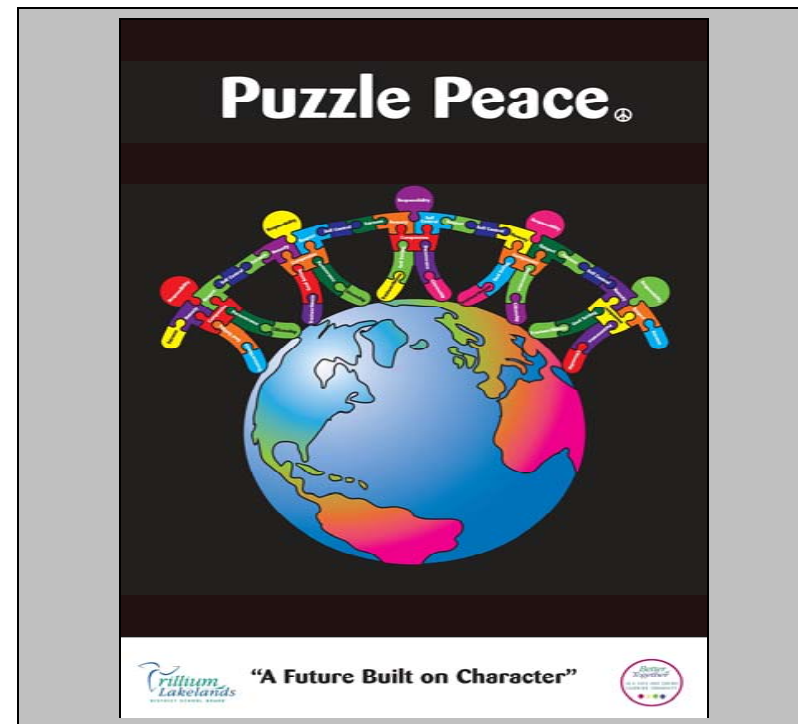


Board-wide Action

Day of Kindness ...

About the program ...

Trillium Lakelands District School Board declared a board-wide *Day of Kindness* in November 2009, with a kick-off assembly in each school. The assemblies were followed by bullying prevention lessons in every class, with key messages for the day embedded in literacy learning activities. Each school received a planning template for the day which included learning outcomes about bullying prevention and about the creation of feelings of community to ensure consistent messaging throughout schools. In addition, resources for shared and guided reading were provided to schools and the learning was extended through drama and art activities. A culminating celebration focused on recognizing kindness in schools as students produced videos, art work, writing, media clips, slide shows and DVDs on kindness. The board's Bully Prevention Manual was also launched on the *Day of Kindness* to develop student, staff, parent and community awareness of what bullying is and how to deal with it effectively.



Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- Lessons on bullying prevention were embedded in literacy activities and led to thoughtful and reflective student writing across the grades.
- Entire school communities engaged in the celebrations as students and staff took leadership roles in planning activities and involving parents.
- The event had a profound impact on school culture. Schools continued the follow-up activities well past the *Day of Kindness*.
- Extensive community involvement and media coverage of the day supported the government's goal of [increasing public confidence in publicly funded education](#).
- The *Day of Kindness* had a motivating effect on schools and their cultures. Discussions are now underway with neighbouring boards to extend this event next year across boards.

Curriculum connections ...

TLDSB has begun to develop a [web-based resource](#) that connects the board's character attributes with grade-level curriculum. This resource makes connections between curriculum subject strands and specific character attributes for Grades 1 to 8.

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