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Bruderheim School's big heart brings hope

Valentine's Day meant more than just cards and heart-shaped candy to the children at Bruderheim School this year. The day also marked their *Jump Rope for Heart* event, a fun campaign to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Students were encouraged to bring a loonie or toonie and skip rope during Physical Education classes.

Each year, the school raises funds and has in the past alternated its support between the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. "We are thankful and grateful for such a supportive school community that helps with these worthwhile endeavours," says Bruderheim School Principal, Sven Danzinger.

In December, the school also supported the Bruderheim Christmas Hamper program, bringing in over 1,700 non-perishable food items. The Grade Six Class had the highest average, with 24 items per student. "Judy Love was able to attend our January assembly as a representative of the Town Administration, and told kids how well they did," adds Danzinger. "This is the kind of thing that makes a difference in the community. It was a good message for the kids to get—that they can make a difference."

The extent of their efforts doesn't stop there. Every September, the school participates in the Terry Fox Run, an international event that raises money for cancer research. "The school started doing the Terry Fox Run in 2003," says Sharon Taylor, Grade Three teacher and Run Coordinator. "So far we have raised \$16,743.54! I'm very proud of the community support. In comparison to many larger urban schools, we've raised a lot of money over the years."

"We are proud of the efforts of our school, and of the kindness our community so generously offers," says Bruderheim Mayor Karl Hauch. "It's part of what makes Bruderheim such a great place to be."

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