

2015-16 School Supply Project for Area Schools

Coordinated by: Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Maggie Kenny)
Financially supported by: Wolfville Area Inter Church Council for students in their catchment area and Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Total # of Students supported: 81

The number of students supported by our project effort has decreased significantly over the past few years. This could be a result of the steady declining enrollment, and increased support from other agencies, such as Feed Nova Scotia, various merchants (Sleep Country, County Fair Mall, etc) and government monies given directly to schools for supporting struggling families.

This program helped a total of 81 students from six different schools with supplies and fees for the 2015-16 school year. Our program has been active for twelve years, and since 2008, we are very pleased to have the Wolfville Area Interchurch Council (WAICC) and local churches support us financially with this endeavor.

We received backpacks with miscellaneous supplies from FEEDNS. These came from Bell Aliant. These items were received the last few weeks of August, after most supplies had been purchased. This happened last year as well. Once again, the backpacks are not large enough for our bigger students in middle school and high school, and we have had to purchase many large backpacks on our own.

The backpacks received from Bell Aliant were taken apart and reassembled to meet the "required lists" to complete the list of supplies needed by students.

Sodexo, the Physical Plant at Acadia University, continues to play a very important role in that they recover used supplies from students for us to recycle and reuse, cutting down on our purchases. We continue to receive more binders than we can give out in a year, but store these extra, thinking that university students will buy less of these in the future, as so much of their work is electronic.

Backpacks continue to be a costly item, and do not last from year to year, making up a bulk of our expenses, along with lunch boxes and calculators.

Our total cost for supplies purchased this year was \$988.33, as we continue to have significant inventory. **We paid out to schools \$1680.00 in supply fees.** These would be schools, or individual classrooms that request a fee, and the teacher picks up all the supplies. We would also cover a backpack for each child, and a lunch box for an elementary child. That being said, some of the students supported through the schools directly, only had these fees paid, and the school looked after the backpack/lunch box. A few elementary schools, and all middle schools and high schools also have what is called a "student fee". This will cover their locker rental, fine arts fee, ID cards, etc. The amount is not consistent from school to school. **We paid out \$740.00 in student fees. This puts our costs incurred this year at \$3408.33**

WAICC continues to support our program for the students from their catchment area. (The boundaries for our two groups are not the same). This would account for 46 students in 3 schools, \$740 of the fees paid to the schools and a portion of the supplies purchased. Full supplies were purchased for 38 students, 30 of which fall in the WAICC area. Partial supplies were purchased for 22 students, 16 of which live in the WAICC area.

Some of our schools work closely with us, identifying families in need. The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board has reconfigured the schools so that we now have elementary schools (Primary-5), middle schools (6-8) and high schools (9-12).

Submitted by Maggie Kenny, Project Coordinator

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Our break down this year was as follows:

Students:	WAICC Students	StVdP students
Elementary: 49	16	33
Middle School: 19	18	1
High School: 13	12	1
81	46	35

We helped a total 81 students this year.

74 students with fees for schools

50 students with school supplies and/or backpacks.

Many of the elementary students were supported through the schools, with fees only.

In the breakdown: 32 Middle/High School Students
49 Elementary School Students

School	# WAICC students	# St. VdP students	Total
LE Shaw Elementary		15	
Wolfville School	31		
Horton High School	12		
Port Williams School	3		
Glooscap Elementary School		13	
NKEC Middle-High School		2	
Home School		<u>5</u>	
	46	35	81

Supply Fees (teachers provide supplies for a fee)

LE Shaw Elementary		15 x \$35 (\$525)	
Wolfville School	13 x various (\$530)		
Horton High School			
Port Williams School	3 x \$35 (\$105)		
Glooscap Elementary School		13 x \$40 (\$520)	
NKEC Middle-High School			
Highbury Alternative School			
	<u>\$635</u>	<u>\$1045</u>	\$1680

Student Fees (ID, locker, fine arts, etc)

LE Shaw Elementary			
Wolfville School	31 x various (\$440)		
Horton High School	12 x \$25 (\$300)		
Port Williams School			
Glooscap Elementary School			
NKEC Middle-High School			
Highbury Alternative School			
	<u>\$740</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$740

Supplies Purchased:	\$988.33		
% of students in WAICC area:	80%	80% of \$988.33	\$790.66
% of students in St.VdP area:	20%	20% of \$988.43	\$197.67
			\$988.33

Final Cost Breakdown for project:

WAICC: \$635 + \$740 + \$790.66 = \$2165.66

St VdP : \$1045 + \$- + \$197.67 = \$1242.67

\$3408.33