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DSBN Students Go Green!

Enterprising students from Central Public School in Grimsby, Ontario, will celebrate their completion of Grade 8 by planting 80 trees in their community – one for each graduate. The trees will be planted at the Grimsby Peach King Centre (162 Livingston Avenue) on Wednesday, June 6, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

"The Graduating Class of 2007 at Central School has an extraordinary number of academic and community leaders," says Stephanie Minor, who teaches math, science and geography at the Grade 8 level. "Students watched Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth' as part of their geography curriculum and participated in an environmental conference on Earth Day. This led them to think about their impact on the world, and one student, came up with the idea to commemorate the Graduating Class of 2007 as well as Central School's 100th anniversary. Her idea was met with enthusiasm by her peers and our Principal, Norrine Hardyman."

"We are delighted to participate," says Michael Scott, President and CEO of the Trees Ontario Foundation, sponsor of the event." This is a terrific idea by the Grimsby students and it's an inspired way of celebrating their graduation. We're impressed with their initiative and we look forward to seeing these trees flourish in the years and decades to come."

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