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## Local Briefs: Sunnyside hooked on school

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Participating in the Province-wide Hooked on school Days program, which takes place in the third week of February each year, Sunnyside Elementary started the week off with a visit from Stanstead Mayor Philippe Dutil. "These are the best days of your life," Dutil told the Cycle 3 (Grades 5-6) classes, stressing the importance of staying in

school and working hard.

He used his personal experiences to explain to the students the importance of staying focused in class. "When I really tried, I did the best in school, but when I just tried to impress my friends, that's when I did my worst," he admitted.

Dutil visited two classes at Sunnyside, handing out a personalized card to each student in the class, before moving on to the French school, *Jardin-des-Frontières* to share the stay in school message with the stu-

dents there.

In addition to the mayor's visit, Sunnyside had a number of other events scheduled throughout the week, including a visit from Chris Lafond, a Sunnyside graduate now studying at CEGEP.

To represent the full spectrum of possibilities, a customs officer was invited to speak to students about his career and background, and the Cycle 3 students are planning a visit to the Vocational Education Centre at Galt on Friday.