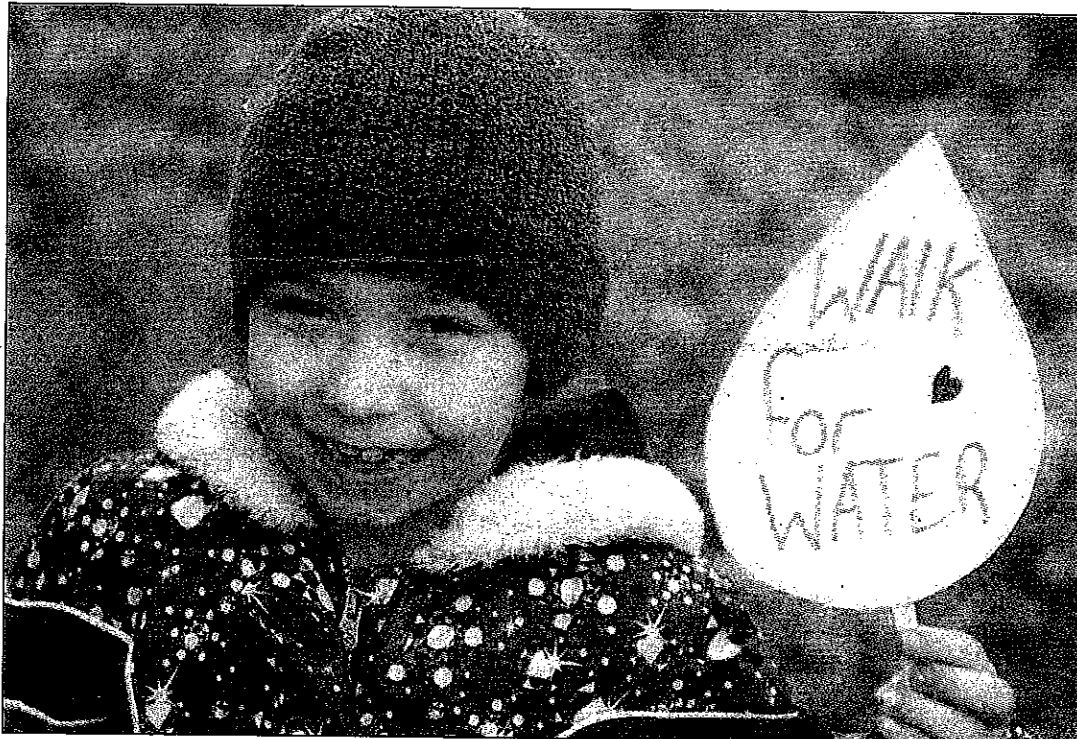


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WORLD WATER DAY



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Bailey Campeau, 7, waves her hand-made flag during her walk with her school, Gladstone Public, for World Water Day on Tuesday.

Focus on clean water

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CORNWALL — The world is celebrating its best resource, its liquid of life, water.

Tuesday was World Water Day and to celebrate, a number of events took place throughout the city.

Gladstone Public School decided to contribute to World Water Day by hosting a water-related fundraiser. The school gathered funds from students and staff and managed to raise a total of \$531.41 which will go towards creating wells in India.

"We expect when all pledged money is collected, it will be well over \$700," said Joe Harty, vice-principal.

A number of classes from the school also took part in a Walk for Water.

Also, the Cornwall Square hosted a number of water information kiosks set up by agencies that deal with water on a daily basis, such as the Raisin Region Conservation Authority, Resource Stewardship for SD&G and the St Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences, to help inform the public about the water quality in and around wells and homes, and setting up

free testing for water wells.

"We've realized that only half of the people (within SD&G and Prescott-Russell) get municipal drinking water," said Karen Cooper, communications specialist for the Drinking Water Source Protection Program (Raisin Region Conservation Authority).

"It's really important to maintain wells (to avoid getting sick)," she said.

For more information about free well testing, water conservation tips or shoreline permits, please contact the authority at 613-938-3611.

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