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Read to Succeed: St. Francis de Sales Catholic School Welcomes Spartacat

Smiths Falls, ON – Mrs. Susan Hoysted’s Grade 4 class at St. Francis de Sales Catholic School has shown that reading can be quite rewarding, as well as fun. Thanks to their efforts, the class won the right to host a Sparty Party on Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

The prize is offered as part of the Ottawa Senators’ “Sens @ School: Scotiabank Read to Succeed Program.”

The Scotiabank Read to Succeed initiative has been designed to teach elementary school students the importance of reading while generating excitement, rewarding participation and providing classes the opportunity to win visits from Senators’ mascot Spartacat and Ottawa Senators players.

St. Francis de Sales Principal Derek Haime said Mrs. Hoysted’s class worked hard for the achievement. “The students are just thrilled to have won the party. Over the course of this year, they’ve shown a tremendous love of reading that has been developed through the ‘Read to Succeed’ program. I know this is a visit they will remember for a long time and they are certainly inspiring other classes to strive for the same goals.”

Spartacat made the trip after the class achieved its reading goals and won a grand prize draw. The class received a pizza party, Ottawa Senators prizes, autographs, and much more all because of their love of reading.

Out of the more than 1500 classes that participate, only five get the special visit each month.

The class also participates in another Sens @ School initiative, “Spelling with Spezza,” a literacy initiative presented by Jason Spezza and the Ottawa Senators, designed to encourage elementary school students to improve their spelling abilities.

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Attached Photo: Spartacat Visit.jp – Mrs. Susan Hoysted’s Grade 4 class at St. Francis de Sales Catholic School welcomed the Ottawa Senators’ mascot Spartacat as a reward for their Read to Succeed accomplishments.

