

# Kid Kapers



## Lilly Proulx Helps Students Make "Bully Bans"

Fourth grader Lilly Proulx liked making bracelets with brightly-colored embroidery threads. One day, her mom suggested she might think about giving a meaning to the bracelets. Lilly said she immediately thought of the anti-bullying program at New Boston Central School and decided her bracelets would be "Bully Bans," as in banning bullying.

She wrote a letter to Principal Rick Matthews:

Dear Mr. Matthews,

I'm a Student Council representative for Mrs. McNish's class and I was thinking of a way to stop bullying in our school.

I was thinking that we could make bracelets that students wear as a promise not to bully. They would think twice and look at the "no bully bracelet."

That would show them that they wore that for a reason...to stop bullying.

Hopefully, the bracelets would start at NBCS and move to different schools in the Granite State.

I've already made bracelets for my whole class. I would like to know what you think of my idea.

Thanks.

Mr. Matthews was so enthused with the idea that, in collaboration with art teacher Judy Keefe, they incorporated making the bracelets into the art classes and had Lilly come down to introduce the program and show the kids how to make braid or wind



In Mrs. Keefe's art class on March 11th, Lilly Proulx explains the "Bully Ban" program to Mrs. Mansfield's second graders. At right, she helps a student tie on the bracelet she made.

the threads. It was decided to use the school's blue and yellow colors for the "Bully Bans."

I sat in when Lilly presented the program and was amazed at this young lady's relaxed ability to engage the students and follow through with her demonstration.

What a fantastic idea!

Lilly's mom has written a letter to Emmy-winning talk show host Ellen DeGeneres describing her daughters bracelets...Stay Tuned!

—Brandy Mitroff

**NOTE: Coverage of the 4th Grade Recorder Concert will be in the May issue.**

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