

# Students learning a little r-e-s-p-e-c-t



**A lesson in song** — Canadian singer/songwriter Gregg Lawless gets Grade 4 students at Adjala Central Public School in the singing spirit. Lawless is working with 10 Simcoe County schools to present a concert at Barrie's Gryphon Theatre.

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## *Schools will perform in concert May 26*

**By Tracy Dermott**

Anyone walking through the halls of Adjala Central Public School last Wednesday would have received a lesson in honesty and harmony.

Suzanne Kromhout's Grade 4 students have been working with Canadian singer/songwriter Gregg Lawless on creating a song encompassing one of the 10 character traits Simcoe County elementary schools have been teaching over the past year.

Lawless has been working with 10 schools in the county to create songs about honesty, integrity, responsibility, co-operation, caring,

respect, optimism, empathy, courage and inclusiveness.

Wednesday was his third and final meeting with the Grade 4 students. His lesson for the day was to teach the kids about stage presence and how to belt out the song they helped to write.

"It's a fantastic program," Kromhout said, tapping her foot in time to the music. "Gregg is so great with the kids. They absolutely love him."

Lawless, along with four other musicians, will be the backing band during a concert at Barrie's Gryphon Theatre May 26 for the 10 schools chosen to write songs.