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### Weather

WEDNESDAY



High of 7°C  
Light rain

THURSDAY



From left to right, Gary Garrett, Emmett Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly and Mark Hastings, and even Splat the dog were in costume to celebrate Halloween at the new student residence in the former Teck Pioneer Residence. See Page A3 for more coverage.

TERRI GARRETT • for Northern News

# Sacred Heart battles bullies

By Rick Owen  
Northern News

KIRKLAND LAKE – Students and staff at Sacred Heart Separate School are letting bullies know there is no place for bullying at the school.

The school recently held an assembly, where school principal Cheryl Ricco outlined some of the ways the students and staff will fight bullying at the school.

While Principal Ricco lead the assembly, the assembly also included in put form a number of students and even featured a rap video done by the students.

Ricco went over some of the things that the students and staff have to be grateful for. These included, having a safe and secure school environment, where people aren't laughed at or people aren't made fun of.

The principal pointed out that the school is its own small community, in a larger community and students must take ownership of their community and do something to stop bullying. Ricco reminded the students that she is part of the community and they could end up seeing her a lot.

Noting that the school offers the DARE program, Ricco told the students that OPP Const. Emile Lamothe has permission to be in the school, at any time, and described this program as being like an adopt a cop program.

OPP Const. Lamothe told the students that he really does not like bullying and that no person has the right to have controlling power over another person. He described bullies as cowards and they need to put an end to bullying.

Other than home, Const. Lamothe told the students, school should be their next safest environment. "Today is the beginning of change and I want to congratulate everyone of you, the staff, and the students for what is taking place."

Ricco said one of the problems is that when a student reports bullying they are looked on as a snitch or rat. She continued that standing up for yourself does not make you a snitch or a rat, it means you are brave.

It is frustrating for teachers, Ricco said, if you are being picked on and you let it happen. As well well someone is being picked on and you let it happen that is called bystander bullying. "I want you guys to be happy to be safe."

Sacred Heart Separate School is now registered with a bullying website and Principal Ricco told the students, if they are afraid to report bullying they can go to the website and report the bullying anonymously.

This way, she said, the student can go to the website, report the bullying by submitting a report, and not be labelled a snitch. Principal Ricco advised the students, it is best to talk to a parent, guardian or teacher first, but if you can't, you can go to the website and if you want you can file pictures of bruising or other injuries with the report.

By reporting the bullying Ricco said you are not only helping teachers and principal, you are empowering yourself and giving yourself a voice.

The principal encouraged the students to report incidents of homophobic comments, threatening, intimidation, shoving, hitting, racist comments, being made feel useless, or any form of bullying.

Principal Ricco said they know there is bullying going on in their school community and they want it improved by the time the students leave for high school.

The assembly ended by a student reading a student written poem about standing up, which was the overriding theme of the assembly.

# Armistice completes \$14 M equity offering

By Rick Owen  
Northern News

KIRKLAND LAKE – Armistice Resources has completed an equity offering raising \$14,109,886.

The company had hoped to raise \$25,012,00 through the offering that Canaccord Genuity acted as lead agent. The offering consisted of up to 80,000,000 units and 17,900,000 flow-through common shares.

Upon completion of the offering a total of 41,475,000 units were sold at a price of \$0.25 per unit and 13,361,200 flow-

through shares were sold at a price of \$0.28.

Armistice will use the money raised to fund the company's development, mining and pre-production programs at its McGarry Project.

As well money will be used for exploration, property option payments, consumables, equipment purchases, to repay a \$7.0 million loan from Waterton Global Value, LP. And for general working capital.

"The proceeds of the offering, together with the approximately \$3.0 million in cash that Armistice had

on hand at the end of our fiscal 2012 first quarter on September 30, 2011," said Armistice President and CEO Todd Morgan, "provides us with adequate funding to repay Waterton and become a debt-free company, bring our McGarry Mine project into production, and to significantly increase our exploration programs on the McGarry and Kerr-Addison properties through calendar 2012. The termination of the gold supply agreement will be very beneficial to Armistice's cash flow as we begin selling gold in 2012."

# Military cyber security needs to increase: general