

# Reciprocal Learning

## *Sister School Project*



# West Gate Public School



The staff from West Gate School, SWU Primary and Kindergarten Schools as well as Mr. Huang and Mr. Luo from the secondary school affiliated to SWU enjoyed a trip to Peche Island courtesy of the Windsor Canoe Club. The Voyageur Canoe was large enough to support our entire group and we learned a great deal about our own local community and its geographical significance in the early fur trade with local indigenous peoples. Mr. Roth's father was our tour guide and he and the others from the canoe club joined us for a traditional Chinese dinner after the outing.



Principal Tang enjoys a few moments in the Grade One classroom. Principal Tang was very comfortable moving to eye level with the students and engaging in the learning!



The staff from West Gate School, SWU Primary and Kindergarten Schools as well as Mr. Huang and Mr. Luo from the secondary school affiliated to SWU share a meal with the Windsor Canoe Club members after the trip to Peche Island.

Jackie Connelly, Mark Roth and Bill McNeil from West Gate Public School, along with Dr. Xu, show the geographical significance of the Essex County area to visitors. Principal Tang, Mr. Pan and Principal Song. Our guests were able to walk right to the tip of the most southern place in Canada. Understanding our school systems as well as developing an appreciation of the landscape has been a rewarding experience for those in the reciprocal learning program.



Visiting Principals and Vice-Principals from South West University Primary and Kindergarten School and Dr. Xu and associates tour the EarlyOn Centre at West Gate School. These pre-school centres are placed within classrooms in Primary Schools across the province in order to build relationships with parents and children prior to the students attending Kindergarten.



Reconnecting in Canada! Mr. Pan, Mr. Roth and Mr. McNeil quickly reunite after meeting for the first time in Chongqing and now again in Windsor. It didn't take long before they were joking and enjoying each others company. This experience helped to build trusting relationships and a connection from one classroom to another.



Jackie Connelly, Mark Roth and Bill McNeil from West Gate Public School, along with Dr. Xu, walk the boardwalk in Point Pelee with visitors Principal Tang, Mr. Pan and Principal Song. Our guests were able to walk through a vibrant marsh, home to many birds and a favourite spot for many birders in Ontario.



Principal Connelly and Vice-Principal Roth share our West Gate spirit with returning student teachers. Our students and associate teachers truly miss the connection with our visiting students from Chongqing.



Visiting Principals and Vice-Principals from South West University Primary and Kindergarten School and Dr. Xu and associates tour the breakfast facilities at West Gate. Student teachers from Chongqing assist with the breakfast program during their practicum placements at West Gate School.



## ...Home of the Blazers!

