

Around Wild Rose

Caroline School Students Giving Back

The Directions Class of Caroline School had the great opportunity to sit in during a discussion of the recent A.C.E. (Active Creative and Engaged communities) grant that the community/area received. Guest speaker, Ian Hill, spoke to the students about how one person can make a great difference in the lives of many. In concluding his speech, Ian passed out a 5 or 10 dollar bill to each of the Directions Students (please see below for a write up from student, Tessa Smith). The students were asked to invest and “grow” their money and use it to lighten the burden of others. Various endeavours were undertaken. Some students used the money to inspire their parents to join and create Operation Christmas Child show boxes and some purchased Christmas gifts to be donated to local families through Neighbourhood Place. One group of students took the advice of Mr. Hill and made their money grow.



Students Tessa Smith, Cody Rowell and Brody Hamilton pooled their money and invested it into supplies to put on a hot chocolate and bake sale. The three students baked goods at home and advertised around the school. In the end, the students’ \$20 grew to \$80.25 profit that was then donated to the local food bank to aid in the purchasing of required food items.

Presentation of the money was made to Mrs. Nancy McLean.



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Submitted by: Tessa Smith - Mr. Kantens Directions Class 2011

When Ian Hill a "man on a mission" came to our school to talk to us about the ACE – active creative and engaged program he came to tell us that our community had been selected to receive the ACE grant.

Ian was a guest speaker that came around to the winning communities to discuss how a small group of people can make a difference. As Ian got in to this conversation with the directions class at Caroline School we talked for about a half an hour and then he got up and handed to each student in the class a small amount of money of either 5 dollars or 10 dollars. All of us were in complete shock because a man that we had just met for the first time in our lives just handed us money. We were all thinking the same thing "um what is this for." Ian started talking to us and said "you're probably asking yourselves why did this man just give me his money" and this is because I want you to take this money and grow it. I want you to take this money and grow it into something special or something important, I want you to take this money and make a difference in your community.

At the end of our talk with Mr.Hill, Cody Rowell, Brody Hamilton and I came up with the idea to hold a bake sale and sell hot chocolate to raise money for our local food bank. In the beginning we started off with 20 dollars and in the end we ended with 80 dollars subtracting our floats. I think this amount of money really surprised us because at a school from K-12 with 380 students we figured maybe 50-60 dollars would be lots but with a total of 80 dollars I think we really reached a goal and felt good about it. Not just because we made a promise and kept it, but because we had the opportunity to help out the less fortunate in our community and really come together and have a great time doing it too.

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