

Synergy Credit Union Sponsors the St. Walburg School Grade 5 and 6 “Do Good Club” Article by Chelsa Husch

In May, Cindy O’Donnell the Grade 5/6 teacher asked St. Walburg Branch if we would sponsor the “Do Good Club” 30 children at \$10 each, as part of their school project. The guidelines for the club were: take the \$10 and do something good with it. The students could work individually or in groups. The students had one month to complete their project and present it back to the Credit Union.

We were delighted to be part of the project and Chelsa Husch and Patricia Fink were invited down to the school to present the \$10 bills to each student. The students were discovering, determining, and deciding on different ideas. There was lots of excitement in the air and lots of ideas coming from the students.

Today, June 16, 2010, the students brought posters and thank you cards to the Credit Union. While they were at the branch they discussed with the Synergy staff their developments from the projects. Each group shared a short presentation with us:

- 1) Flowers were purchased for a lady in town, as her Mother had passed away. This group of students have also volunteered to do some yard work and window washing for the lady as well.
- 2) Bake sale for Multiple Sclerosis - \$415.38 was donated
- 3) Selling Spitz and Freezies at ball games for Alzheimers - \$35.75 was donated
- 4) Toy & Book Sale for the Red Cross - \$72.25 was donated
- 5) Hot Dog Sale for the St. Walburg Splash Park - \$294.94 was donated
- 6) Dog Treat Sale for the SPCA - \$111 was raised. These students purchased items for the SPCA – dog toys, combs etc.
- 7) Lake Land Library - Students donated their time to help the local library with their move to a new location. The students donated their money to the library to purchase some new books.
- 8) Scoop & Slurp for the Red Cross – Students sold ice cream to raise money for the Red Cross. \$128.80 was donated.
- 9) Coffee & Lemonade Sale for the SPCA – This event was held in conjunction with a 4 day garage sale. \$75 was raised and then donated to the SPCA.
- 10) Freezie sale at the St. Walburg Fair to raise funds for the St. Walburg Fire Department. \$180 was donated.
- 11) Bake Sale for the School Community Council. Students held a bake sale during the St. Walburg Fair to raise funds for their school to purchase sports equipment, skipping ropes and rackets – for the other children at the school to play with at recess and noon hours. \$123.30 was donated.

The students came up with some very creative ideas, volunteering, helping individuals, their local community and charities.

The \$300 donated by Synergy Credit Union grew into \$1,526.42.

We are very proud of the students and their accomplishments and glad to be a part of their school project. Good work everyone!