

# Douglas Cecile

*Of all the words that can be used to characterize Doug Cecile, “spirit” is the most suitable.*

*The great thing about that word is, it has a variety of linguistic applications, and they all fit Doug uniformly.*

*He’s a “supernatural being” - a phantasm of sorts. In his career with the Greater Essex County District School Board, which began in 2009, Doug has perfect attendance. And if there’s a classification beyond perfect, we could use it, because that doesn’t account for his early arrival every day and all the time he has put in outside his assigned hours.*

*In the words of a student, “He does more than he is supposed to.”*

*Doug actually appears as a spirit at school – dressing up for Halloween and each Christmas he’s Santa Claus, for which he supplies his own white beard and rosy cheeks.*

*He brings “humour” and “cheer” to the Forest Glade school community. He’s “enthusiastically loyal”.*

*Doug used his own equipment and time to provide atmosphere for a Grade 8 dance, putting up lights in the gym for what’s described as an amazing display of colour. He even helped the student-organizers with the music, uploading their songs to his iPad and he let them use it for the event.*

*Hockey nets in the gym were in need of repair and one Monday they were seen in the back of his truck, all fixed and looking great.*

*Mr. Doug, as he’s known to some of his younger friends at the school, is “soulful” and wise and gracious. He is often seen working with students from the GAINS class or the RISE program, helping build their self-esteem.*

*One Forest Glade student speaks for all of us, Doug Cecile “is a good person”. His “vitality” and “attitude” get us all in the right “mood” to commend him for his outstanding service.*



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