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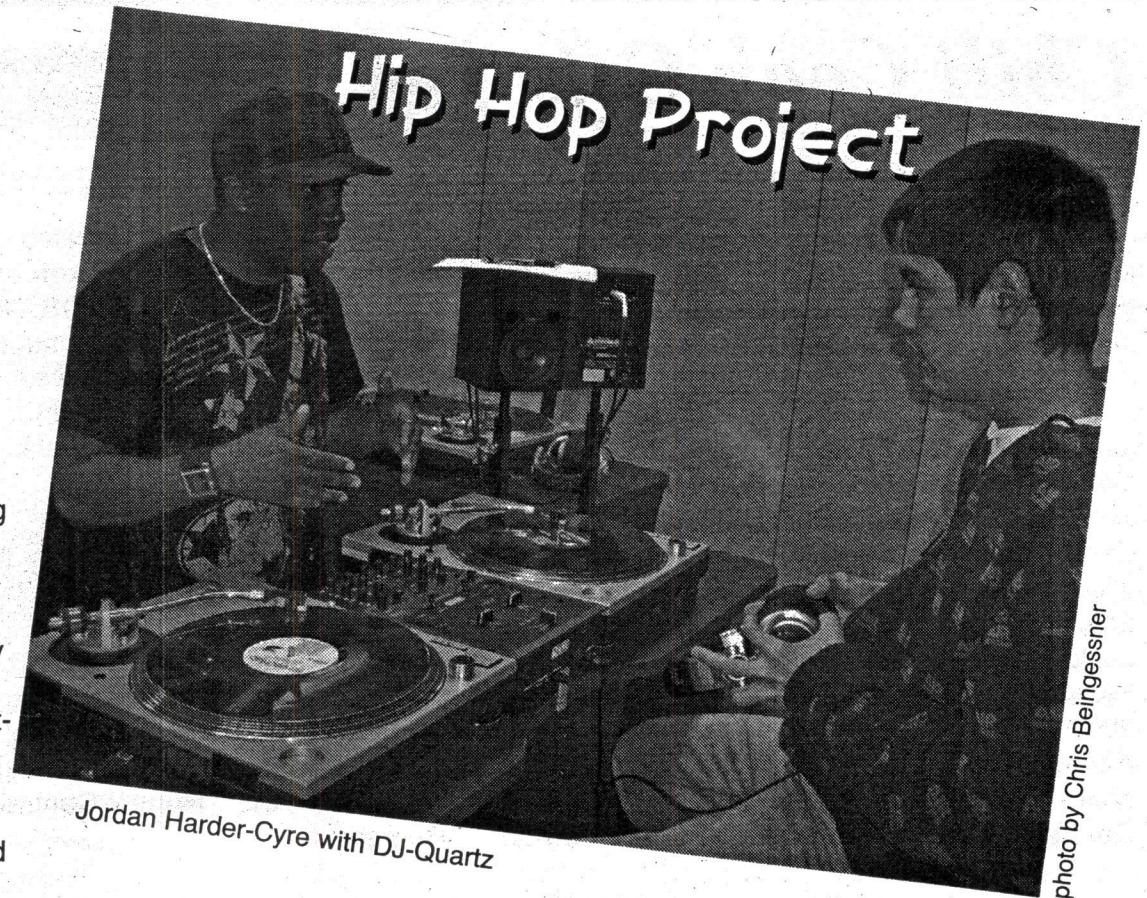
A DIFFERENT WAY TO LEARN

by Chasity Bénjoe

Following on the success of the Dinner Theatre last year, Scott Collegiate students are doing more project-based learning. The ten students in Mr. Beingessner's and Ms. Kuntz's grade 10 class have been earning their English 10 and Arts Ed. 10 credits by learning about Hip Hop.

In English class, the students have been working on traditional English skills such as reading and writing, and relating their assignments to the world of music and hip hop. The students have been reading novels such as *Hip Hop High* and *Homeboyz*. They have also been writing lyrics and recording them. The students have been studying the history of hip hop and individual artists, analyzing the propaganda and advertising directed at teens related to music, and creating their own projects around the topics given.

In Arts Education, students are learning about beat making, turntabling (scratching) graffiti, breakdancing, emceeing, and writing rhymes. Students have been learning how to make beats with the MPC2500 digital sampler at the University of Regina, working with Dr. Charity Marsh, and her lab assistants, Miranda Mason, Shae Riley, and Daya Madhur. They have also been learning how to make their rhymes into beats with local Hip Hop artist Def3. "I think projects like these give youth a way to connect with something that is more relevant to them," said Def3. "We need to engage youth in a way that they understand. I am honoured to be a part of something with such exponential possibilities and positivity." DJ Quartz also worked with the students, teaching them how to scratch on the turntables. He also showed them the different parts of turntables so that they understand all of



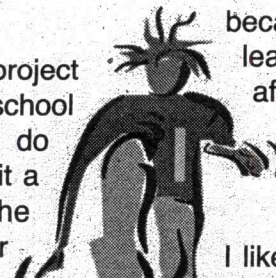
Jordan Harder-Cyre with DJ-Quartz

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During the first week of the project, students met Canadian Idol's Farley Flex. He asked them questions about what they want to accomplish in this class and what they want to be when they are done school. He also challenged them to give back to the community.

The students are planning on performing a show for the elementary schools to be positive role models and to share what they are learning.

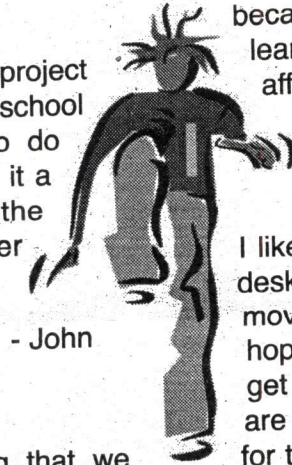


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I like the fact that I'm not sitting in a desk being bored, that I'm actually moving around when I'm in the hip-hop class. I also like more is that I get to meet new people in what we are doing. I like how we're in a group for the whole morning, and we share a common interest, and get to work together.

- Chasity

On April 3rd at 1:30pm the students will be showcasing what they've learned with a performance in the Scott Collegiate Auditorium. They will perform with the artists they worked closely with - Def3 and DJ Quartz. The community is welcome to attend!

For more information on the project, check out our class blog at <http://scott-hhp.blogspot.com/>