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## New Crofton Elementary School well Loved

Story by Liz Forbes and the Crofton At A Glance newsletter

"The wheels of the bus go round and round," and this is how the students sang this song at Crofton Elementary School grand opening on April 9 2009.

"The students of Crofton love the school, Love the school, Love the school. The students of Crofton love the school, We love our brand new school."

In subsequent verses, they love the gym, playing games when it rains, the fishy floor, killer whales, fish with tails, the view, a plane with floats, the ferry boats. In the last verse, they end with...

"The students of Crofton say THANK YOU. We LOVE our brand new school."

It was evident everywhere how much the staff and students loved their new school. Framed student artwork graced the hall walls, colourful paintings and banners decorated the school gym where the ceremonies were held. The grade 7 class created the large round paintings that mimicked the porthole windows found throughout the rest of the school. The two young Masters of Ceremony, Mary McGill and Brandon Corby kept the programme running smoothly and seemed to be having fun. Their well-choreographed and witty repartee peppered with digs about the 'view' distract-



The brand new elementary school in Crofton demonstrates a love for the community and it's children.

ing them from schoolwork and their poise while on stage, was enviable.

The newly formed band did a great job of entertaining and it was a pleasure to have parent Glauca Ayers with her marvellous voice, lead us in singing "Oh Canada." The requisite dignitaries' comments were brief, appropriate and often entertaining. Even though I have no connection to the school, apart from living in Crofton, I found the whole ceremony moving, to the point of tears.

We moved on to the multi purpose room where we consumed vast amounts of the best chocolate cake I have ever tasted. Crofton School Noon Hour Supervisor, Corry Suter, commented to me through a large mouthful of chocolate, that it was "cake worthy of the school". I heartily agreed. (The cake provided by

Crofton's Al Ollett of Heaven Scent Gourmet, definitely tasted heaven sent.)

With others, I wandered through the school peering into classrooms where the students and teachers welcomed us, eager to show off their schoolwork and space. Everywhere I looked, I felt uplifted by the natural light that surely could banish winter blues. The long views provided by cleverly placed windows and portholes allowed my gaze to flow between the halls, classrooms, library, and to the ocean and mountains beyond. It is a beautiful space and a credit to the hard working people who helped make it happen and more important, it demonstrates to the schoolchildren of Crofton that we value them.

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