

# Coin-spiracy

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I first found out about Coin-spiracy in my grade nine leadership class. My teacher told me what this project was all about and how some schools in B.C are taking part in it. She then showed us a thirty minute video, which gave my class and I more information on this worldwide project.

Firstly, the Coins-spiracy project is about doing three kind acts. Our kind act for yourself, one for someone else and the last kind act for the environment. The kind act we did for ourselves was we went on a ski trip to Manning, this was a nice break from class. The kind act we did for someone else was we held a Room to Read Project. That was where we raised money for a developing country. We ended up raising \$7,200, so it was a huge success. The way we raised money was by getting out whole school involved. We asked the students at our school to raise at least ten dollars per person by going door to door in the community and asking for donations. The kind act we did for the environment was we cleaned up the garbage at a dike near our school and we also planted trees at the Blue Heron Nature Reserve.

Secondly, the coin-spiracy has affected my school in many different ways. Mt. Slesse Middle School has always been a kind and caring for the three years that I have attended it, but after learning about this project I think even higher of my school and am glad to be a part of this positive environment everyday. This project has taught me that education is a very important thing and that many students take it for granted. I know that many people in my school recently learned that children in developing countries actually want to go to school, while children here don't think much of the opportunities that they are so freely given. I also see a lot more kids sharing with one another and generally having more respect for each other and appreciating what they have.

Thirdly, this project has also affected me. I have found a new appreciation for others and I have learned that not everyone has choices and chances to succeed like I do and it is important that everyone recognizes that. Before this project came up I didn't know that people were trying to build schools and libraries in developing countries, so kids have a chance to educate themselves. I learned that I should be grateful for every opportunity I get to better myself because some people don't even have these chances because they are trying to stay alive. I also have second thoughts on littering now because this project has taught me to respect my environment.

In conclusion, Coin-spiracy was an excellent project to bring upon our school because the parents and students in our community are so supportive in making a difference in the lives of the unfortunate. This experience has brought me and everyone else involved in it a little closer to each other and our environment. I am very thankful for this experience and I hope that Coin-spiracy keeps growing and letting the younger generations know about those who are less fortunate than they are.