

The NOTEBOOK

Artist visits Balbo Elementary

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Every year, the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council awards grants for artists to visit schools. This year, grades 4-8 students at Balbo Elementary were fortunate enough to have Leslee Lake, a sculptor, visit their classes to teach them a few tricks of the trade.

First, we rolled our clay into a smooth round ball. Next, Les told us to roll it up and down into a cylinder to prevent cracks. When we had it nice and wide, we poked our finger into the clay, near the top of its head, and made the eyes!

We made the outline of the eyes with our pencils, and pinched the clay to make a big, wide nose. We used our thumbs to make the mouth either happy, sad, or surprised! Once they were dry, we could paint them any colour we wanted.

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will never forget it. Thank-you so much, Les, this has meant the world to us. Now we know how to sculpt!

Allison and Emily are Grade 5 students at Balbo Elementary.

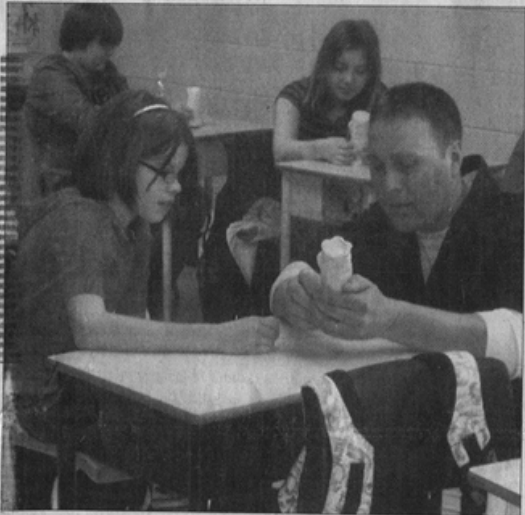


Artist Leslee Lake's visit to Balbo Elementary meant lots of smiling faces!

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Balbo's Grade 7 class show off their newly acquired sculpting skills.



Leslee Lake offers Grade 7 student Ally Cleal a lesson in sculpting.



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Grade 5 student Adam Butt and artist Leslee Lake work intently on their project.