

## **Mnjikaning Kendaaswin Elementary School**

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To whom it may concern,

On October 28, 2019 to October 30, 2019, we welcomed *Errol Lee – We Care Concerts* to *Chippewas of RAMA First Nation Mnjikaning Kendaaswin Public School and Community.* 

Errol's message of hope for a better world shines through in his books and is heard in the songs written and sung by him. This message can also be seen through his talent for movement, dance and sign language. Errol's genuine enthusiasm and honest heartfelt joy is most evident. His message promotes physical health, social and emotional strengths, honor, respect, kindness and care for humanity; held by all nations, ethnicity, age and diversity. He is a caring, kind, talented, respectful human being.

During our three days of presentations, workshops, song, dance, movement, inspiration and laughter; we joyfully performed a 'We Care Concert' for our community. Our 155 students from grades JK to 8, along with 30 teachers and staff, and our Chief and Council members wore a special designed T-shirt with the following message:

I'm Somebody at MKES
You're Somebody
We're Somebody
Hey Somebody
Be Somebody
Just Be-You-Tiful

We are delighted to have developed a relationship with Errol Lee, his wife Anne Marie and their beautiful family. With support, encouragement and inspiration from talented people like Errol Lee, dreams for a better future can happen.

We look forward to working with Errol again. He will be visiting our school on February 14, 2020 for a full day of presentations. We also look forward to Errol visiting our school to facilitate programming to promote character education during this school year and hopefully years to follow.

We have noticed a positive impact on our school community. The children are talking about caring for one another; they know that it is cool to care. The children are also singings Errol's songs, readings his two books (*The HERO Club and The HERO Club – The Buddy Bench*). We are also hoping to begin our very own HERO Club which promotes honesty, empathy, respect, and optimism.

We highly recommend *Errol Lee – Caring Concerts Organization* to support any school with their Character Education Program. This Program promotes universal topics of care, kindness, respect, love and character education.

When 'music is the method'.... A positive light can be seen to encourage mutual caring and communication - one child at a time for today, tomorrow and future generations to come. Our children can make our world a better place simple because they exist.

Sincerely,

Kim Deyman, MKES Mental Health Educator

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