



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Man's journey inspires Smith students

Grade 7/8 Smith Public School students, moved by a story they read in a local newspaper, felt they had to give back in some way. The story involved the courageous journey of retired principal, Clyde Carruthers. In June 2006, after many years of teaching, to commemorate the end of his career, he decided to walk the entire Bruce Trail from Queenston Heights to Tobermory. Weeks before, he discovered he had lymphoid cancer but despite the news, he continued with his journey.

Smith students wrote poems and letters to Mr. Carruthers expressing how much they admired his efforts, sharing with him their own dealings with cancer and overcoming obstacles. In recognition of his courage and making a change in their lives they created a six metre long painting of his pilgrimage through the escarpment which reads, "Mr. Carruthers: making a difference one step at a time."

Students will make a presentation to Mr. Carruthers and his wife Rose, thanking him for being a positive influence in the lives of so many students. The event will take place at Smith Public School in Grimsby on Friday December 8, 2006 at 9:40am.

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