

It's All About the Kids!

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The "Me to We" philosophy is quickly catching on around the world. Pictured here, Craig Kilburger, founder, visits with AN Myer students. Me to We is a new kind of social enterprise for people who want to help change the world with their daily choices.

Through media, socially responsible choices and leadership experiences, they support Free The Children's work with youth creating global change. Every trip, t-shirt, song, book, speech, thought and choice adds up to a fun, dynamic lifestyle that's part of the worldwide movement of we. For more information visit the website at www.metowe.com.

We want your school story!

We are always looking for photos and stories of what you do in your school to make education fun!

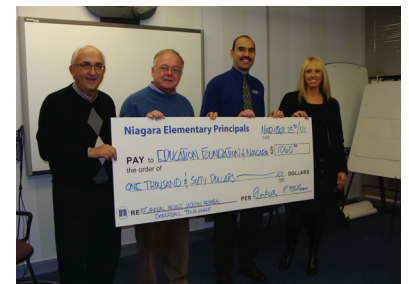
If you want to see your story in print, send us your photos and the information to: efn@dsbn.edu.on.ca

The first Ever Michael Jackson Memorial Dodgeball Tournament

At the DSNB administrators conference in November Robb McLean and Ronna Lockyer organized a dodgeball tournament for EFN. They charged \$20 per player and also accepted donations from non-players. In total, \$1060 was raised and the group dedicated it to the Education Foundation of Niagara.



MICHAEL JACKSON



Ronna Lockyer and Robb McLean made a visit to an EFN Board meeting to present a donation of \$1060 to Bill Mozina and Randy Daly, EFN Executive Committee.

Foundation News

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the recent EFN Board Meeting, held Wednesday, November 25 we welcomed Gail Ragetlie to the EFN Board.

Gail works at the DSBN Education Centre in the Rentals Department and has been a DSBN employee for 35 years. Gail has supported EFN in many of our events including the EFN Golf Tournament and the EFN Gala, A Night for the Kids and last year served as Gala Co-Chair alongside Chair, Lora Campbell.

The Board is also looking forward to welcoming the next Student Representative, Syeda Riaz from Governor Simcoe.



2009 EFN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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EFN STAFF

Julie Densham – Executive Director
Dara Goulet – Program Assistant and Events
Brenda Buckingham – Board Secretary

NEW WEBSITE LOOK AND FUNCTIONS AT: www.efnonline.ca

WHAT'S NEW? The EFN website has a new look and some new functions. Easier to navigate, the new website will be ready to officially launch in January 2010.

NEW FEATURES? The website will now feature a DSBN Retiree forum where any retired DSBN staff member (or current) can post retirement parties, reunions and personal updates. Connecting staff past and present is key to supporting our current and future education systems. At the new website visit the “DSBN Communities page” from the top horizontal menu option, then fill out the submission form to update your news!

DONORS CHOOSE NIAGARA? EFN provides the forum for a new method for teachers in public schools to enrich their work with their students. Not in a big, national way, but at the classroom level. Teachers make pitches for projects they need funded. Donors are directed to the school page and connect with projects they like and fund them.

Principals, teachers and even parent council chairs can upload a mini project idea, use the forum in their day-to-day campaigning and EFN does all the work, including posting the project, charitable tax receipts and thank you letters to donors.

Enter your school project into this interesting and new way of school fundraising - call the EFN office!

Retirees Donate to the Fund

Thanks to Don Fretz, Larry Sirianni and Ardeth Staz, EFN is funding more school projects and more student needs. A combined \$1500.00 was donated to EFN used to fund the Program Enhancement Grants allocated in October of this year. We are very fortunate to have DSBN staff donating proceeds of their final celebration with their peers, co-workers and friends.

Your donation supports students

The Foundation accepts donations in a variety of methods, depending on the wishes of the donor:

- General monetary donation
- Gifts in honour or memoriam
- Planned giving
- Gifts of securities
- Memberships

Donations of Note

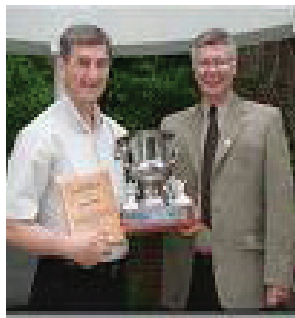
Sobeys Ontario Supports Breakfast Programs

A recent grant of \$3,000 was awarded to the EFN to support public school breakfast programs in Niagara. Sobeys Ontario grants funds to support breakfast programs provincially and locally. The funding was dedicated to South Lincoln High School, St. Catharines Collegiate, Port Weller Public School in St. Catharines and Garrison Road Public School in Fort Erie. In addition to supporting our nutrition programs, Sobeys staff can be seen volunteering at these local schools to provide even more support to their community.

EFN has granted over \$80,000 to nutritional programs in DSBN schools in three years, representing a small portion of the actual need that exists in Niagara. Without traditional support, schools must fundraise, apply for grants and work with community organizations to support their school community need. Pictured at the right is an idea of how many students are being fed at St. Catharines Collegiate where “one piece of paper = one student fed”.



TD Friends of the Environment fund environmental literacy and is matched by Frank Glew! Famous for his environmental literacy for primary grades, Frank Glew is fast becoming the most popular primary grades literacy reader in Ontario.



In his 35 years of teaching, Frank has held the role of teacher, principal, consultant, coordinator and university professor. Frank Glew has written and published many books and is most known for his primary environmental books promoting literacy and environmental science education. The author’s main thrust now is presenting his picture books to students in their own school library.

All across the country, the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation funds a wide variety of unique and exciting grassroots initiatives created by Canadians dedicated to preserving and protecting our environment. Both South East and North Chapters granted funds to DSBN school projects.

Environmental literacy is a hot topic these days as schools work toward integrating environmental issues and learning opportunities into their curriculum.

The EFN provides financial support to mini projects in DSBN schools and the focus is environmental education since receiving over \$17,000 in funding as a joint effort between TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and Canadian environmental author Frank Glew. As a result, over 1200 books were distributed to 25 elementary schools around Niagara and 6 schools were the recipient of a Frank Glew visit to their students.



Canadian Federation of University Women - St. Catharines donate \$500 to DSBN School Theatre access programs

This service club donates to all sorts of programs in St. Catharines and have created a fund called “Gift of Theatre” program where they wanted their donation earmarked to assist children in this area. As a result students at Lincoln Centennial Public School were awarded the fund and Carousel Players were booked for a special performance at the school.

For 38 years Carousel Players has toured their creative productions into Niagara schools, offering young children their first live theatre experience. Saving Lonesome George for children in Grades JK to 3 invites children to participate in an adventure to save a turtle from extinction and to act to help the environment. Danny, King of the Basement for Grades 4 to 8 gets students thinking about issues of poverty, literacy and how family stresses can impact on success at school.



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DSBN First Ever Board-Wide Staff Reunion

But not the last!

EFN has created the first-ever DSBN Board wide staff reunion. Held at Henley Island on October 1, 2009, over 180 DSBN retirees and current employees gathered to share in the good food, good memories and good times! The The St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association housed the event and donated \$150 back to EFN to assist us with our good works.

EFN has also created the first DSBN **retirees website forum**. Dedicated to the retired community, DSBN retirees can post photos and updates of themselves and adverts for upcoming celebrations and retiree get-togethers. The official launch is in January 2010 and can be found by visiting the new website at www.efnonline.ca.



**Mark your
calendar for the
2010 Reunion:
Thursday
September 23
at Henley Island.**

How can YOU help? Become a Friend!

Becoming a member of the Education Foundation of Niagara is an easy and economical way of supporting education in Niagara and includes a tax receipt, communications pieces, event invitations, updates on activities and the great feeling you get when you help a child. Every dollar generated from membership goes directly towards student support!

EFN Friends of the Foundation Form

As EFN develops, further opportunities for members will be discovered!

Annual Friend of the Foundation: \$30.00 **Lifetime Friend: \$300.00** **Organizational Lifetime Friend: \$500.00**

Name: _____ Company: _____ Position: _____

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Thanks to the help of all of our attendees, sponsors and donors, the 3rd Annual EFN Gala It's All About the Kids was able to raise over \$11,000 in one night!

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Thanks to the 2009 EFN Gala Committee and all of the volunteers that made the evening possible!

Make Change for Children 2010 Campaign

The Make Change for Children is heading into the second annual campaign and EFN hopes that all 2008 and 2009 donors will continue to support this much needed funding support mechanism.

The campaign has raised over \$60,000 and disbursed just as much to our student needs.

All funds are dedicated to the Poverty and Emergency Relief Fund for Schools to help children in areas of winter clothing, boots, school access fees, field trips, medications, and post-secondary applications, to name a few.

Assisting individual students by equalizing access to education regardless of their economic constraints, over 1600 students have been supported since February 2008.

In 2010, campaign chair Melissa Predote hopes to have **100%** school participation to help us reach our goal of \$25,000!



For information on how you can participate, please call the EFN office at 905-641-2929 ext. 54103.

**The Make Change
for Children Campaign
will run from
February 22 – February 26
2010.**

Save the Date!!!

For more information on our programs visit: www.efnonline.ca



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