



# Pink T-Shirts Send “Anti-Bullying” Message

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Stand up Against Bullying Day activities were held throughout area schools during the early part of September. In 2007, Premier Rodney MacDonald proclaimed the second Thursday in the school year as anti-bullying day, and asked all students to wear something pink. The schools have continued to start off their school years drawing attention to the need to prevent bullying before it begins.

Pink became the recognized color for the day when a few years ago two Annapolis Valley students stood up for a younger student who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. They distributed pink shirts throughout the school and encouraged students to wear pink.

At Debert Elementary School every student was wearing a brand new pink t-shirt thanks to the efforts of their Parent Teacher Group and Wildflower Vending. The new shirts have an owl logo

with a message that reads, “Be wise and think- bullying stinks!”

PTG President Gena Priest and parent member Tracy Simpson were applauded by the students and staff for their efforts. “We hope that there will be increased awareness against bullying whenever the students wear their shirts,” says Gena. “We plan to continue

to address anti-bullying throughout the year.”

Students gathered in the gymnasium for an assembly and were addressed by their Principal Erma Cox, as well as School Safety Officer Jane MacDonald. They watched a video book with an anti-bullying message and learned how being a bully always makes others feel bad.

Debert Elementary students and staff then used their bodies to form a giant peace sign in the gymnasium. “The circle of the peace sign shows no beginning and no end,” said Principal Erma Cox. “This is just like your friendships. The fact you are all equal distant from the centre shows that you are all equally important to making the circle and to each other.”

At Great Village Elementary students were

working in Peace Groups on Stand up Against Bullying Day. These mixed grade groups of primary to grade four students will meet once a month throughout the year and discuss ways to make both their homes and schools more peaceful.

“Students were encouraged to wear pink today to stand up Against Bullying and we have provided each student with a healthy pink

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Constable Jane MacDonald, School Safety Resource Officer, talks to Debert Elementary students during an assembly to recognize Stand Up Against Bullying Day.



These CCJHS students were showing their colorful support for Stand Up Against Bullying Day by wearing as much pink as possible. Left to right- Connor Pellerin, Kent Gallan, Lucas Webb, Chandler Jennings, Adam Sandeson, Donald Fisher, Cy Clusiaux.



Principal Connie Smith and her Peace Group at Great Village Elementary were enjoying a healthy pink snack on Sept. 17th in recognition of Stand Up Against Bullying Day. Members of the group included: (in random order) Tyler Doucette, Kaelyn Beazely, Tyler Comeau, Claire Carroll, Riley McMullen, Maya Warman, Maggie Dodsworth, Ava Gould, Emma Leeman, Kamryn Miller, Madison Ruhston, Kathleen Smith and Sadie Thompson.



Debert Elementary Principal Erma Cox invites students and staff to show their appreciation to PTG Group members Gena Priest and Tracy Simpson. The PTG provided the pink t-shirts for Stand Up Against Bullying Day on Sept. 17th.



The Respect Ed team at CCJHS organized the Stand Up Against Bullying Day presentation on Sept. 17th. Team members include: (Front left to right) Mychal McNutt, Cassidy Langley, Madison Putnam, Elizabeth Carr, Greg White, Conor Munroe; (Middle left to right) Anthony Van Gestel, Kelsey MacLeod, Ally MacArthur, Jacob Dean, Austin Wheeler, Tristan Clark, Jaegar Dean; (Back left to right) Ms. Chambers, Mr. Shaw.



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