

# Connecting to a new understanding

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Generations' understanding each other is just a click away. Wiz Kids and Savvy Seniors with grade 5/6 students at St. Martin's School held from April 13 to May 11 is a double-decker program that helps seniors and students connect for some mutually beneficial learning.

On April 13, Digital Design students were introduced to their first lessons on Google docs and G-mail accounts with seniors. These young people instructed

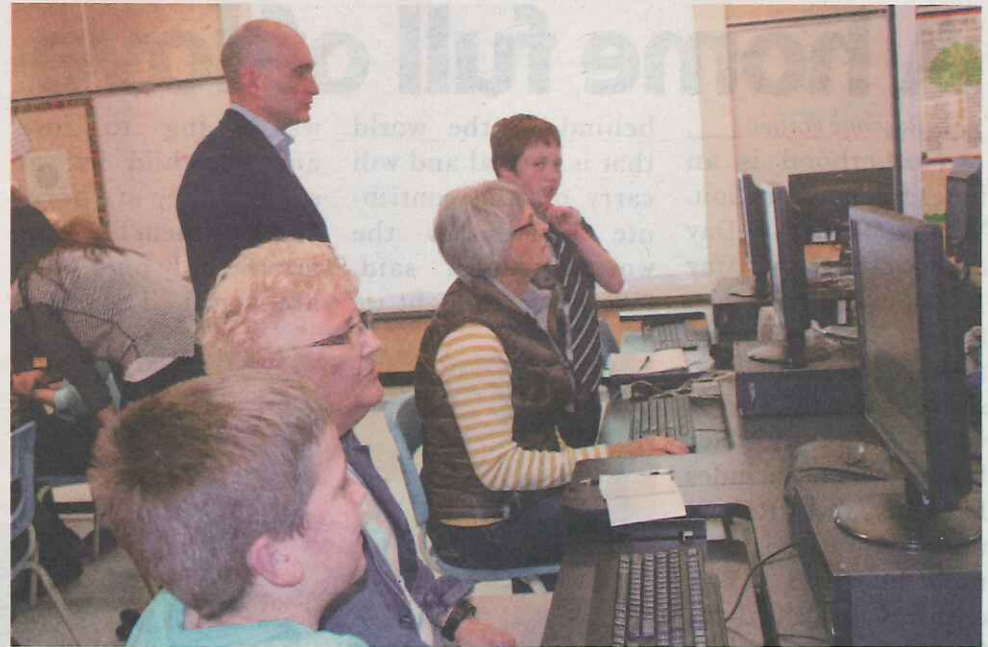
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"The Digital Design students make a lesson plan to teach the seniors about computers for each session." Tracy Laschowski, Success Coach said. "This is an intergenerational program that is about mental health capacity and relationship building which happens naturally when seniors and students connect and will

lead to stronger communities."

"I learned my way around the internet and feel like buying an iPad now. The students were pretty good tutors." Ed Baxandall, a senior who participated in the course for the first time said.

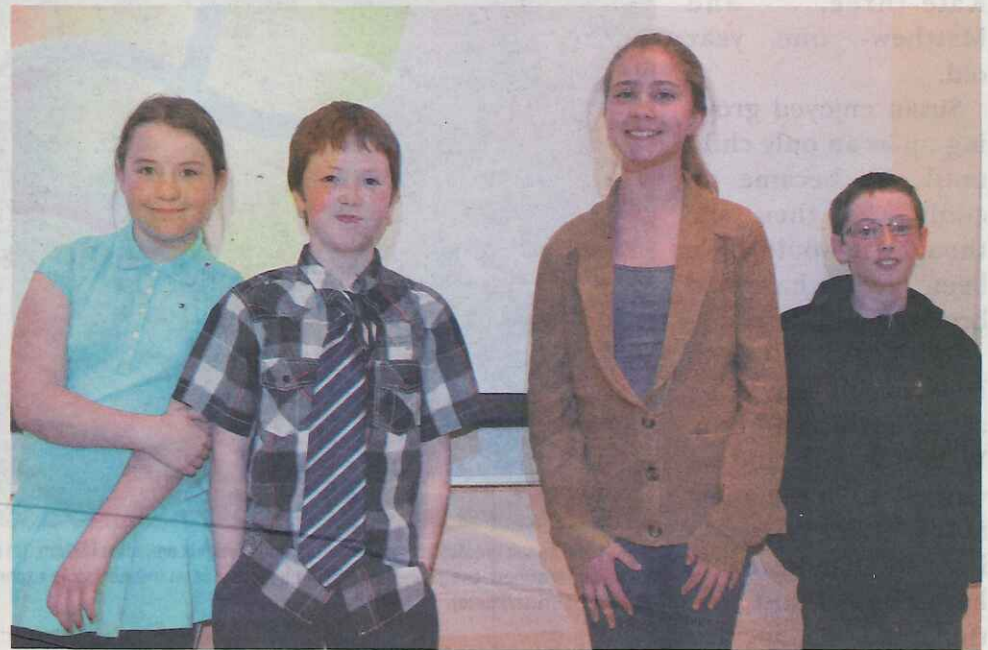
"The students' computer lesson was great. I learned how to open a g-mail account. My favorite part was discovering Google Earth." Bev Homeniuk



Wiz Kids tutor the seniors about anything they wish to know about computers at the Wiz Kids and Savvy Seniors program at St. Martin's School. (Rosanne Fortier/Photo)



These tutors give the first session of the Wiz Kids and Savvy Seniors program a thumbs-up. (left to right) Keaton, Tyson and Megan. (Rosanne Fortier/Photo)



Wiz Kids who were the teachers for the first session of Wiz Kids and Savvy Seniors on April 11. These young people instructed this course with confidence as they stood in the front and explained what was written on the projector's screen. (left to right) teachers- Jenna, Kieran, Gabrielle and tutor-Tyson. (Rosanne Fortier/Photo)