

# Roslyn remembers Eddy Nolan, Terry Fox



BY RALPH THOMPSON

Roslyn elementary school students and teachers gathered in their gymnasium April 11 at 10 am to remember a "true Canadian hero," according to principal Joanna Genovezos.

"Eddy Nolan was just an ordinary man," she said.

He achieved so much. He was the Roslyn caretaker for 13 years and talked to, interacted and loved the children at the school. They connected with him.

He worked tirelessly and fought bravely for a cause he believed in, remembering Terry Fox. He died one year ago after his own battle with throat cancer.

Terry Fox was Nolan's hero. Nolan organized and participated in more than 65 full marathons, coordinated events, encouraged children to support Terry Fox runs and raised more than \$1 million for cancer research.

He remained dedicated to the cause after losing his two sisters to cancer and then contracting it himself.

Present at the event was Nolan's wife, Mary Silvaggio Nolan, who said, "I miss Eddy from the bottom of my heart. It's the anniversary of his passing but he is not forgotten."

Former Roslyn principal and current director general of the English Montreal School Board Nick Katalifos and also spoke

School mascot Rossy leads the room in calls of "Eddy, Eddy, Eddy....."

to the gathering and thanked the children, teachers and principal Genovezos for their support of this important person and his memory.

After the speeches, a short film was presented showing Nolan running ahead of hordes of excited children and adults holding a Terry Fox flag, his big smile and words of encouragement rallying the

crowds. His Terry Fox flag was passed along during the ceremony. The school mascot Rossy then got everyone calling "Eddy, Eddy....."

The children and teachers then paraded around the outside of the school. Many will harbour memories of this amazing man for the rest of their lives feeling connected to a real Canadian hero.



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From left, Mary Silvaggio Nolan (left), mascot Rossy, Nick Katalifos, director general of the English Montreal School Board, and Roslyn principal Joanna Genovezos, who presented a commemorative plaque "Celebrating 43 years of unwavering dedication..." to Silvaggio Nolan.