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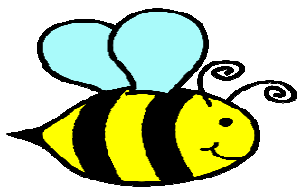
The year has begun with a buzzing beginning. As our graduates leave us, we are pleased to welcome our new seventh graders to our busy department. The Resource team consists of Erica Jacques, Grade 7 Resource teacher, Lindsay Reid, Grade 8 Resource Teacher, Maggie Ziavras, Grade 9 Resource teacher and Wendy Davies, Grade 10 and 11 Resource teacher. Mike Bresciani working with the cycle one modified students and Margo Edwards, Special Education Technician, as well as 12 Integration Aides. All our teaching staff works diligently to support students in classrooms or pull out groups to promote student success and self-confidence. We facilitate a welcoming environment so all students can use the Resource room as a place to ask for extra help or get work done.

The Life Skills students participated in the Dans La Rue food drive and successfully collected over 76 cans of food. We travelled to Quinn farm to pick apples to bake yummy apple crisps and went back with the grade 11 Adapted gym class to pick pumpkins. We had a very spooky adventure. Our Halloween bake sale was very successful with the many scary bake goods. Thanks to the Cycle One students and teachers who bought most of the bake goods.

In our Life Skills program the students have been busy cooking a meal once a week for the Integration Aides. They choose a meal, go on-line to price the items they need to cook the meal, do the grocery shopping, prepare the meal, set the table, collect the money for the meal, and clean up. During our garden subject, we planted spinach and onions and harvest them for our cooking program. We are now building insect hotels from scratch by using recycled items from in school or outside.

For our Entrepreneurial project for term one we are making Christmas cards and tags for sale. The students have produced colorful tags and cards, which they had to learn how much the materials cost and how much to sell them. They worked well as a team.

Looking forward to keeping the John Rennie community informed for future projects!



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