



Immaculate Conception School Newsletter



May 2010

Tolerance is the theme for May

During the month of May, our school will be reflecting on the virtue of Tolerance. As a caring Catholic school community, our students thrive in an environment that stresses tolerance and acceptance of one another as an integral part of the daily life of our school. Tolerance is a belief that every other person is a treasure. It means more than "to put up with something or someone." It encompasses a set of values of fairness and personal responsibility that are the threshold to a

peaceful and equitable society. Tolerance is a learned virtue and is a term that encompasses an array of values and principles related to respect, nonviolence and peace-making.

We view tolerance as a way of thinking and feeling — but most importantly, of acting — that gives us peace in our individuality, respect for those unlike us, the wisdom to discern humane values and the courage to act upon them.

The staff and I would like to encourage parents during the month of

May to talk to your child about tolerance. We sometimes label children's questions and observations about differences as impolite. Rather than seizing them as teachable moments, we ignore or discourage such remarks because they make us uneasy. We encourage you to seize these moments as learning opportunities and to help your child get past stereotypes and prejudicial images and into a deeper understanding of the world around them.

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May Events

- PCVS perform Play on Thursday, May 6th at 1:30
- Education Week—May 2—May 7
- EQAO Testing begins for Grade 6 on May 31
- Catholic School Council Meeting—**Potluck at Driscoll Home on Tuesday, May 11th**—planning for next school year. All are welcome.
- ****Hot Dog Lunch scheduled for May 4th has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 6th**

EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES—Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope

Sunday, May 2—Sacrament of First Eucharist

Catholic Education Centre.

"Voices and Choices" for ICS students

Tuesday, May 4—gr 5 trip to ROM; gr 6 trip to St. Marie Among Hurons;

Wednesday, May 5—First Aid presentation by St. John Ambulance to all classes

Friday, May 7—ICS Talent Show

Gr 7 & Gr. 3/4 classes attending Mass at the

Thursday, May 6—PCVS students perform Play



Summer School

Registration began on Thursday, April 15th and it continues.

Summer School Site is at Msgr. O'Donoghue Catholic Elementary School.

For further information call the Peter L. Roach Catholic Education Centre at 748-4861, ext 172, or email jcraig@pvnccdsb.on.ca. Registration deadline is Friday, June 11th at 4 PM.

Grades 5 and 6 Literacy and Numeracy Camps—students who are presently in grades 5 or 6 at a PVNC Catholic School can attend Literacy or Numeracy camps. Students can register for both sessions of the lit-

eracy and numeracy camps or choose one session. * Please note that parents are responsible for transportation for their children in Grades 5 and 6. There is no bussing provided. Campers will have a daily health and physical education break.

These camps will run from 9 am—12 noon daily for two sessions as noted below.

Intermediate Summer School Courses—Grades 7 & 8—

Improve literacy and numeracy skills with reading, writing and math remediation programs. Registration deadline is June 11th at 4 pm

Dates of sessions:

Session #1: Monday, July 5 to Friday, July 16

Session #2: Monday, July 19—Friday, July 30

Backpacks for Kids

Once again we are looking forward to supporting families in our community through the "Backpacks for Kids" program. This terrific program provides backpacks filled with school supplies (provided through the generous donations of local businesses) to students from kindergarten to grade 8. This United Way initiative works with all the schools in Peterborough County to supply over 800 backpacks to children. Last year Im-

maculate Conception School received 40 backpacks for our school, and the school has registered to be part of this program for next school year. If you would like to receive a backpack for your child, please call the school and reserve one. Backpacks will be ready for pickup just before school starts in September.



**Reminder to all students:
NO ELECTRONICS TO BE
BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Those who can, do. Those who do more, volunteer.

Throughout the entire school year, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our wonderful volunteers. Volunteers who give so generously of their time at our special events/ Santa Shop/ Breakfast Club/ Class trips/helping students in classrooms/ Hot Lunches and much, much more.

It is such a privilege to have you at Immaculate Conception School where you enrich our student's lives, and foster the values we hold dear. Words cannot express our gratitude for the way you have helped our students. Thank you to our many volunteers for your generous donations of time , we could not do it without you!



Healthy Families Workshop & Police Week

WHAT:

Children's Mental

Health Week Presentation:

Oppositional and Defiant Children and Teens: Understanding them and Creative Management Strategies with Dr. K. Nugent, Kinark Psychiatrist

WHEN: Thursday May 6th, from 7-9pm

WHERE: Peterborough Public Library, 345 Aylmer St. N.

WHO: The workshop will be of interest to parents, caregivers, teachers and other professionals

WORKSHOP FREE, NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For more information call 705-742-3803 or 1-800-386-6561

Police Week is being held at Lansdowne Place from May 10- 16, 2010

Kawartha Jeep Dodge Chrysler are the official sponsor of **Ident-a-kid**.

This is a program that provides your child with a laminated photo card with weight, height, eye colour, date of birth, identifying characteristics and medical conditions. This card is to be turned over to police in the unfortu-

nate event of an emergency. The cost of the card is \$2.00. This event is being held on May 16th at the bottom of the escalator in Lansdowne Place. Check media for the times as they have not yet been determined.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next school council meeting will be a potluck on **Tuesday, May 11th at Barry & Kim Driscoll's home, 477**

Rogers Street at 5:30

pm. This meeting will be about planning for 2010/11 school year. All

are welcome and we would love to entertain any new ideas for fundraisers.



HOT LUNCHEES IN MAY

Thursday, May 6

(new date)—Hot

Dogs, chips

Wednesday, May

12—Pizza and bake

sale by Mr. Smith's Gr

7 class

Wednesday, May

19—Hot Dogs, chips

Thursday, May 27—

Subs



Immaculate Conception
Elementary School

**Peterborough Victoria
Northumberland &
Clarington CD School
Board**

**Immaculate Conception
Elementary School**

Principal: Terry Keating
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Safe Arrival for Students:

please call school before
9:00 am to report
absenteeism



Pedal for Hope

Immaculate Staff and students did a fantastic job of collecting money for this great cause—our first time and the grand total raised was **\$4,172.00**. It was a great afternoon, starting with a presentation on how important it is to support paediatric cancer research, the team video. Then onto shaving the heads of a few students and staff members and cutting the ponytail of a girl and then the Olympics. Students were involved in ice cream eating contests against their favourite police officer. Pedal for Hope team cycles over 1,000 kilometers, visiting local schools and delivering a message about kids living with cancer. **We look forward to their return in 2011.**

First Nation, Métis and Inuit News

May- Flower Moon

The fifth moon of creation is the Flower Moon, where all plants display their Spirit sides for the entire world to see. This life-giving energy is one of the most powerful healing medicines on Mother Earth.

Did you know that...?

Pow-wow means gathering or celebration

Regalia is the term used for someone in full traditional clothing

Hiawatha PowWow- May22 & 23

