

Coach Belinsky keeps promise, shaves head

Willingdon Elementary raises over \$26,500 for cancer research

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Willingdon Elementary School students managed to rake in \$26,506.70 for the Terry Fox Foundation and, in return, several teachers and school administrators had a few debts to pay on October 14.

The goal was to raise \$15,000 and teachers and staff promised to complete certain tasks, ranging from singing karaoke to taking a pie in the face, if students raised certain amounts. Physical education teacher Lara Belinsky promised to shave her head



Left, October 14, Willingdon Elementary School's physical education teacher, Lara Belinsky, congratulates Logan Armstrong, grade 2, for raising \$1,000. Middle, Belinsky gets her head shaved in front of the entire student body as she promised students that she would cut off all her hair if they raised over \$15,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Right, with a freshly shaved head, Belinsky again congratulates students for raising \$26,506.70 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Station 11 to host haunted house

From 5 pm to 9 pm on October 31, residents are invited to the Walkley Centre (6650 Côte St. Luc Rd. corner of Walkley Ave.) where local police are hosting a haunted house in partnership with the borough, Tandem and several local businesses.

There were by two bicycles raffled off during the event. It is being hosted by the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal's NDG-based Station 11.

if students doubled the usual annual donation of \$8,500. Instead, students nearly tripled that number.

Logan Armstrong, a grade 2 student, managed to rake in \$1,000 and, because of his success, he got to snip off Belinsky's first lock. Her hair was first tied into tight pony tail segments so it could be donated to an organization that turns human hair into high-quality wigs for cancer patients. Though her eyes showed a bit of worry and sadness as her dark, curly hair was

chopped from her head, Belinsky kept her emotions in check while tresses tumbled to the makeshift stage in front of the entire student body and plenty of media.

The emotion she couldn't hide, however, was her deep pride for a student body that raised so much money for the cause. A Terry Fox Foundation representative ceremoniously collected the money and thanked the students for their efforts.

"I am so extremely proud of you and all your efforts," Belinsky told the students.

"One of my most favourite things about Terry Fox was that Terry was always able to focus on what he had. Not what he didn't have."

Correction: On p. 5 of the October 11 edition, Willingdon Elementary School is described as raising nearly \$10,000 when in fact students surpassed \$26,500. A school staff member provided the *Free Press* incomplete information as the total funds raised by students had yet to be counted.