

News Release

Date: October 5, 2011

Subject: World Teachers' Day

From: Bob Perreault, Communications Officer

Box 2222, 2755 Highway 43, Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0
613-258-7757 or 1-800-443-4562 ext. 206

Honouring Our Teachers: CDSBEO Celebrates United Nations' World Teachers' Day

Kemptonville, ON – The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario joined thousands of communities around the world to mark the United Nations' World Teachers' Day on Wednesday, October 5, 2011.

CDSBEO Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, said, "We are proud to mark this day celebrating the tireless efforts put forth in our classrooms by our wonderful Catholic educators. The impact they have as they guide our students' successes is great, and we are extremely grateful for their ongoing dedication to delivering our curriculum."

This year, the CDSBEO launched its new theme for the 2011-2013 school years, *Shalom - Acting justly... Living peacefully... Celebrating joyfully!* In the Hebrew Scriptures, shalom is a vision of what ought to be, and a call to transform society - to live in right relationship with everyone and everything that surrounds us. "Our teachers embody this theme in the role they play to shape our students into becoming valuable members of society, who are strong, vital members of their Catholic communities," added Mr. Gartland.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Board Chair, Ron Eamer, expressed his gratitude for CDSBEO teachers. "Our teachers provide the best possible Catholic education to our students. We are truly blessed to have wonderful, dedicated teachers guided by the Catholic values and virtues."

October 5 was officially recognized as World Teachers' Day by The United Nations in 1994. At that time, governments formally acknowledged the need and importance for every society to have competent and qualified teachers. The day marks an opportunity for teachers of all faiths and cultures to highlight the challenges they face, the importance of teacher training and to share common successes.

For more information, please contact CDSBEO Communications Officer Bob Perreault at 613-258-7757 or 1-800-443-4562 ext. 206 or 613-859-0678 (mobile).

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario provides excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to more than 13,500 students in 40 elementary and 10 secondary schools across 8 eastern Ontario counties.

Shalom! Acting justly... Living peacefully... Celebrating Joyfully!

Ronald Eamer
Board Chair

Wm. J. Gartland
Director of Education