



*Teacher, teacher, I'll be quick, make it so these pages stick; read what's
inside and you'll be bind, for what's to come, is so very kind...*

Wish granting can come in many forms, from the typical fairy godmother you see in fairy tales, to the fairies of Neverland, like our friend Tinkerbell. However, the wish granter we would like you to become is within your own school community because *wish granting is not just for fairy godmothers.*

What you will find inside this magical package is an outline of the *Kids for Wish Kids* school program. This year Make-A-Wish Atlantic Provinces wants to help raise funds to grant wishes throughout the month of April, or what we like to call wish month.

I will follow up in a few days time to ensure the spell I have just cast on you has had full effect. We would love your support this year to help grant magical wishes, and we are excited to offer you this opportunity to become wish granters and help us grant a very special wish.

We look forward to your quill of acceptance.

Best wishes,

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KIDS FOR WISH KIDS® PROJECT OVERVIEW



Kids for Wish Kids is a school-based program focused on educating youth about the value of leadership, philanthropy, and community. Children can learn about the importance of communities working together and be the change and leader in their own community by creating their own fundraising initiatives. This program helps youth develop leadership skills by allowing them to work with a team of peers, set goals and implement plans. All of this is done with the purpose of making a magical wish possible for a critically ill child.

Participating students will develop a useful set of skills. They will gain invaluable experience planning and implementing projects. They will learn about fundraising and see the direct impact that their contributions have on our region. Through this, we hope that they will gain their own sense of responsibility to the community. Students will be encouraged to think about lifelong philanthropy, and to take away great pride from helping others.

As a charity, we can do more than just grant wishes today. We can inspire the community to care for others far into the future. *Kids for Wish Kids* gives children and youth a hands-on way to learn about philanthropy in the classroom and a practical program to put their new found knowledge to work. Our goal is to inspire children to be the philanthropists and leaders of the future!





WORLD WISH DAY® —APRIL 29th



Brynn ,4
Wilm's Tumour
I wish to meet princesses

April 29th is World Wish Day®, the anniversary of the wish that inspired the founding of Make-A-Wish in 1980. In those 38 years, Make-A-Wish has continued to grow, and is leading the way in granting wishes, but we need your assistance. Help Make-A-Wish Atlantic Provinces celebrate the first ever **Wish Month** this April. **Wish Month** is a magical time of year that allows students, teachers and parents the chance to help grant magical, once-in-a-lifetime wishes to children living with a life-threatening condition.

Participating in **Wish Month** is easy. Find a magical activity your school or class-room likes to do and turn it into a fundraising incentive, or better yet, allow your students to come up with ideas on how to raise money at home, or in their community.

Not only will they be helping to grant wishes, they will gain important lessons in philanthropy, leadership, and event planning. It could be as simple as a read-a-thon or as detailed as a fashion show. We want you to cast your own spells, so don't let us hold you back.

Dust off your magic wand, put your wings back on because, *wish granting is not just for fairy godmothers.*



Project Ideas

Principal Challenge

- * See if your principal or a favorite teacher will agree to do something drastic – for example, shave his or her head – if you reach your fundraising goals.

Hold a Marathon

- * Whether it is a jump rope marathon, a dance-a-thon, a walk-a-thon, or a jog-a-thon the rules are all the same. You will need to reserve your school's gymnasium and ask a local DJ to donate their services. Have students obtain pledges from relatives and friends and ask local businesses to make cash or in kind donations use as door prizes. Think of fun activities to keep participants busy, the hokey pok-ey, the limbo, etc. Determine a time frame for the marathon; we suggest six hours. The student (s) who raises the most money can win a special prize.

Band or Choir Concert

- * Collect donations at your next holiday or spring concert. This is great for high school and middle school band and choral groups. You can charge a small admission fee or pass around a can to collect do-

Teacher Picture Contest

- * Teachers each bring in one of their baby pictures. Pictures are displayed and students try to guess Who's Who . The student naming the most teachers wins a prize.

Movie Night

- * Your school can rent a current movie and invite students and their parents for a fun-filled night. Sell tickets and popcorn. Try to get a door prize donated from a local business and call a ticket number during intermission for a winner.

Quarter Wars

- * Each class/grade gets a large glass jar. Each jar is clearly labeled and placed in a central location at your school. The goal for each class is to fill the jar up with as many quarters as possible over a week's time.

Spirit Chain

- * Students create a paper chain in school colors with links sold for \$1 each. Decorate the hallways, the gym, the library, etc. You may want to have each homeroom or class, work on their own chain—they could even compete for the longest chain! At the end of the competition, link all of the chains to show the combined school efforts.

