



Olympic Torch Participant Visits Evergreen School

On Monday, January 18, students at Evergreen School enjoyed a presentation given by Jammie Swap, a Drayton Valley resident who had carried the torch and wanted to share her experience.

In the presentation, Swap shared moments of her experience of carrying the torch in Lloydminster through a PowerPoint and video. Students were able to get a good look at the torch and noted that it still had the tell-tale soot markings left by the flame.



Swap was chosen by her employer Drayton Valley Wal-Mart. The store was one of 16 stores that earned enough points through the sale of Coca-Cola beverages to participate in the relay. The store nominated torch bearers and after interviews with Olympic and Coca-Cola officials, Swap was chosen to carry the torch.

She carried the torch at 6:30 in the morning along with other torch bearers such as Kurt Browning. One of the more touching experiences she had was passing the flame on to the grandson of a man who was supposed to run in the relay but had died the week before. He said that he was "living his grandfather's dream" that day.

Swap believes the torch represents unity because of how she witnessed it bringing people together.

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