



January 2017

Welcome!

Staff Changes

- * Welcome back Stacy Stockton as classroom teacher for grade 6.
- * Phil Bebek has joined us for the term as Middle Years Physical Education teacher.
- * Joanna Utiko is spending three weeks as a half time Learning Support teacher.
- * Pat Fulcher returns as Learning Support Teacher half time.
- * Tara Cruikshank is filling a half time Educational Assistant position.



January 19, the teacher team of Alyssa Talbot, Billie Cross and Leanne Yeo were invited to attend the Administration Meeting where they shared the details of the Red Sucker Lake Initiative with the Seven Oaks School Division's Administrators. Via Power Point the ladies explained the origin of the idea from Billie's "I had a dream" perspective to its evolution to "We have a dream".

What began as an extension of shoebox gifts took flight into flying the 526 km to deliver those packages to the community's children and having the opportunity to tour and interact with community members at the local "TV" station. What a learning experience! Exploration of the Northern Store revealed the challenges northern families face in feeding their children healthy food when the subsidized price of 4L of milk is \$8.59 and a 454g clamshell of strawberries is \$13.99. The children were thrilled to be visited by Santa and receive their own Christmas packages. Families were very appreciative of the food staples and clothing items, which were part of the shipment. Curricular connections had been the focus of the teaching for much of the fall term to give the children of West St. Paul a glimpse into life in the northern community.



"I had a dream becomes We have a dream..."

The ladies returned determined to revive the efforts to aid the youngsters in the hockey program. Plans are in the works to hold a "Hockey in West St. Paul" event on Saturday, February 11, 2017 to raise funds and gather used hockey equipment to "Fill the Bus". We are excited to be hosting George Lyttle and 6 young players from Red Sucker Lake as a team to take on our family teams in a game of floor hockey. All these ventures have been made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of generous West St. Paul families!

