The students were focused on one part of DI which was cartoon dimensions. They had to make their characters as cartoon-like as possible, by using brightly colored clothing,

hats, make-up, and unusual hairstyles.

"The inspiration for our play was the popular reality television show *The Bachelor*, the names of our characters Ashley, Benjamin, and Courtney," explains Samantha Paradis, who was a member of the *Tsunami Story*.

"The inspiration for our play was a video we had been shown before. They took out boxes as the visual effect, so we thought that would be cool to do," states Maggie Tiessen, who worked on the *Lost Treasure Story*.

"Everyone wanted to do our play in England, so I suggested a Sherlock Holmes type of story. A mystery," adds Izaak Chartrand, whose group did the *Murder Mystery* play script.

"We wanted to have something to do with

During rehearsals, the students read through their lines, chose actions to use, and practiced through their plays to make them high level and great stories.

"To deal with problems, we just talked them over as a group and agreed on one thing," remarked Mackenzie Emmerson.

Time for final performances came around on April 3rd as groups were giving it their 'A Game'.

"My favorite part of DI was the final performance because we got to do the final thing, the best we could," explains Jarin Jones of the grade six classroom.

Once the students did their final performances, they got feedback from their



Arthur Pechey Grade 6 Students

crime scenes and investigations, so we based our story around that," informs Igor Lukic, who acted in the *Mad Scientist* script.

They had to make back drops to show the setting of their plays. They had to be very vibrant and detailed to stand out in their performances.

The students also had to write their stories with high level vocabulary, well developed sentences, a beginning, middle, and end, and a main problem. They were able to do this due to their past unit on story writing with Ms. Russell.

peers, Ms. Russell, Mrs. Glendinning, an EA, Mrs. Penner-Henry, the SRSPD Social Studies consultant who introduced Destination Imagination to the class, Mrs. Schultz, the principal, and Mrs. Taylor, a superintendent who came to observe their performances.

"Wear your hat up, so that we can see your eyes during the performance and make sure you face your audience," was a line of feedback given to Maggie Tiessen, by Jacelyn Perret.

After the students received their feedback, they evaluated themselves, and their group, using a rubric. The rubric was based on group work, effective time use, the cartoon cel, ideas, performance, and organization.

Destination Imagination is a program for creative school students; it helps children work on cooperating skills and use their amazing imaginations.

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QUEEN MARY STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In preparation for Pink Shirt Day, Queen Mary Community Public School's grade 7 and 8 students learned about bullying and discussed ways of sending out the Pink Shirt message to the students in their school and to the global community. The Red Cross, "Be the Difference" video contest seemed to be a perfect avenue for delivering their message, so the students began looking for music artists who were speaking out about bullying. From there they created a social-story about bullying that would have a positive message and participated as actors in the video; they really wanted to show the younger students that everyone can stand up to bullying. It was a great experience for both the participants and the school.

The students' video message was clear and simple; it reflected Respect Education values around bullying prevention education. This is the same message that the Red Cross tries to convey in their Respected training and upon viewing the video, they chose it as one that they would like to re-produce, with the students, using a professional videographer. The creation of the video and its top ten

ranking in the province, has earned Queen Mary Community Public School another prestigious honour; they have been asked to host SaskEnergy's Greatest Community Impact Awards. The award will go to a group of youth who have created a project that demonstrates the greatest reach, directly and indirectly, as a result of Pink Shirt Day activities. There is no doubt that Queen Mary's video has made a difference to many and will continue to do so in years to come!



Queen Mary Grade 7 & 8 Students

WILLOW NOMINATED AUTHOR VISIT

At Red Wing Public School, the love of good literature and discussion around books has been evident throughout the school year. Specifically, grade 6, 7, and 8 students have been reading books nominated for the Willow Awards. These middle years students were required to read at least three books from the list and then, at the end of February, they voted for their favourite book. Additionally, the grade 6 to 8 students read Willow nominated picture books to their younger reading buddies who also had opportunity to vote on their favourites.

The grade 7 class was fortunate enough to win an author visit for Red Wing Public School. Alice Kuipers, author of *The Worst Thing She Ever Did*, engaged the grade 6, 7, and 8 students during an author talk on March 9, 2012. Ms. Kuipers shared her insights into

what it takes to become an author as well as how she has become successful in her career. After the talk, the author worked with 20 grade 7 and 8 students in a Writer's Workshop. All of the students were very pleased to improve their writing through the advice and support of Alice Kuipers. Red Wing students and staff are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the winning authors in each Willow Award category. The new list of Willow nominated books has been released for next year and students will begin reading these books as soon as they arrive at Red Wing!



Alice Kniper & Red Wing Students



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LONG SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS & RETIREES

were honoured at the June 11, 2012 Recognition Event.

10 YEARS

Connie Bailey	Susan Groenen	Connie Kutnikoff-Brittain	Diane Locke	Shannon Pritchard
Kim Baird	Ian Hecht	Maria Kwiatkowska	David Lokinger	Angela Russell
Roxie Block	Beverly Henry	Monique Lamontagne	Shona McArthur	Dorothy Schluff
Cam Bonik	Jacquelyn Henry	Chantelle Lamotte	Leanne McLeod	Ann Simons
Vince Brittain	Heather Hlasny	Carey Lehner	Kassia Miller	Karen H. Smith
Tsinda Coombs	Blair Huddleston	Alan Lennox	Leah Nelson	Cristy Sten
Sheila Cunningham	Ryan Hughes	Byron Liddle	Mark Odnokon	Kathleen Stewart
David Dunn	Kim Kozun	Leah Liedtke	Shelley Oleksyn	Penny Stupnikoff-Watchel
Grant Gillingham	Trudy Kristiansen	Heather Lindenias	Jill Pearse	Kerry Taylor
			Tracy Pease	Marti White

15 YEARS

Pam Anderson Klassen	Carrie Grant-Walker	Pauline Little	Carla Penner-Henry	Laurianne Sutherland
Debra Becker	Toni Hamilton	Bonnie Lucas	Sharon Peterson	Brenda Swain
Charma Belair	Darlana Harding	Tricia Lucyshyn	Joyce Polowski	Kevin Tait
Trena Close	Jacquie Johnson	Iain MacDougall	Corky Rudderham	Rhonda Thiessen
Lisa Davidson	Jan Keays	Tom Mack	Darcy Sander	Denise Vermette
Melanie Deck	Kelly Klassen	Nicole Marud	David Schneider	Greg Walker
Diane Dieno	Glenn Klingenberg	Alex McEwen	Carol Ann Short	Lori Wessel
Maxine Dragseth	Elaine Krawec	Dave Mulgrew	Kerry Skrudland	
Linda Fremont	Rena Lambert	Jim Penner	Shelley Stefanowich	

20 YEARS

Jim Banman	Debby Clayton	Evonne Garnett	Mel Kelley	Marlene Tokarchik
Corinne Bantle	Sherry Doderai	Karen Grassick	Howard Robertson	Joey Weber
		Mike Hurd	Victor Thunderchild	Jim Wright

25 YEARS

Janice April	Melanie Jack	Eleanor McGillvray	Robert Pannell	Bruce Tilford
Kathleen Clarke	Darlene Kowal	Tammy McHenry-Vick	Heidi Paul	Claudette Wilkinson
Jocelyne Drapak	Blair Livingston	Barb Miller	Sherry Rishchynski	
Judy Hadland	Shannon McElligott	Lila Olson	Bruce Rusheleau	
		Tony Panas	Darcy Selander	

30 YEARS

Florence Bowman	Dawna Larson	Marlene Schutte
Tim Braaten	Phyllis McTaggart	Betty Sinclair
Yvonne Dueck	Karen Ruskowski	Karen Spencer
Roseline Duret	Wasyl Rybalka	Dan Stevenson
Corinne Ginter	Asta Schmalz	Pauline Tetreault

35 YEARS

Linda Mackie
Ellen Montour

RETIREES

Earla Basaraba	Penny Hammond	Mel Kelley	Janet Ruder	Dan Stevenson
Lorraine Benson	Jim Helm	Donald Laing	Janis Sawa	Dot Stewart
Florence Bowman	Debra Hernter	Gail Lemoal	Cindy Schultz	Pauline Tetreault
Roger Detillieux	Sandra Hesp	Blair Livingston	Elaine Serfas	Robert Thompson
Nancy Dragan	Cheryl Hislop	Glenys Martin	Neil Sherwin-Shields	Simone Thompson
Rhonda Fitch	Loretta Isbister	Sharon Mitchell	Bev Shewchuk	Gloria Timm
Cyrille Gaudet	Ray Iskra	Ellen Montour	Karen Smith	Doug Tucker
Corinne Ginter	Craig Johnson	Kevin Mugford	Phyllis Soles	Karen Yaremko
Ellen Grewcock	Ferd Johnson	Monica Nicholls	Rob Sorensen	
		Alan Ruder	Colin Steele	

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