

Fashion show helps Kanata Academy raise \$1,400 toward new Smart Board

By STAFF

EMC Events – The Kanata Academy has taken one stylish step closer to purchasing a new Smart Board for its students. The local private elementary school located at 2 Beaverbrook Road, with students from pre-school to Grade 8, hosted a fashion show at its location the evening of Friday, Nov. 4. Organized by teacher Melissa Partridge, it featured clothes from Montreal designer Frank Lyman, provided to the school

by Marianne Style in Smiths Falls. The event, says principal Shannon Rattray, was a big success, raising \$1,400.

“We have a good chunk to put toward the Smart Board,” she said, noting total cost for one of the state-of-the-art interactive whiteboards is between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

“It’s a hands-on learning tool,” Rattray added, speaking to the value of the equipment for the students. “Anything that’s hands-on is much better for the kids than sitting and

listening to lectures.”

She gives credit to her staff, all of whom were involved in the initiative on their free time.

Partridge also gave special thanks to designer Frank Lyman and Marianne Style owner John Wakim who provided the clothing for the models, gifts for all those who attended as well as decorations for the hall. John also served as emcee for the evening.

“He was very good to help us get organized and do fittings,” Partridge said.

Food for the fashionable evening was provided by the staff and raffling off of prizes, which included a spa gift certificate as well as gift certificates to Marianne Style, helped boost the overall fundraising total.

“It’s something I’d love to do annually,” Rattray said. “It was a full house.”

Other fundraising efforts are planned throughout the year with the goal of purchasing the Smart Board by spring, 2012.



Photo by JESSICA DEEKS

The Kanata Academy held a fundraising fashion show in a bid to purchase a new SMART Board for the students. The event took place on Friday, Nov. 4 with clothes from Marianne Style in Smiths Falls modeled by teachers and staff. Seen here, principal Shannon Rattray is all smiles as she prepares to make her way down the runway.

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Correction

EMC News - Information linked to a series of photos in the Nov. 17 Kanata EMC of the fundraising fashion show at Kanata Academy contained some incorrect information. The event took place at Kanata Academy on Friday, Nov. 4. The models shown in the photos are Kalpana Joshi, Margie Schiralli and Maisie To. The Kanata EMC apologizes for the errors and any inconvenience they may have caused.

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