

## Circus of the Kids - Butler Elementary School

The Circus Project was incredible and multifaceted. The highlight was our training with Circus of the Kids from May 3-May 20, 2007, and the sold out school and public performances.

Over 2000 people attended and all could not believe what they saw. What the children and the community gained will not long be forgotten. It truly brought our community together, working together to raise a large amount of money in a short amount of time and supporting the troupe and the project while it was happening, housing, feeding twelve people for three weeks, and organizing publicity and everything from A to Z.

The children stretched themselves, as they never have before, working long hours to do acts they never dreamed capable of. They had to work together as a team, and excellence was expected of them.

The whole school breathed circus for over a month; we had a juggler, an animator, a puppeteer/clown do workshops. All classes did cross-curricular, some cross-cycle projects. The children read and studied all about the circus.

The children shone! The story was covered on CBC - across Canada, on CTV and on TVA. It also had extensive local print media.

To see news clips go to [www.circusofthekids.com](http://www.circusofthekids.com) , then to your pictures – Butler Elementary; you can access photos and see the news casts on You Tube.

ATEQ's grant went a long way in making it all possible.  
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