

Grade 5 students Interview Social Justice Rapper, Shad!



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Shad, a social justice rapper, was at a Zoom meeting at 2:00 yesterday on October 14, 2020 to tell a 5th Grade class in Richland Academy more about himself and what he thinks about Social Justice.

At 2:00 all the kids were excited, for they knew the interview with Shad was going to come. During this time of the coronavirus, 2 students were not in class. They were going to be online in the Zoom meeting with Shad. The online students and Shad joined the Zoom meeting and as soon as the Grade 5 students saw them they shouted “Hi!” with thrilled expressions on their faces. One by one each student, including the online ones, introduced themselves and were questioning Shad about his life and what he thought of social justice. Some of the questions were; “What inspired you to rap?” “Have you ever experienced racism or social

injustice?” “What is your favourite song to rap and how did you come up with this song?” Shad explained the answers to all these questions with great detail. He told them that he was a fan of rap music so that is why he started rapping. He said that he has experienced racism. He added “There are 2 kinds of ways for people to experience racism. One way is directly, whether that is hurtful words or not getting certain opportunities because people form opinions of you.” “My favourite song to rap is probably a song called Rose Garden” He responded. It was 40 minutes of curiosity and excitement! So many

questions and notes. At the end of the meeting the Grade 5 students waved goodbye to Shad and their online friends and then they started to work on a reflection about the meeting.

