

## 'Come Be Our Guests'!

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - Niton students thoroughly enjoyed getting into character as well as demonstrating their cooking skills as they dressed up as 'mouseketeers' for this year's school restaurant "The Mickey Mouse Clubhouse". Twenty-one Grade 6 students along with their teacher Thomas Meier, organized this year's annual fundraiser where students practiced their entrepreneurial skills in setting up a restaurant in the school. They chose the theme, name, and how they would like to decorate the Science lab into an 'one of a kind' eating establishment. Students created sculpturing masterpieces using plastercine, paper mâché, and even brought out the 3D printer to create some great works of Disney magic. The students selected the movies to play during the restaurant's operating hours, made themed t-shirts to wear and even wore Mickey Mouse ears as fun props. "Once again, our kids worked very hard and the experience provided them with a great mixture of project-based learning with developing real life skills," noted proud teacher Thomas Meier. "Our annual restaurant raises funds for our year-end field trip but we also take 10% of the net proceeds and the students decide which charities they wish to support. This year the students raised \$1,763.70 and chose to send 5% of the proceeds to STARS and 5% to the Alberta Cancer Society."



The students were also given the responsibility of running the restaurant as its hosts/hostesses, cooks, accountants and taking pre-orders from different classes. The restaurant was open during the lunch hour during the first week of March and students flipped burgers, stuffed tacos in bags, dished out bowls of poutine, and scooped up yummy floats to name just a few of the more popular menu items. Meier continued "This year's fundraiser was an amazing success thanks to the great support from everyone in the community and beyond who came out to 'be our guest!'"

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