

Greenville Public School Has a 'Blast' at the Lafarge Dundas Quarry

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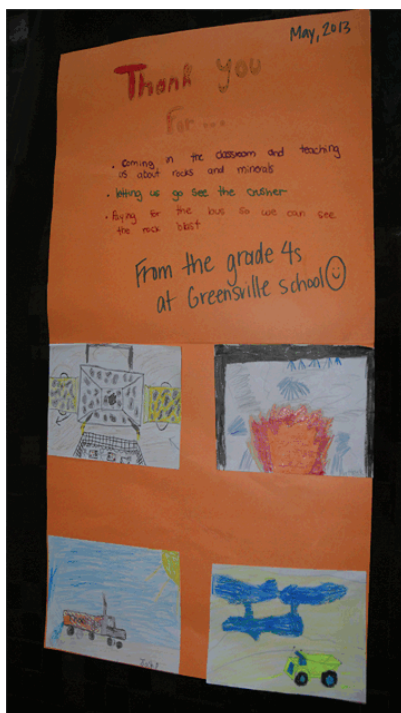
Dundas , Ontario

Over 38 Grade 4 students, along with 5 teacher and parent aides from the local Greenville Public School came out for the second annual Rocks and Mineral Tour at the Lafarge Dundas Quarry. The group originally had an in-class interactive session on April 23rd, 2013 about the rock cycle, the geological timeline of how their community came to be where it is today, a hands-on talk about minerals versus fossils, how construction aggregates are used in the world around us and how the aggregate industry works to minimize impacts to the community by enforcing environmental controls on site.

This was followed by a site visit to the Dundas Quarry and a chance to go up into the Primary Crusher to view how the limestone is transported from the face and crushed. The "big red button" in the control tower was a huge hit! The bus then followed the route that the aggregates take through our North and South Dundas Quarry, via a 3.2km conveyor, up and over two concessions and through a tunnel under Highway #5 to the processing area. We even weighed the bus – 9000kg!



Unfortunately due to weather conditions, the blast had to be postponed for another day. Lafarge offered to bring everyone back, and on May 17th, the whole crew came out to view a live blast in the North Quarry which was a huge success. The kids literally "had a blast" and asked many insightful questions – and then presented local Staff with a very thoughtful thank-you card, and a poster that included their thoughts and learnings from the original April tour. We're already looking forward to hosting our neighbourhood school for another tour next year!



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