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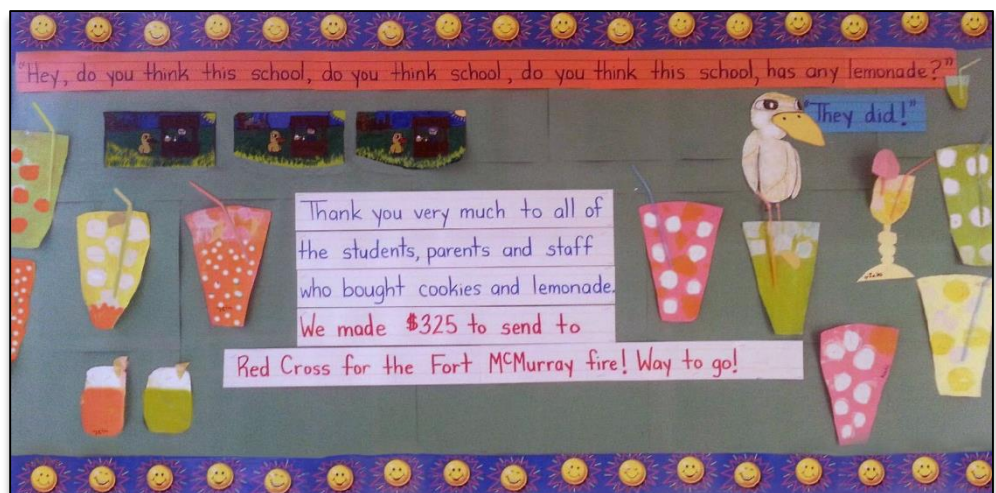
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Small Schools Make a Difference for Fort McMurray

MARATHON, Ontario – “Small Schools Make a Difference” is the motto of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board, and the staff and students are constantly enacting this pledge in their daily lives. This was especially apparent recently in the district’s response to the events of the Fort McMurray fires, when students and staff immediately jumped into action and began raising funds to support those in need. The combined total was an impressive \$7715 (before the matching commitments of the various organizations).

While the amount donated was very impressive, it was made even more so by the commitment of the students from across the school district who engaged in these acts of



kindness. Students rose to the challenge and demonstrated their leadership skills and positive values by organizing and running the activities that generated funds. Each project illustrated the uniqueness of the school and the community and included events such as community BBQs, sales of ice cream, popcorn,

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homemade cookies, lemonade stands, community dances, a cake walk, community yard sale, bottle drive, and even a “Fair for Fort McMurray” whereby students had a style booth, an art booth, a baking table and games. Some students in Geraldton even came together on their own to raise funds after school hours by selling plants, homemade lemonade, bracelets and painted rocks. Throughout these events, all students engaged in significant learning as they were required to apply their literacy and numeracy skills to real life contexts, writing letters, budgeting, planning, etc.

The level of caring, empathy, commitment and desire to make a difference in our country was truly inspiring and should be celebrated in every community. The district school board as a whole is extremely proud of and truly grateful to all of their staff and students for demonstrating how they can work together to engage in small acts that make a tremendous difference. It continues to exemplify the board’s Mission, Vision and Values statement which reads, *“At the Superior-Greenstone District School Board everything we do is designed to help all students achieve to the best of their abilities. It is our commitment to ensure our collective daily efforts make a positive difference in the lives of our students, their families and the world. Guided by our mission, vision and values we build positive places for learning and working...together.”*