ESP Students Arrange for Makeover to Change Room

Students in the school’s Empowered Student Partnership (ESP) program decided that it was time for a little beautification to take place at the school in the form of an upgrade to their change room. After sending out letters of request for donations, they were pleasantly surprised to hear from their local Home Depot. Not only is the store providing the paint that the students requested, it will completely makeover the room and provide all of the materials and labour. Lead by Team Depot Leader, Hern Azeredo, volunteers from the Yorkdale Home Depot store arrived at the school on January 5th to complete the work.

The ESP program was originally developed by 33 Division of the Toronto Police Service in 1997 and went city-wide in 2002, as a result of a partnership with the Canadian Safe School Network, the City of Toronto, ProAction Cops & Kids and the English and French school boards in the Toronto area. It is a leadership program that works to empower students to develop, initiate and implement school safety programs. Over 50 students at Loretto Abbey are actively involved in this initiative and are lead by staff coordinator, Lina Naccarato.

Police Constables Murray Campbell and Kirin Bisla as well as P.C. Michelle Campbell, Divisional ESP Representative from 32 Division, stopped by the school to view the renovations that included painting and installation of much-needed benches and storage for the change room.