

## ROBERT MUNSCH RETURNS FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> VISIT!

To say that teacher Jackie Livingston is a fan of children's author Robert Munsch is an understatement. The fact is that Mrs. Livingston has devoted much of her teaching career to introducing her students to the popular children's books written by Munsch. But that's not all. Over the past years, she has literally jumped through hoops to 'woo Mr. Munsch North' to St. Patrick School in Cobalt. Last week, he returned for his second visit, much to the delight of students and the community.



He came pen in hand to autograph copies of his latest release, "I'm So Embarrassed". This book was inspired by Andrew Livingston, a student at St. Patrick School at the time of Mr. Munsch's first visit in 2002. Andrew, who is Mrs. Livingston's son, was part of a welcoming committee that met the special guest at the North Bay Airport. Andrew was terribly embarrassed because his mother gave Mr. Munsch a big hug when he got off the plane. During their long drive to Cobalt, Andrew shared more tales of how his mother embarrasses him in public. The tales formed the basis of the new book, which features Andrew and then classmate Taylor Jae.



Youngsters from neighbouring schools including ECCS, Holy Family and St. Jerome took part in a special assembly at St. Pat's on Wednesday. Mr. Munsch entertained them by adapting his most loved stories to actual students in the school. He then toured individual classrooms for more storytelling, attended a reception and book signing in the evening, returned for more visits on Friday and took part in a sleigh ride with staff on Saturday.

A visit by Robert Munsch is by no means an easy feat and cannot be secured by money; this accomplished author simply decides which schools he wants to visit. But thanks to the persistence of Mrs. Livingston and her students over the years, and mostly thanks to their very original requests, Mr. Munsch made his first visit in 2002. In fact, their comical letters and stories now appear on the official Robert Munsch Website at [www.robertmunsch.com](http://www.robertmunsch.com) in the 'Something Special' section. Just scroll down to "The Great Zoodle Caper" to read all about it.



Robert Munsch with St. Pat's graduate Andrew Livingston and Teacher Jackie Livingston

Thank you Mrs. Livingston for fostering a love of reading in our students through the Munschworks!

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