



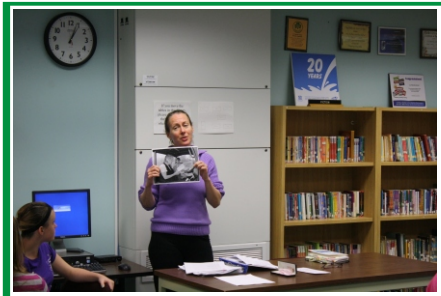
“RAP” Wraps

St. Patrick School



Students in Muse and Rhyme

Kate Marshall Flaherty, a member of the Canadian Poetry Association as well as the Ontario Poetry Society, paid a visit to St. Patrick School on Friday, May 13th, 2011 and introduced students from grades 6 to 8, to RAP (Random Acts of Poetry). In a two hour session, Kate demonstrated the power and comfort poetry brings to the lives and hearts of its readers and how one person can deeply touch the lives of others by sharing poems in various settings such as old age homes, hospitals, city parks and on one occasion, to a homeless person living on the street.



A questionnaire was then handed out to each student, which had them compare themselves with animals, superheroes, fairy-tale characters, etc, then build a poem using their responses. It was a thoroughly enjoyable exercise crafting many humorous and entertaining poems.



Following a brief recess, Kate brought up two of her personal poetry videos on the Smart Board as well as “Lost Generation”, a video poem written by high school student Jonathan Reed, which has touched people around the world. She then asked students to give their thoughts on how effective they found video poems when compared to simply reading them from a book. The session ended with more word games followed by readings from one of Kate’s anthologies.



It was a remarkable afternoon that passed all too quickly. We are looking forward to having Kate come back again next year to spend time with us and wrap us up once more in the magic of RAP!