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St. Patrick's School Gives Local Soldier a Hero's Welcome.

Kapuskasing, Ontario, March 25, 2008 – Finally home in Kapuskasing after a seven month mission in Afghanistan as part of the Royal 22nd Regiment, Remi Desbiens shared his story with St. Patrick's School students. Staff and students were wearing yellow ribbons and carrying signs saying "thank you" and "Desbiens = dedication" and "We are proud of you".



Pt. Remi Desbiens shared what life was like being a Canadian soldier. He said that "being in the infantry I had three principle tasks to complete during my time in Afghanistan...I did security surveillance for the camp, foot patrols and missions in light armoured vehicles. Students were amazed to find out that Pt. Remi's uniform while on patrol weighed over 100 pounds. He also shared details about his missions, the food he ate and the weapons he used.



Students were thrilled to know that Remi received over 1000 Christmas cards – nearly 200 of them coming from St. Patrick's School students – which was an effort as part of our school theme of "sharing the light".

We are happy that Remi returned safely from his mission in Afghanistan. Remi is an inspiration to staff and students alike.

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