

Fair Trade Fair celebrates 15 years with sweet bash



Fern, 5, and Emery McConnell, 7, make some musical shakers at the Wakefield community centre May 14 with the help of volunteer Charlotte Kerr, 13. The kids made shakers to join the anniversary parade. Trevor Greenway photo



Top: Kate Brint from Pleine Lune Ferme in Low looks across a table of greens at the first Wakefield Market of the season May 14.

Bottom: Members of the Tine Rufaro Marimba Band from Ottawa provided the warm rhythms for the scores of people at the market.

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What's better than 15 fair trade cakes? — Fifteen fair trade cakes that are free!

Kids and adults certainly

had their fill of the sweet stuff on May 14 during the 15th Fair Trade Fair at the Wakefield community centre. It was also the first day of the Wakefield Market, and the place was buzzing

all morning. The day was also a 25-year celebration for Bean Fair Coffee, as Winship, its owner, was keeping locals caffeinated all morning long.

Farmers were selling off their produce, kids were making crafts in the sun and the Tine Rufaro Marimba Band was pumping out warm rhythms and soft and mellow tones - a perfect vibe for the sunny morning. The music had dancers and groovers getting back into the swing of outdoor concerts. There was even a Fair Trade parade that had costumed kids following around a larger-than-life human banana, a staple fair trade item in the village.



The Wakefield Market runs every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wakefield community centre. The Market runs until October 15. Visit marchewakefieldmarket.ca/ for more information.

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