

# OUR WELCOME WILL BE BLOWIN' IN THE WIND



“Welcome world, we’re glad to see you.”

**W**hat better way to convey that simple, direct greeting than through the art of Langley students? And how better to display that art than on colourful banners, festooning lamp standards throughout Langley when the Olympic Torch Relay passes through town?

Since September Langley School District Instructional Services Coordinator Kerry Querns has been working with artist Emilie Colbourne and Ron Reyes of Vancouver’s The Flag Shop to capture the work of 80 Grade 3 to 7 students and transfer them onto 5 x 2 foot banners. The project has received funding from the Langley School District Foundation.

Students’ works will be proudly displayed Feb. 8 when the Olympic Torch passes through Walnut Grove, Fort Langley, Aldergrove, the Langley Events Centre and Langley City enroute to Vancouver and the commencement of the 2010 Winter Games.

For the students involved in the Banner Project, the activity adds a whole new dimension to the biggest winter sporting event on the planet. “It’s really quite magical to see the quality of the work the kids are producing,” said Ms. Querns. “It’s a connection to the Olympics that will probably mean something to them and will probably increase in meaning over time.”

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At the beginning of the school year participating teachers attended a workshop of their own, where Ms. Colbourne shared some of the techniques that would help them support the Banner Project in their classrooms and share it with colleagues. Five students from each of those teachers’ classes eventually got to attend two-hour workshops where they produced their own banner designs on small scale templates.

The idea was to have the students’ art tell a story, with each individual banner being a part of the bigger picture. The student-artists were told that their collective story would be about “What we would like to tell the world if they saw our banners.”

# Millions of people will see their art



Knowing that thousands, perhaps millions of people might see their art, and that their designs would be fluttering grandly from lamp standards all over Langley gave the students an intense purpose. "They were actually being treated as grown ups, and their art would be hanging in the real world," Ms. Querns explained. "I think they were all really proud to be invited. I think they really felt important."

The result was totally focused sessions with the students absorbed in their presentation to the world. Ms. Querns and the Banner Project supporters are focused themselves: on getting the last 20 student artists through the process, having the banners printed, then organizing where they will hang – a more complicated task than she would have imagined at the outset.

Then she wants to have a celebration of the student's art, either by busing the students to the sites where their banners hang, or by bringing all the banners together at one location where they can be viewed together. The details haven't been worked out yet.

Just as the banners are a collection of individual contributions that tells a bigger story, organization of the event is a whole greater than the sum of its parts. "This has been really special because people have really gotten on board and helped," said Ms. Querns.

So in the words of Topham Elementary School Student Gabe Smith: "Welcome World, we're glad to see you." And we hope what you see decorating our lamp standards will bring a smile to your lips.



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