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### **Principal exchange teaches some valuable lessons**

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LEARNING from others is the task at hand for Tahmoor Public School principal Phil Harris.

Mr Harris is part of the Leading Educators Around the Planet (LEAP) Program, which accepts NSW and Ontario principals for a two-week exchange.

The visiting principal follows their host principal around their town, home and, most importantly, school, to observe them in their work environment, learn about their programs and to take back ideas to put in place in their own school.

Joseph Gibbons Public School (Toronto) vice-principal Jane McCarter recently visited Tahmoor Public School for two weeks to observe and learn about the school's programs and way of doing things.

"The kids at school have absolutely loved it," Mr Harris said.

"But it's [LEAP] about sharing ideas. She walked away with such a wealth of information. The two systems are so similar, but so different."

Mr Harris said the program was all about peer learning and extending professional development.

"You become very used to how things happen in your own backyard but forget they can be so different somewhere else," Mr Harris said.

Mr Harris will fly to Canada soon to attend school with Mrs McCarter and observe her work setting, but specifically Mr Harris will observe the use of technology in classrooms and 21st century learning.



PEER DEVELOPMENT: Tahmoor Public School principal Phil Harris with Ontario principal Jane McCarter visiting Tahmoor as part of their two week Leading Educators Around the Planet (LEAP) Program