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Board-Wide Faith Day

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO) hosted a Board-wide Faith Day for all of its 1,600 employees on September 25th at Upper Canada Village.

Congregated in a 10,800 square foot tent, the group began their day by celebrating Mass led by the Most Rev. Brendan O'Brien of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Following Mass, Mr. Gartland delivered a keynote address in which he spoke of several employees who embody the Catholic virtues of Faith, Hope, Love, Justice, Fortitude, Prudence and Temperance. Those highlighted were a representation of so many people within our Catholic school system who not only do their jobs to the best of their ability each day, but who also act as leaders and role models within our Catholic school communities.

The Board also welcomed Rev. J-Glenn Murray, S.J., a parochial vicar at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, a Jesuit parish in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., who delivered an inspiring speech which challenged all to be Saints in our everyday lives to help guide and to be positive influences to our students in both their educational and personal lives.

Board Eco-friendly Initiatives

The CDSBEO is committed to reducing its environmental footprint through its Healthy High Performance Cleaning Initiative. The Initiative is centred on three main responsibilities: responsible products, responsible practices, and responsible partners.

Green cleaning products are one way which the Board achieves this goal. Green is an environmental term defined as "products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on health and the environment." Green cleaning can also reduce costs, since it reduces the non-renewable resources required to maintain a clean environment. In addition to green cleaning products, the CDSBEO also uses biodegradable garbage bags, environmentally friendly cleaning tools, and hypo-allergenic vacuum cleaners with HEPA filtration systems.

EQAO Scores

The CDSBEO has received the latest results from the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessments of primary and junior reading, writing and mathematics, as well as the Grade 9 assessment of mathematics and the results from the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Tests (OSSLT).

EQAO promotes dialogue among educators about how to effectively assess students and provide them with successful learning strategies. CDSBEO results indicate steady improvement over the past five years in most areas with notable gains in primary and junior literacy and secondary school mathematics.

The Grade 3 reading assessment demonstrates an overall increase of 3% since the 2004-2005 school year, with writing at a 12% increase, and mathematics a 2% increase over the same period. The Grade 6 reading assessment shows an overall increase of 8% since the 2004-2005 school year, with writing at a 7% increase, and mathematics a 1% increase over the same time period. The Grade 9 academic mathematics assessment demonstrates an overall increase of 11% since the 2004-2005 school year, while applied mathematics shows a 14% improvement over the same time period.

OSSLT results show that first time eligible students have achieved a success rate of 90%, a 4% increase since October of 2005. Previously eligible students have demonstrated a 3% increase in success rates over the same time period.

Board Meetings On the Road

The CDSBEO recently met at J.L. Jordan Catholic School in Brockville. Trustees and Board members were entertained with a performance by the school choir and liturgical dance by students Lauren Mantha, Hollie Boisvert, Madeliene Smith, Angela Renaud, Tamra Simonian, Marissa Rossetti, and Emma Tallon. On November 17th, the Board will be meeting at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School in Ingleside.

H1N1 - The latest information provided to us from our local Health Units is posted on the CDSBEO website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca/H1N1information.htm

Board Meeting Dates: November 3, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m., Kemptville Board Office and
November 17, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School, Ingleside
Just-Us Youth Day: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at the North Grenville Municipal Centre, Kemptville

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