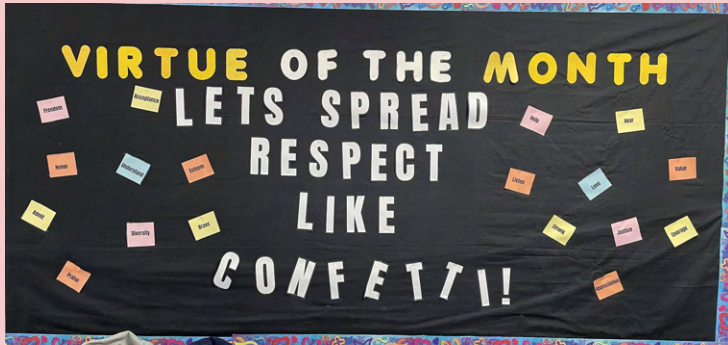


# February Monthly Round Up

What happened at St. André Bessette in February?

February 2025



## Virtue of the Month: Respect

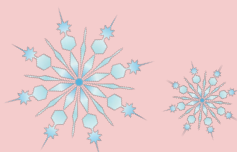
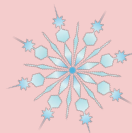
*For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a servant to all, so that I might win more of them. (1 Cor. 9:19)*

God wants us to treat all people with the respect they deserve.

### From the perspective of the Catholic Graduate Expectations, a person with self-control...

- Has a confident, positive sense of self and respect for the dignity and welfare of others
- Honours the rights, responsibilities and contributions of self and others
- Values the important role of family in society
- Honours the environment and uses resources wisely

What a snowy month! With all the snow the kids had a ton of fun at recesses. While the snow was soft and fluffy, students enjoyed climbing the hills. Once the hills were closed, lots of sculpting and teamwork was happening.

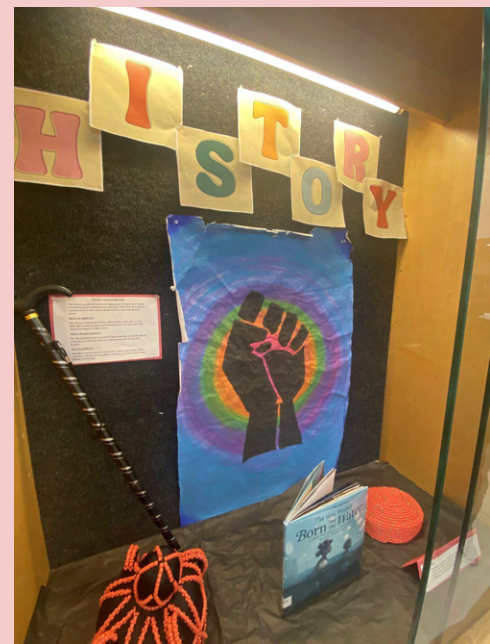




# Celebrating Black History Month

This year, Dufferin-Peel's theme for Black History month is Black History 365: A Look Back, A Look Within, A Look Ahead. Our front display highlighted artifacts that were donated by various teachers, students and families. Thank you for sharing your heritage with us and thank you to our YFL's for helping to put our display together.

Other activities that were done during the month was highlighting prominent black Canadians in our morning announcements, having a liturgy and daily trivia.

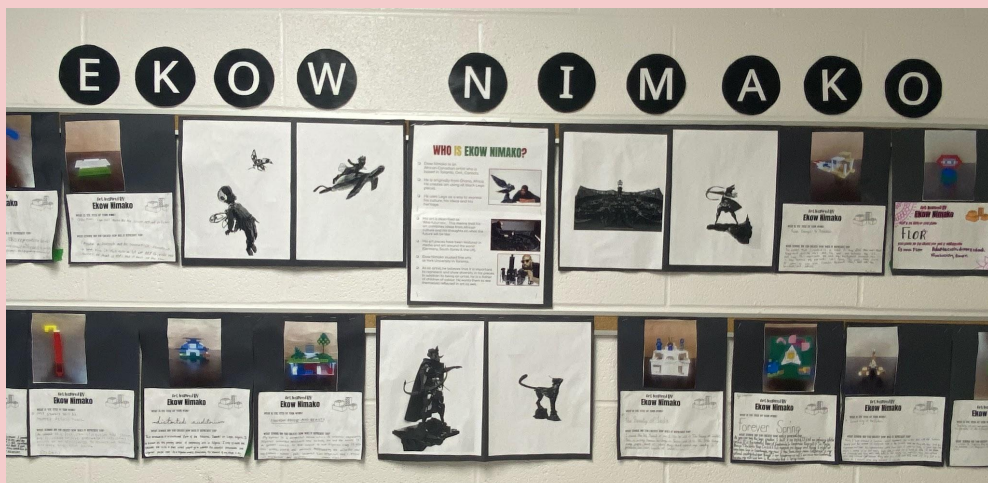


Mrs. Hall's students leading us in a school-wide Black History Month liturgy during our morning announcements.



# Studying and Reproducing Works of Black Artists

Classes were asked to select a black artist (preferably Canadian) to study their style and replicate their work. All work was displayed. Our hallways looked like an art gallery! Students and staff alike learned so much about various artists.

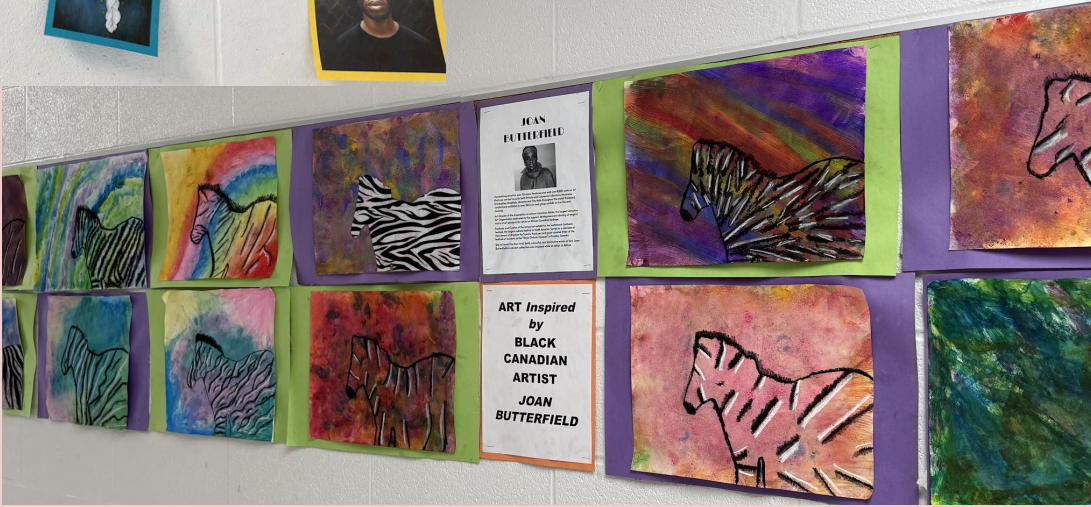
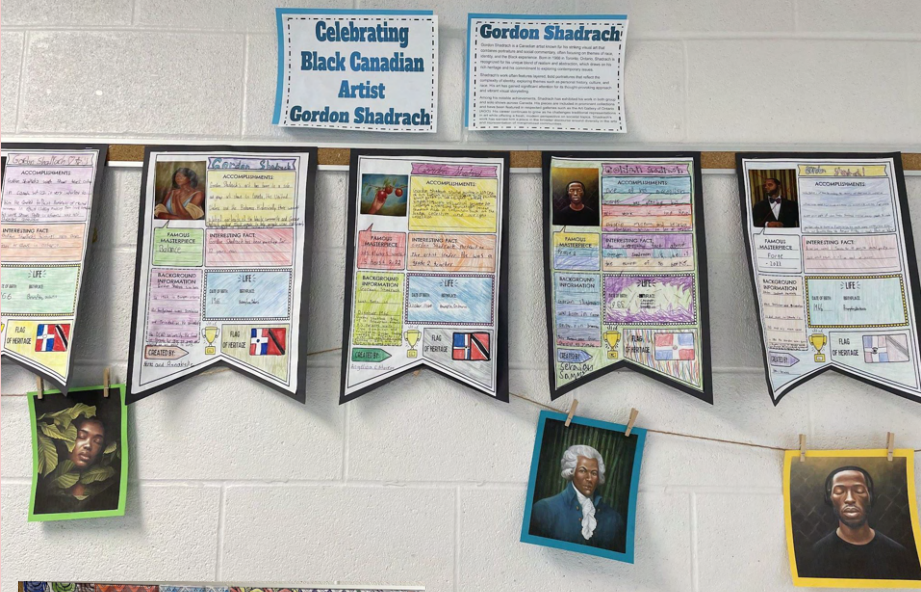
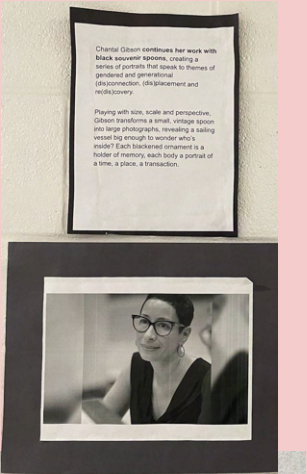
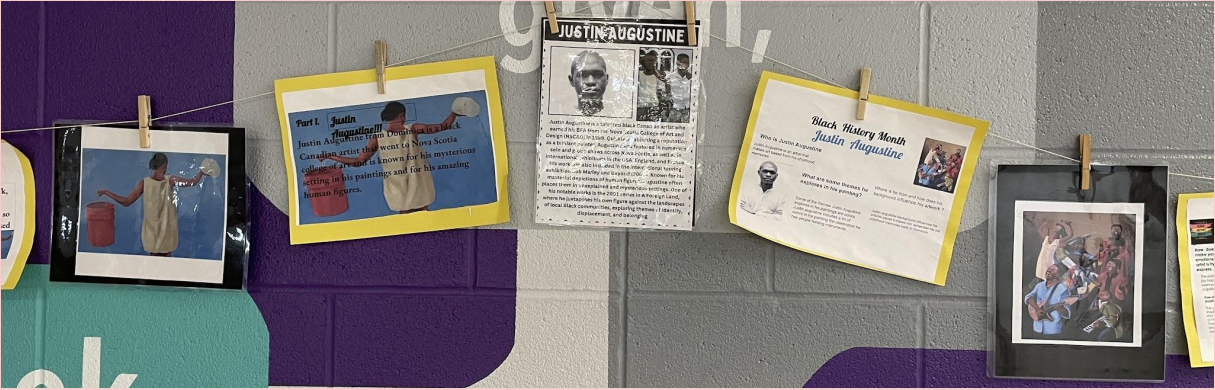
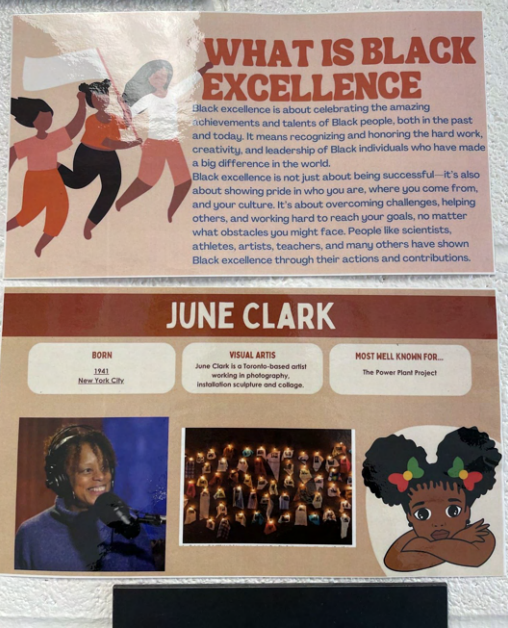
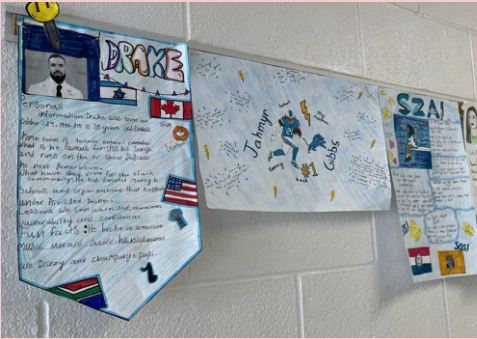


Author Denise Donkor visited our FDK classes, read her book and did a related art activity.





Artwork Continued...

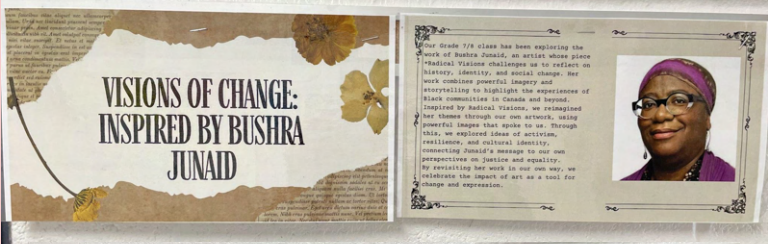
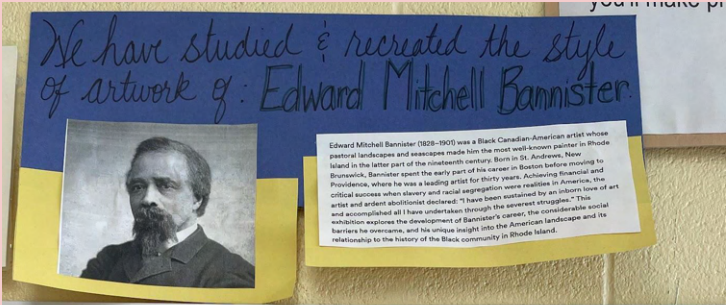
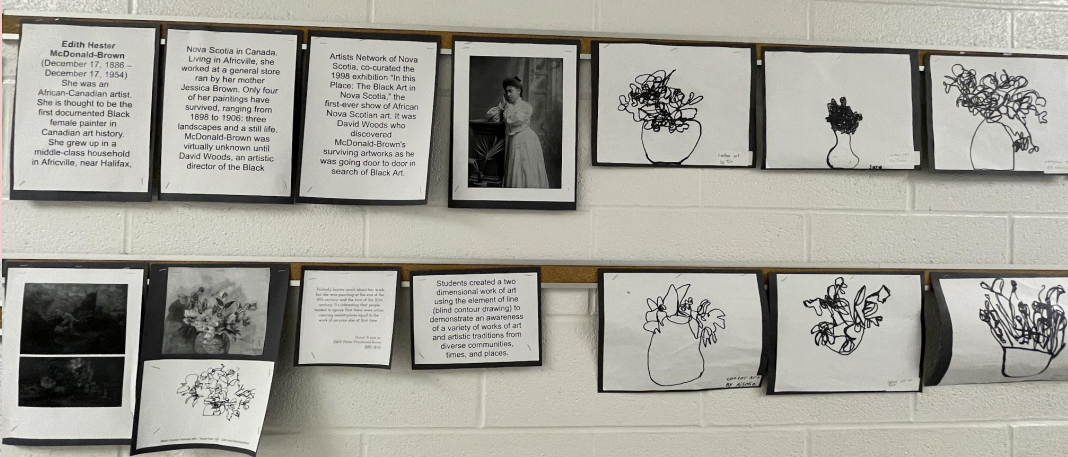
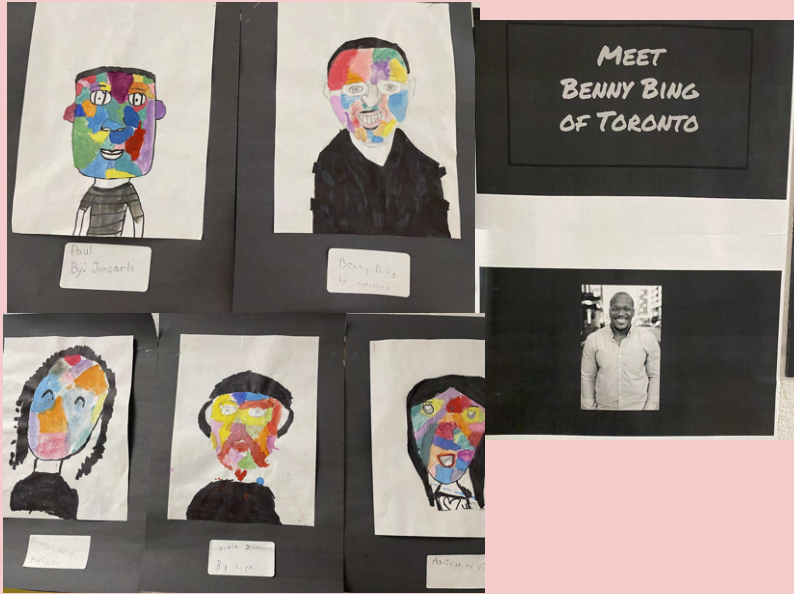




Artwork Continued...

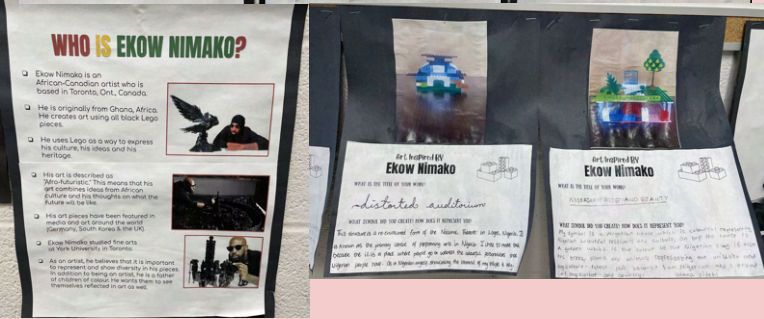
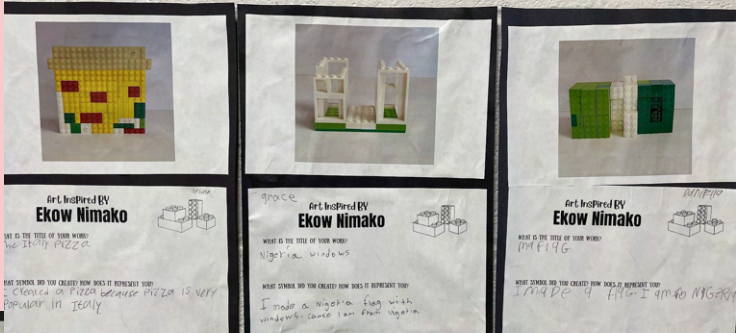


**Who is Martine Chartrand?**  
Martine Chartrand is a Haitian Canadian filmmaker, visual artist and teacher. She is renowned for her innovative paint-on-glass animation technique. Throughout Chartrand's career, she has been involved with numerous films and has made three animated shorts which have been exhibited across Canada and internationally. Her films often deal with social and cultural issues relating to African heritage, race and identity.





Artwork Continued...



Celebrating the Lunar New Year!

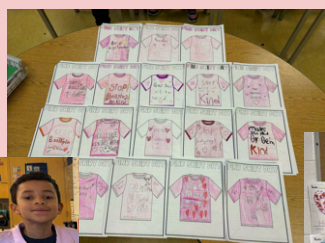
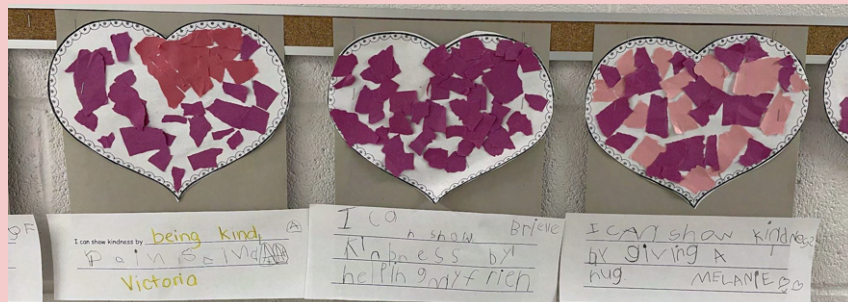
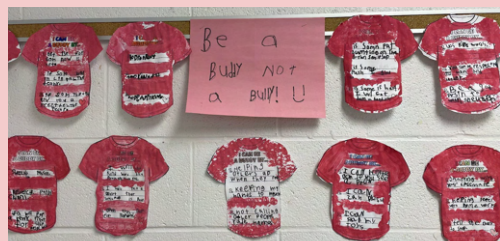




# What else happened in February?

In February we also recognized:

- Sweater Day (to remind us to reduce our energy use)
- Valentine's Day
- Pink Shirt Day (to show we stand up against bullying)





# The Sewing Studio

At the beginning of February, all students had an opportunity to use a sewing machine and create a project to take home. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our school received a sewing machine to keep!





## Sports Update

Our junior girls basketball team advanced to the Family tournament and played valiantly against the other schools. Our junior boys team advanced all the way to the board tournament and came in second overall. Congratulations to everyone and thank you to Mrs. Escobar, Ms. Ionadi and their Gr. 8 helpers that brought home another banner for Besette! Our intermediate teams are now having tryouts.



## Eco Schools Update

Members of our ECO TEAM continue to work hard to educate and lead us in the Energy Conservation Campaign. With some announcements and reminders, we noticed a reduction in energy waste and increase in the number of lights, monitors and devices that were turned off when not in use. Way to go staff and students! Keep up the great work ECO Team!!!

Grade Two students learned about the environmental impact of wasting paper and wanted to share their knowledge with some FDK students. They gifted them their very own GOOS Books—made from paper that is Good On One Side. Each book featured a unique, personalized cover designed just for them. Thank you again to Ms. Bolognese for leading our Eco club!





# Celebrating Our Diversity!



It was wonderful seeing so many countries represented on our Cultural Wear day! In addition to wearing our clothing, it was an opportunity to learn from each other. Students got to share when certain outfits would be worn and hear about each other's traditions. We were able to find similarities in different cultures and learn about each other's ancestry.



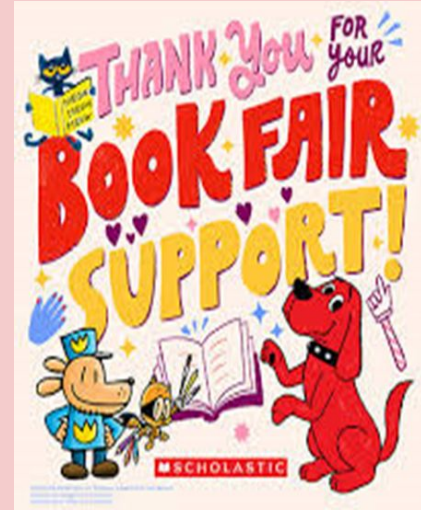


# Thank you from the Library

Dear Students and Families,

Thank you for supporting our **Scholastic Book Fair**! We sold \$4305.85 which gives our library \$2127.93 in commission. The money will be spent over the next year purchasing new books, furniture, FDK library book bags and supplies for our library.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. Domanico  
Teacher Librarian  
Book Fair Host



## Did you know?

When we sell things at the school they are usually for fundraising purposes. For example, all our food days (pizza, chicken, subs and patties) are to raise funds for the school. The profits are used towards paying for presenters and experiences like the Sewing Studio and Shrove Tuesday. We also use the funds to pay for taxi cabs for our teams, repairing SMART boards in the classes, reducing the cost of field trips, etc. Sometimes, fundraising initiatives are organized by our School Council. Stay tuned as our council is currently organizing a spring dance! If you are interested in helping, please come to our next council meeting.

Sometimes our initiatives are to collect donations for charities like ShareLife. We thank you for your continued support of all our students. Without purchases from you, we would not be able to provide these fun experiences for them.

## What's coming up?

Mar 10 - 14: March Break

Mar 18: MTC Life Presenting

Mar 20: Timothy Spokes Author Presentation

Mar 25: Confession

Apr 3: School Mass

Apr 29: MTC Life Parent Engagement Night - all are welcome!