

Improving Learning for Every Student

Algoma District School Board - Reaching to the Future

CRITICAL THINKING creativity

INNOVATION computer/media

problem solving

INITIATIVE

entrepreneurship

teamwork

LIFELONG

learning



leadership

social responsibility

oral communications

SELF DIRECTION

ethics written communications

COLLABORATION

PS = 75%

GR = 85%

$2/3 = 66.6\%$



Community, Culture & Caring

Providing positive, safe school and work environments and modelling good character that is conducive to learning and to fostering positive relationship with students, parents and the community.

Green Features

Across the district, ADSB schools participate in hundreds of green projects that profile an overall respect and love for our environment.

Secondary schools such as Alexander Henry High School, Central Algoma Secondary School and W.C.Eaket Secondary School run commercial-scale green house operations; incorporating botanical sciences into a thriving business that gives students hands-on experiences while producing perennials, annuals and vegetables for community use.

Elementary schools such as Blind River P.S., Rockhaven School, Echo Bay Central P.S. and Ben R. McMullin PS participated in worm composting programs where the compost is fed back into flower and vegetable growing programs.

All ADSB schools participate in extensive recycling programs, with Blue and Yellow Box programs in place in all of our schools. Over half of our schools have instituted a plastic-bottle reduction program by replacing them with metal water bottles branded with school logos.

Elliot Lake Secondary School's on-going environmental initiatives have garnered province and nation wide attention. Over the past several years, the school has installed solar panels to produce electricity, solar thermal collectors to heat water and a wind turbine to generate even more electricity. In all projects (recycling, tree planting, lights-

off campaigns), students have been involved in all capacities from research to execution to mentoring of younger students and acting as spokesmen and women for the school.

Other green projects include recycling used photocopy pages, school-yard beautification projects – with students in charge of tree-planting, garden design and production.

ADSB schools reach beyond their school property, participating in neighbourhood cleanup projects and "Adopt-A-Highway" clean up initiatives.

From an educational perspective, schools participate in or have created a variety of educational green-oriented programs. Whether it be in the form of an Environmental Education class, Outdoor Education full or half-day programs, the Environment High Skills Major (Superior Heights S.S.) program or smaller projects, such as the "Tomatosphere" experiment, or focusing on ecology projects in curricular science classes, ADSB takes on a leadership approach to greening the district.

Community Programs & Partnerships

Algoma District School Board partners with community organizations to best meet the needs of our students. Partnerships are formed to determine alignment of resources, support and curriculum and determine how to best meet the needs of our students, families, staff and community. The Algoma Model is an example of this established partnership within our community. The Algoma Model includes a website portal which outlines key services, supports and resources provided by over 40 partners, in the area of community mental health

CAPTION: (1) All of our schools participate in recycling programs including Tarentorus P.S. Helping with the collection of recycled goods are the head caretaker, Mrs. McLeish and students from Grade 1 and 2. (2) Students from Ben R. McMullin Public School helped to plant trees and yucca plants this fall. The school was one of the recipients of Tree Canada's Greening Canada's School Grounds program, a national program which provides funding for planting and maintaining trees in school grounds.



and well-being of school-aged children and youth in the Algoma region. It is our hope that this website assists in improving awareness of services and supports in our communities.

Project ABCD:

(Action for Building a Community that is Drug-Free)

Project Action for Building a Community that is Drug Free (ABCD) is a community-based initiative focused on reducing and/or eliminating drug use in our elementary and secondary schools. Efforts continued in 2010 with the partners involved in Project ABCD placing a renewed focus on student leadership and youth engagement in addressing the issue of drug use in our schools and the wider community. This has involved leadership from the Student Senate, whereby Student Senators and Student Trustees have developed school-based student action plans that will be implemented by students this year both within their own schools and their elementary feeder schools.

Al's Pals

"Al's Pals" is a program that creatively uses puppetry, music and role playing to support the development of social, emotional and behavioural skills in children aged 3 to 8. Studies have shown that early interventions of this type significantly promote strong mental health in children.

To date training has taken place for 70 teachers, principals and counsellors representing 25 schools from both the Algoma District School Board and the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board in communities across Algoma.

The evaluation of the implementation of the Al's Pals Program in district schools over this past year has shown amazing results. Sue Geller, President of Wingspan who developed the Al's Pals Program shared the following -

"The research analysis of the Al's Pals data from your area exceeded our typical findings. The children not only increased in pro-social skills, they also decreased in aggression and antisocial behaviour. It is wonderful to see these results where the children displayed significantly less aggression. I know that part of it is due to the leadership and support that has been given by both School Board's Administration and Algoma Family Services to promote Al's Pals and its implementation fidelity. We look forward to continuing to partner with you."



CAPTION: (3) The Algoma Model website has come to fruition as part of the Cluster 13 Student Support Leadership Initiative through the Ministry of Child and Youth Services and the Ministry of Education. (4) East View PS's Grade 1 & 2 class and their teacher Mrs. Zappacosta, welcomed Jill Officer, three-time Canadian Curling Champion and 2008 World Champion to their classroom to take part in the Al's Pals Program. (5) ADSB Student Trustee A. McKee (centre) led 75 participants in a Project ABCD planning session. Participants included Student Senate and/or Student Council representatives from both ADSB and our co-terminus Board (HSCDSB) Principals, Vice Principals, Guidance Counsellors and representatives from Algoma Public Health. (6) M. Kingshott (left), Supervisor of Custodial Services and D. Steele (right), Manager of Plant Department accept the prestigious 5-Star Energy award on behalf of ADSB from Bill Johnstone of Sling-Choker Manufacturing. The award recognizes ADSB as a facility that conserves our natural resources while putting students, employees and visitors first when improved indoor air quality is considered.

