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Push for Change

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Tomorrow, March 8, will be a special event for the elementary school students from George O'Neill, St. Edward and St. Hilary Schools. Students will be meeting walker Joe Roberts who is walking across Canada pushing a grocery cart, to raise awareness of youth on the streets.

Our area does not experience this phenomenon the way large cities do, so Roberts, who was once homeless, wants to engage everyone he meets in the northern small towns about youth on the streets. He admits it will take the whole country to bring youth on the streets to an end, even if done one community at a time.

Part of the awareness walk is to raise funds that might stay in a community at a shelter house, to help "Raise the Roof" or to the "Upstream Project". By going to schools in as many communities as possible, Roberts is engaging the youth in how homelessness might happen - from an argument at home which pushes many youth to moving out, to a sudden lack of money or parental support. Roberts is aware that in many northern communities the youth do not personally witness youth on the streets, so he tries to make this very real for them.

In Nipigon, students will meet Roberts at the 4-way corner to continue his walk to St. Edward Separate School. Here, St. Hilary students will come by bus, so Roberts can make his presentation to all the students. When speaking to students who may not understand how homelessness can happen,

he will relate his own story, plus stories of many youth on the street that he has met with. A luncheon will be served to the students courtesy of the Red Rock Indian Band.

George O'Neill students held a fundraiser for the event last Thursday. The students were out on the streets and in the -20 wind chill, so they got a good feeling of what a day would be like in the life of a homeless youth. They were around town "panhandling" with signs containing facts about homelessness. They also built shelters in the school yard.

Donations for the Pushfor-change project can be made to the students or by going online to pushforchange.com. The project can also be found on Twitter and Facebook.

The day was bitter cold yet the students of GONPS took to the streets to help raise awareness and funds for homeless youth.

Photos Submitted by George O'Neill Public School



Helping at the Library

Although Jade Cote-Stenlund towers above library clients Max Mannila and Dominic McLaughlin, he is available to lend a hand with the computers. Jade was hired on a grant and works until March 24th. While at the Library he has been updating the patron database - so many people come and go that it was badly out of date. He did a technology inventory and report, is installing a wireless access point and changing the touch-screen to a computer for kids. Jade also helps out with crafts and special programs the library runs for the kids.

Glena Clearwater - Photo

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ANONYMOUS**

Mondays & Thursdays at
8 p.m. at the
United Church, Nipigon

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