



Emilie Tessier of Corpus Christi School looks at before and after photos of drug abusers.

North Bay - Emilie Tessier said she'll never forget the before and after photos of people who have become addicted to drugs. "This doesn't even look like the same person," she said of a pictured female who aged noticeably after 10 years of severe drug abuse. "I felt sad to see these faces. They used to look so normal and now they look so sick. I don't think they even know what they're doing to themselves."

Emilie was one of hundreds of Grade 4 to 6 students from schools across the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board who attended *Wiiding Out Drugs* at Memorial Gardens this week, where students rotated between 14 stations.

"All of the topics addressed today are related to the foundations of healthy schools," said Janet Humble, Chair of the *Wiiding Out Drugs* Committee of North Bay and Area. "This event aims to help students develop the skills and knowledge they'll need when faced with having to make good decisions in life."

Some of the stations, hosted by various community agencies and organizations, included internet safety, healthy eating, anti-bullying, tobacco and drug prevention.

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