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MHA King Joins Students at Holy Name of Mary Academy to Celebrate Rice Day

Darin King, MHA for the District of Grand Bank and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education, joined students at Holy Name of Mary Academy in Lawn Wednesday to celebrate Rice Day 2008.

“I was pleased to be able to join staff and students at Holy Name of Mary Academy for this event,” MHA King said. “It was great to see everyone committed to this cause, and to doing their part to help others in need. It was also wonderful to speak with the younger students and hear how well they understand the purpose of this event, and to hear their desire to assist others who are less fortunate. ”

The event was sponsored by Two Villages, a province-wide, not-for-profit organization, which works to bring changes to third-world communities and in turn enables the development of students as global citizens and strong community leaders. On Rice Day, students ate rice for lunch and donated their lunch money towards the creation of a seed bank in Ethiopia.

“Students are becoming more and more aware of events in the world around us, and how things that happen many kilometres away can affect our province,” King said. “They demonstrated a great sense of leadership, and compassion for others as they participated in Rice Day 2008.”

The seed bank is being built in the Wollo province in Ethiopia, best known for the devastating famine that killed more than one million people in 1984-85. A seed bank stores seeds as a source for planting. Storing seeds guards against catastrophic events such as natural disasters, the outbreak of disease, or war.

Picture 1: MHA King joins with primary-elementary students during lunchtime for rice.

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