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## **St. Luke Students Give New School Preview Thumbs Up**

**(North Bay, ON)** – Chanel Derosier wasn't expecting to see walls that stood taller than her. "I think that's where the gym will be," the Grade 2 student said, pointing at her future school, which stood much taller than the last time she saw it. St. Luke students visited the site of their future school on Wednesday, and some were surprised to see how much the construction had progressed since their visit to the site last June when the groundbreaking ceremony was held.



Students and staff met with Larocque Elder Architects and Venasse Construction to learn about the latest construction updates. Lead Architect Jean Larocque told the crowd that the school's energy system was right beneath their feet. The new St. Luke School will heat and cool itself with a geothermal energy system, which extracts energy from the earth by running water through underground piping.



Not everything on site was new. Beyond the new building structure, farther back in the school yard, stood something old and familiar. Four maple trees planted by a former Sacred Heart School parent council were salvaged through the construction and will remain in the school yard.

The students offered their school a prayer of Thanksgiving and presented the construction team with a big and bright thank you card signed by the Toros.



The new St. Luke School is scheduled to open its doors at 1516 McKeown Avenue in September 2011. For more information, call 472-1201.

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