



Photo: Derrick Paul.
Keshia Thompson taking a little breather during the fence painting project at the Kanatakon school.



Arlene Thomas, back, looks on as Deneen Cole paints the fence surrounding construction site of the St. Regis Village School.

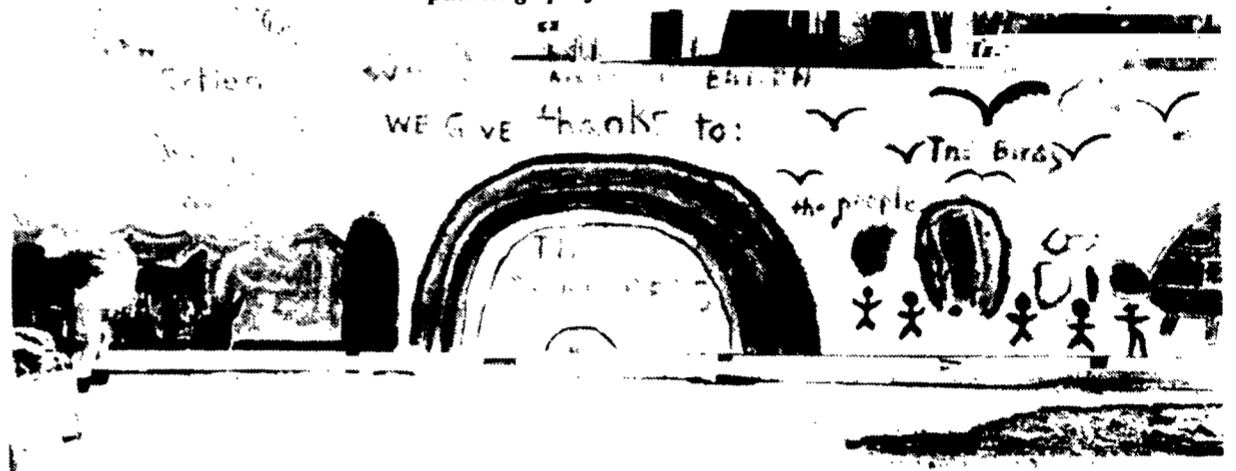


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A portion of the finished product. As the photo tells the students put a lot a creativity and effort into this project.

by Derrick Paul/Staff

On Wednesday April 29, all students of the School were given the afternoon off to create.

*The Wall surrounding the school was painted by the students and the theme was what the Earth is about.

Kids with paint brushes in hand took the task and created a large mural based on their interpretations of what the Environment is.

The paint and brushes were provided by the community and teachers, people were asked to donate latex and other water based paint.

The kids were divided up into seven clans with the smaller kids mixed in with the older kids.

They were given an environmental theme because the occasion was the week after Earth Day.

It was supposed to be held a week earlier but was postponed because of bad weather conditions which were in the forecast.

Principal Louise Pritchard said the kids had a good time and "it livened up the fence."

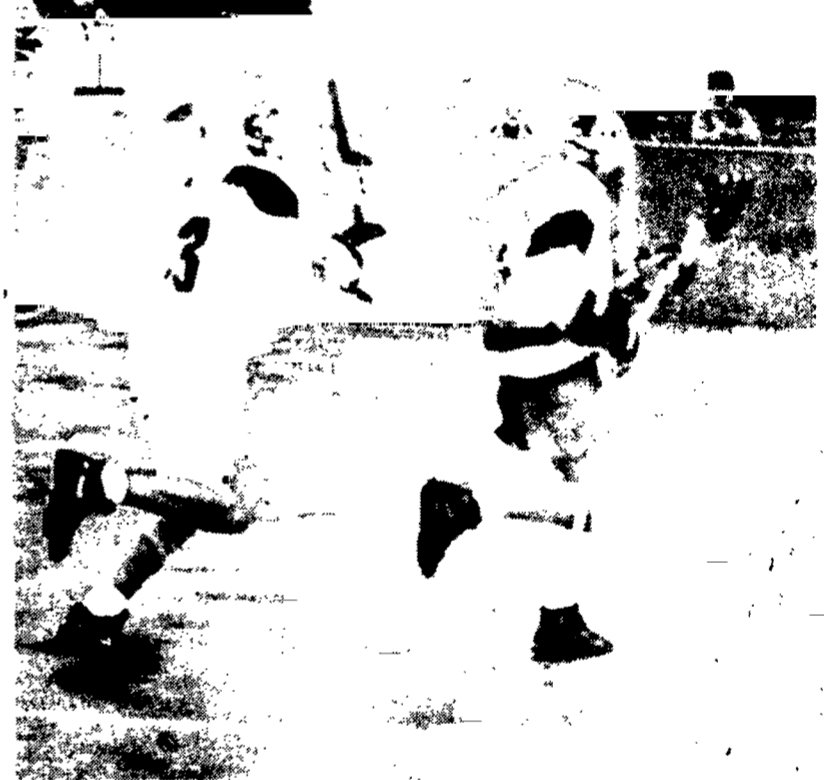


Photo: Derrick Paul.
Jeremy David, left, chases down Brian Brant of Tyendinaga during the lacrosse tournament last week at AMS.

Cornwall Island AMS Hosts Native Heritage Week



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Taking a break between dances at the AMS Social held during Native Heritage Week.

Monday, April 27th

Elder Ernest Benedict opened Heritage Week with the Thanksgiving Address in which each element of creation was thanked.

Mini Social - Mike McDonald, Kenny Perkins and Brad Bonaparte, NAITC provided the singing.

Native Artists gave lectures and demonstrations in their area of expertise:

Brad Bonaparte - Legends
Tina Sunday, NAITC - Wampum Belts

Mike McDonald - Condolence Cane

Joan Maracle, Tyendinaga - Moccasin making

Teresa David - "How to Put a Paper Together"

Tuesday, April 28th

Native Artists:

Brad Bonaparte - Art

Sue Ellen Heme - Art

Steve McComber - Kahnawake Carver

Two Drama Presentations:

The Creation Story by the A.M.S. Native Drama group composed of Marlana & Samantha Thompson, T.J. Ransom, Christopher Thompson, Sarah Thompson & Autumn Jock, Annie Cook and other helpers Courtney Seymour and Corey Benedict.

The beautiful stage props were designed by Stephanie Thompson and Melissa Francis was director. Assisting were Natasha Thompson and Tara Garrow.

Margie Skidders' Grade 1-2 again did their skit entitled "The Seven Dancers."

Bob Stevenson set up his teepee on the field and classes listened to his lecture on securely setting up a teepee, trapping, different animal hides while sitting inside the teepee.

Tours of the Benedict Lacrosse Factory and the Travelling College were also done by some classes. Thanks to these establishments.

Wednesday, April 29th

Native Artists:

Glen Dionne, Kahnawake - Silver making

Debbie David - Basketmaking

Shirley Seymour - Corn Husk Dolls

Mike McDonald - Gustowah's P.M.

The Tom Longboat Run, organized by Al Lawrie, Nancy Simpson and Lorraine Clarke was held. The list of the various winners in each grade will be put in the school paper. Good effort by all!

Thursday, April 30th

Lacrosse games officially opened at 9:15 a.m. Teams included two from A.M.S., Kahnawake, Tyendinaga & Salmon River School. Thanks to Nancy Simpson, Larry Garrow, Steve Bradley, Laura & Lewis Morris, Robert Francis, Kenny Perkins and other referees, also to families who billeted the students. The Akwesasne Pines won the tournament with Tyendinaga as runner-up.

Shortly after lunch, the mosquitoes (ages 4, 5, & 6) put on a lacrosse demonstration to the delight of all parents.

The Tyendinaga Dancers coached by Lorraine Hill gave a good

performance of their dances. They showed the unison and intricate footwork which they use.

The School Social followed at which The Young Mohawk Singers sang. A traditional meal was then served to guests and community members. The response for food was good and we thank everyone who donated. Many thanks to the kitchen crew of Margie Francis, Dorothy Jocko, Lydie Stacey, Mary Bova, Alice King, Sesi King, Cathy Lalonde and students preparing the hot dogs!

Heritage Week happened with the tremendous support by Principal Jack McCoy, Vice President Dan Perry, Char Cook, Fred Brown and the custodial staff. Also, thanks to the teachers for their support and understanding the unforeseeable changes and to those who obtained lecturers.

The week ended with a well-attended community social presided by Mike McDonald, Mark Jock, BooBoo Herne, Leroy David, Robert Francis and James Barnes Jr.

Leroy David closed the week with the Thanksgiving Address.

Our thanks to each and everyone who donated time, food or services to make our week a success.

Elizabeth Francis
On behalf of the Heritage Week Committee

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These Models were on stage at the Akwesasne Mohawk School during the Fashion show as part of Native Heritage Week. The clothes are from Sandy White and the girls were volunteers. Sandy White works at the "Native Trends" store on Cornwall Island.