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St. Mark and St. Joseph Catholic Schools Help Clean the Prescott Shoreline

Prescott, ON – Students at St. Joseph and St. Mark Catholic Schools in Prescott took part in the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup on September 19, 2007. The project's goal is to get people involved in keeping their environment a little cleaner.

School Organizer Penny Arthurs made contact with TD and offered to help. "As far as I know there were only a few schools in Eastern Ontario who took part."

The students at the schools have embraced the idea. "It is so important for our students to partake in events like this to help them learn how to take care of the environment for the future," said Ms. Arthurs.

Leading up to the clean up day, students spent time learning about the effects of pollution. "We learned that we need to help make our world a cleaner place," said Grade 3 St. Mark student Mitchell McCaugherty-Jansman. "It's fun to help out. It gives you a really good feeling."

Mitchell's positive attitude is one shared by the rest of his school mates. "They were all so excited to be here," said Vice-Principal Dan Lesser. "They've been asking what else they can do to help out. This is a prime example of how they are modeling Gospel values to others in their communities."

The students collected all sorts of trash and recyclables including, cans, wrappers and paper. However, the biggest find of the day was a nearly complete bicycle found dumped in some tall grass.

Ms. Arthurs added, "I am so proud of our kids and what they have done today, they truly are Stewards of the Earth."

Attached Photo: St. Mark-St. Joseph Clean Up.jpg – Grade 3 Students Gabriel Roy, Mitchell McCaugherty-Jansman and Hayden Dring (left to right)

