

FEATURE of the WEEK

Cozy-up and Read

Oasis Church hosts a yearly event called the *Sunday Pajama Jam* in January. Participants, including children, parents and volunteers, wear their PJs to church on this day. Along with being a fun event, it also includes a community-giving component. To explore partnership opportunities with her school communities, the minister of the church reached out to Symone Michalski, who is a member of the church and a divisional Social Worker. As a result of their collaboration, they came up with the idea for an event called “Cozy-up and Read.”

Symone worked closely with LBC V.P. Nancy Estabrooks to determine the best way to utilize this generous donation. They decided that an ideal way to conclude the I Love to Read Month would be to invite students from Parc La Salle School (PLS) to La Barrière Crossings School (LBC) for a joint reading activity. Each student was paired

with a reading buddy who helped them select a book to read together.

The kindergarten to grade 2 students were given a book and a pair of pajamas, while the grade 3 and 4 students were given the option to choose between a book or pajamas, and the grade 5 to 8 students were given a book to take home. Overall, the schools received more than 140 pairs of pajamas and approximately 500 books!

“The Cozy-up and Read event allowed the students from LBC and PLS to come together and share their love of reading. The book/pajama donation is a reminder to not only appreciate the kindness of others but it also cultivates a spirit of giving back to our community with the same compassion we’ve been fortunate to receive,” says Cindy Mason, Principal of LBC School.



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