

Schools in District 16 once again this year supported the training of community volunteers to deliver the Roots of Empathy program by holding “In Motion” Walkathons and other fundraisers. Rexton Elementary was the school which raised the most money for the program this year. Miramichi artist, Gloria Savoie donated and presented a wood etching titled “Nepalese Boys” to principal, Mrs. Diane Wilson. The top fundraiser for the district was Hailey Richard of Napan Elementary. Hailey won a bike and helmet, donated by Towne Sales & Service. Students who participated in the fundraiser won individual prizes as well. Roots of Empathy is an evidenced based program who’s mission is to build a caring, peaceful and civil society through the development of empathy in children and adults. This year there were 17 classes in District 16 and one in each of the neighboring First Nation Communities. As one Grade 3 student put it “Roots of Empathy can teach the world how to treat a baby and not hurt other people.” With the support of the community this program continues to change the world “one child at a time”.



