

## Spikeball-A-Mania takes over York Public School



Students took to Spikeball quickly, playing hard to keep warm on the cloudy day.

On Wednesday, June 22 and 23, 22 teams comprised of students in Grades 5 to 8 at York River Public School competed in the first ever Spike-A-Mania. Spike-A-Mania was a two day long Spikeball tournament run by Mr. Beauchamp at York River Public School. There were four divisions for Spike-A-Mania; a boys and girls division for the juniors Grade 5 and 6, and boys and girls division for intermediate. The Junior Good Team and The Fireballs won the junior divisions while the French Spikeballers and the Dank Team won the intermediate divisions. Congratulations to Johanna Hill and Ray Redmond for winning Spikeball sets through a random drawing of participant names. Despite some clouds and cool winds in the morning a great was had by all.

Spikeball is a sport that combines the teamwork and actions of volleyball with the intensity of four square. Each team has up to three hits to return a ball back on to a hula hoop sized net. Once the ball bounces off the net and up into the air the other team has the same number of hits to return it. There are no sidelines and the game revolves around the 360 degree net. Games are played to 21 points and traditionally played with two members on a team. Spikeball is gaining popularity in North America and was featured on the popular TV show Shark Tank. Anyone interested in finding out more about Spikeball can go to [SpikeballUSA.com](http://SpikeballUSA.com) or talk to Mr. Beauchamp at York River Public School. Sets can be purchased through Mr. Beauchamp for a cost of \$70 a set.

Mr. Beauchamp thanks all the students who participated for making the day a success and hopes to host more tournaments in the future.

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