Nationview teams sweep Canada Quiz competition



Quiz masters

Nationview's junior Canada Quiz team took first place in their division in a recent SD&G competition sponsored by the public school board. In the front are Jennifer Barton, 11, and Steve Bossel, 12. In the second row are Amber Mooney, 12, Shannon Hamilton, 11, and Jennifer Mellan, 11. At the back is Tyler Patterson, 11.

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Sarah-Jane Whittaker, 13, Ken Casselman, 14, Heather Mallows, 13, and Doug DeVries, 13. In the back row are Darryl Beck, 14, Stephanie McKeen, 14, and Jason Bailey, 13.

The Canada Quiz first started in 1984 as part of Ontario's bicentennial celebrations. It was supposed to last only a year but was so popular, the board decided to make it an annual event

"One of the reasons it was started in 1984 (was) a group of people decided the students in this area didn't appreciate local history, and it is rich in this area," she explains. "I think it makes the kids appreciate what they have here." — When it comes to Canadian trivia, some students at Nationview Public School certainly have their facts straight.

The students studied lists of possible questions and practised at least two lunch hours a week since the teams were chosen last December, with extra practices around competition time.

"You had to study a lot in order to keep up with everything," says Grade 8 student Sarah-Jane Whittaker, 14, adding even with all their practice,

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Experimental Farm hosts school tour

- More than 40 area school children got a close-up look at agriculture both from a modern and old-fashioned perspective during last week's trip to the Central Experimen-

Nationview Public School students take a hands on approach to agricultural education during a trip last Friday to the Experimental Farm. Pictured; the children pet some Jersey cows in the dairy barn and sheep in a nearby pen. tal Farm in Ottawa.

The tour gave the Nationview Public School Grade 1 and 2 students a chance to explore many aspects of modern-day agriculture as well as a glimpse of farming in bygone days.

The museum was particularly interesting because it taught the rural children a little bit about the lives their grandparents and greatgrandparents may have lead, Most of the children agreed the horse-drawn wagon ride was especially enjoyable.

A trek through the ornamental gardens in the afternoon allowed the children to unwind and enjoy the many attractive sights and smells. They also had fun picking out some of the shrubs and flowers they have at home.

Both teachers agreed the Experimental Farm tour was not only enjoyable but also an educational experience, since the children have been studying agriculture back in the classroom.

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