

Community Partnerships

Community Pumpkin Walk ...

About the program ...

At Front of Yonge Elementary School students undertook a Community Pumpkin Walk as a Pay It Forward activity. The school and its wider community got involved in this activity. Students carved pumpkins which were donated by parents. School staff then coordinated the walk and accompanied the students as they delivered their pumpkins to recipients throughout the community.

The students focused on deliveries to community partners, including the library, fire hall, municipal office and grocery store and members of the community like the elderly and recent newcomers to the neighbourhood who might not otherwise have had a Halloween pumpkin.



On our community pumpkin walk we carved pumpkins, put a note in them, and then put them in a wagon and gave them away. It made me feel **SPECTACULAR**, because I was giving instead of selling.

Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- The walk created an opportunity for students to do something kind for others.
- The activity generated and sustained student excitement before, during and after the walk and motivated the students to write about it.
- The experience helped staff develop and reinforce the school board's character virtues. It also created a positive experience that focused on the "heart and head" of the school community, giving students an opportunity to engage in learning while reaching out to others.
- Positive feedback in the form of phone calls, emails, kind words and cards contributed to a sense of student pride and a chance for students to see that their actions had a positive impact beyond the school building.



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