



*Helping build inclusive, caring and safe communities*

**LCCJ Community Animator Report – November 15, 2018**

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**School News**

Weekly circles are being conducted by or with the support of *Be Strong* volunteers and staff at the following schools:

Arklan Community Public School - Grades K, 1/2 and 3/4

Lombardy Public School - Grade 3 / 4

Almonte District High School – Grade 8

PPDCI - Grade 11

Smiths Falls District Collegiate Institute – Grade 9 Art

Note that themes emerging in these circles span a broad spectrum of issues and curricular concepts in collaboration with school staff including:

- Building positive relationships
- Personal safety
- Conflict resolution – peer to peer / negative perceptions of and negative judgement by teachers
- Affective language and dialogue
- Communicating artistic vision and critique of works of art based on established criteria

**Youth Centres:**

Regular circle activities continue at WAK (Smiths Falls Youth Program)

We have had to suspend regular circles at Lanark Highlands YC because we could not arrive at a workable schedule.

**Smiths Falls Shared Youth Services / Youth Campus** – Bridget Manahan, Program Director of WAK is meeting with a couple of SFDCI staff members to develop a survey as part of the youth engagement initiative

**Numbers of Student / Youth Engagements** – I am updating numbers. Our total is over 12,000.

**Capacity Building and Training:**

OPC (Ontario Principals Council) UCDSB (Upper Canada District School Board) conference, November 7, 2018 at the Parkside Inn. Brian Peters and Andrew Lynch led a two hour workshop on restorative practices in schools to 25 principals, vice principals and superintendents from across the UCDSB.

Caldwell Street Public School – November 15, 2018 Andrew led a one hour introductory session on restorative practices for the entire staff.