



SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS:

KENDRA'S WALK FOR KIDS

Friday, May 29, the sun shone brightly on SJR. It was the day of the first annual Kendra's Walk for Kids. We were pumped, wearing our CancerCare ribbons and purple clothes and accessories, and completely focused on Kendra's cause: to raise lots and lots of money for teens living with cancer. Specifically, her dream was to raise enough money to refurbish the teen room at CancerCare, making it a place of solace for teens undergoing cancer treatments.

Excitement filled the air all day; color day money and pledge forms rolled in. A myriad of students signed Kendra's banner as Junior School students chanted "Kendra! Kendra! Kendra!" from the playground. Fumes from the purple hairspray covering many SJR heads filled the air. CTV arrived to do interviews for the national news and Shaw TV also made an appearance, interviewing Kendra as she walked. Kendra's extended family and friends, along with many alumni joined current SJR staff, students, and parents, as well as neighbourhood supporters and gathered in the front field to walk at 3:00 p.m.

Before the walk, Ace Burpee from Hot 103, played music chosen by Kendra, and after Kendra's moving speech, we all paused for a moment of silence to listen to the words of a very special song "Keep Holding On" by Avril Lavigne.

The walk itself was magical. Led by Kendra and her parents, a long line of happy purple people, many with small children and dogs, took a leisurely stroll along North Drive, guitar music playing and cameras rolling as participants laughed and talked.

When all was said and done, the walk was a resounding success, not only because of the astounding figure of more than **\$80,000** raised, but also because of the amazing community spirit and outpouring of love for a very courageous and inspiring young lady who is one of our own. This kind of overwhelming support for doing what is right is one of the very best things about being part of the SJR family.





We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making this dream possible. As well, we would like to acknowledge the following people and businesses for their generous donations of prizes:

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