

1 Net. 10 Bucks. Save LIVES. Help PCVS Spread the Net!



PCVS "Spreads the Net"

PCVS is launching its "Spread the Net" campaign this Friday December 2nd.

Every 45 seconds, a child dies from Malaria – that is more than 1 million each year. Most deaths are in Africa. An insecticide-treated mosquito net can help protect an entire family from Malaria for up to five years.



PCVS has a long standing connection to these sorts of issues. Our students have travelled to Sierra Leone, West Africa, to work with students at our earlier sister school on issues around HIV/AIDS and youth leadership. We have also had an active relationship for the past 7 years with Nyachuru Secondary School in Zimbabwe where we've exchanged letters and art work, sent school supplies, farming tools, bicycles and money. Our *African Connections* group has been very active at school and in the community for the past 8 years. PCVS is now reaching out to support the need for mosquito nets.

CBC's Rick Mercer champions this cause and challenges schools to raise money to purchase nets. The school that raises the most money in each of 3 categories (colleges/universities, high schools, and elementary schools) receives a visit from the Rick Mercer Report and is featured on his program that enjoys an audience of 2 million Canadians.



This year's contest closes on February 29, and winning schools will be featured in March. His program featuring last year's winners can be viewed on Youtube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHrbYmqQ9M>

PCVS will be raising money in school and in the community for this very worthy cause. \$10 buys one net. Parents, other relatives, friends, alumni and other community members who would like to support our campaign are invited to forward cheques to the school, made out to PCVS - Spread the Net. Nets can be given as gifts in someone's name by purchasing a special Spread the Net gift card from the school. Tax receipts for donations \$25 or more will be issued by the Belinda Stronach Foundation. Alternately, money can be donated online in the name of PCVS at <http://goo.gl/oyHD3>

Contact teacher Mr. Douglas (cameron_douglas@kprdsb.ca) or student coordinators Allie Grady or Ava Brown-Mantha for more information or to help with the campaign.