

## Malcolm Institute Field Trip By Daley Pedersen and Alexander Ruest

On October 27, the third graders at Madawaska Elementary School and their teachers, Mrs. Bea Ouellette, Mrs. Rita Pelletier, and Mrs. Kerry O'Brien, went to Malcolm Science Institute in Easton. The students were learning about how an apple grows in their science classes and this field trip tied in well with that.

When they got there, they met Mr. Bee and Mr. Vaughn who were their tour guides. They saw how apple cider was made and studied the constellations. They watched the constellations in the Bubble Room with Mr. Bee, learned how an apple grows, and went for a nature walk outside. They saw blue jays, squirrels, chickadees and moose tracks on their nature walk.

Mrs. Rita Pelletier, one of the third grade teachers, stated, "The students had lots of fun learning about different star constellations, apples and different animal tracks."

### Mock Election by Jenna Burress and Brooke Momeault

On October 30, the Mock Election was held at Madawaska Elementary School in room 210. Mrs. Bonny Tingley, the social studies teacher, was in charge of the Mock Election. Her social studies students learned about the candidates and educated students at MES by speaking to them and showing them posters of what they had learned.

All of the 5th grade students participated in organizing and running the Mock Election. The Mock Election was held so the students would understand what voting was all about. The 5th grade students had to make the ballot, a ballot box, make a voting list, set up a voting room, and make sure the students had a picture ID. Most students used their lunch cards. All students and staff were welcome to vote anytime between 8:15 and 12:00. The fourth graders counted the votes in the afternoon. Barack Obama won the mock election.

Mrs. Ginette Albert, the school principal, stated, "Mrs. Tingley and all the 5th grade students did a great job getting the Mock Election together."



## Energy Workshop by Jasmine Demoranville

On November 13, 2008, from 8:30 to 1:30, a group of third, fourth and fifth grade students from Madawaska Elementary School attended the BEEP Energy-Wise workshop at the Campus Center in Presque Isle, Maine.

Mrs. Kerry O'Brien, the third grade science teacher, and Mrs. Gina Jandreau, the fourth and fifth grade science teacher, chaperoned the students. Maine Public Service Company sponsored this event.

Students worked in cooperative groups to learn about renewable and non-renewable energy resources. They had competitions and earned prizes. They worked on puzzles, had an Energy Idol competition and had a great snack and lunch.

Mrs. Jandreau stated, "It was great to see students meeting and working with students from different schools. It is definitely a workshop worth attending!"



## Veterans Day Celebration by Erica Thibeault and Deserae Cyr

In late August, Mrs. Christine Chasse, a first grade teacher, started planning a Veterans Day celebration for Madawaska Elementary School. Mrs. Chasse got asked to be the representative for the Madawaska Veterans. Mrs. Chasse stated that it wasn't difficult organizing the event, but it took more time than expected. She got help from some staff members to make the event happen. Mrs. Chasse got the veterans to come by calling Mr. Cyr from the legion, and invited the veterans group to come to our school. They told her they would love to.

During the week, students decorated the halls at the school for the veterans. The first graders made chains. Students in grades two and three made stars, and students in grades four and five made posters.

There were 70-75 veterans that attended the event in the elementary school gym on Thursday, November 6, from 8:30-9:30,

To begin the celebration, the Veterans marched in and posted the colors of the United States flag. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The middle/ high school band, with their band director, Mrs. Martha Michaud, played a few patriotic songs just for veterans. The kindergarten and first grade students sang "Proud of Our Veterans". Then the third, fourth and fifth graders sang "Heroes". The whole school sang "This is America". They learned the songs during their music classes with the music teacher, Mrs. Gloria Stoliker.

Mr. Roger Corbin and a few veterans showed the audience how to fold the flag and what each fold represented. Some students read poems about what a veteran meant to them. The program ended with the band playing as the veterans marched out. Once the younger students left, the fourth and fifth graders stayed to talk and shake hands with the veterans.

Mrs. Chasse was proud of the students. She stated, "We noticed that the students were very respectful during the ceremony. We hope we can have the veterans back again someday.

The school received letters from the veterans thanking them for a job well done.