

“Imparting the spirit through education”

Believe, love, act - “The greatest among you will be your servant.” (Mt. 23:11)

October 2011 Newsletter

“Empathy”

Immaculate Conception Elementary School - Peterborough

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Thanksgiving Food Drive runs from October 3—6

Happy Thanksgiving - Empathy is a Virtue

Once again, we are celebrating a Virtue and this month the virtue is Empathy. Jesus showed us great acts of empathy during his time on earth and we have the same opportunity today. Empathy is what helps people celebrate the success of others and understand when people are upset or hurting. We are proud of the many empathetic students here at Immaculate Conception School. Acts of empathy are what strengthen our community and help us feel closer to God... Thank you to the Immaculate Conception School Community for a positive start to our school year. We have had many unexpected changes and everyone is adapting well. It was great to see so many faces at the Open House and Barbecue. We are a very fortunate school community with plenty to be thankful for. **Have an amazing Thanksgiving.** God Bless.

Principal - Mrs. Donna Ball
Teacher In Charge - Mr. Craig Smith
Secretary - Mrs. Wendy Campbell
Trustee - Mr. Lorne Corkery
Trustee - Mrs. Christine Dunn
Supt. Of Schools - Mr. Dale Godin
School Council Chair - Mrs. Kim Driscoll & Mrs. Christina Jones

School Council

Our first meeting was a productive one with a few new faces and a lot of good ideas. We need volunteers to put the ideas into action. If you are interested and want to get involved on some level, please feel welcome to come to the next meeting on Oct. 4th at 6:30 pm. Last months minutes are posted on <http://schools.pvnccdsb.on.ca/immac06/>

If you have concerns or questions, please feel free to contact your Co-chairs: Kim Driscoll at Kimdriscoll@gmail.com or 705-742-9885 OR Christina Jones at ejones7@sympatico.ca or 705-743-1149.

Next School Council Meeting:

Tuesday, October 4th - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Library. Please join us. We will be planning the Dance A Thon .

If you have any prizes to be donated to the dance-a-thon - please contact Tracey Wrightly at twrightly@gmail.com OR 705-749-3981

The upcoming Santa Shop will need volunteers .. If you are interested, please contact Marnie Horton at marines@bell.net or 705-876-6645.

Parent/Visitors to the School

To ensure the safety of all students, we ask that all parents/guardians/guests visiting Immaculate Conception School report to the office upon arrival at the school (e.g. picking up child, dropping off items). Safety is always our prime concern and knowing exactly who is on the premises is essential to maintaining safety for students and staff. As well, we want to maintain an optimal learning environment and while we welcome parents and guests in the school, dropping in on classes without notice can be disruptive. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Oct. 14 - “Dance-A-Thon” Fund Raiser



Again this year we will be holding only ONE MAJOR fund raiser - our “Dance-A-Thon”. Last year we raised \$4,000 which helped support many enhancements for our students such as Graduation support, the purchase of laminator, as well as pediculosis checks. **Our Dance-A-**

Thon Kick-Off assembly was held on Friday, Sept. 23rd.

Prizes for pledges were showcased as well as this year’s intended purchases. Proceeds from our fund raiser directly benefit all students and are used to fund enhanced programs, purchase specialized equipment and more. Please encourage your child to participate and bring in as many pledges as possible. Let’s top last year!

Dance-A-Thon Times:

10:00—11:00	Grades JK—3
11:00—12:00	Grades 4—6
1:00—2:00	Grades 7—8



Cross Country

Students will be participating in the Regional Meet on Monday, October 3rd (raindate Oct. 4th). Thank you to Mr. Alderson and all our other teachers for training the students. We will have over 120 students participate and a number of them will go on to take part in the Board Wide Meet on Oct. 6th (raindate Oct. 7th) at Beavermead Park.

Soccer at Immaculate

Immaculate Conception held it's intramural Soccer Tournament on September 26th.



Congratulations to our students for their efforts and to our coaches Mr. Watkins, Mr. Smith & Mrs. Gorman.

Hot Lunches in October

Wed. October 19th—Pizza

Thurs., Oct. 27th—Sub Lunch

Head Lice Checks

Please check your child(s) head regularly—we have a scheduled school check of all students in October.

EQAO Results - Grade 3 and Grade 6 - Well done ICS!

In the Provincial Ministry of Education Grade 3 and Grade 6 testing Immaculate Conception School achieved results above the School Board and Provincial average in all language and math categories. We will be analyzing the results as a staff to help determine a plan of action to continue to improve. Any questions may be directed to Mrs. Ball at 705-745-6777.

School Mass—Friday, October 21st at 11:00 am

Please join us for our School Mass .

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our school will be conducting a school-wide food drive for Thanksgiving. The collection of non-perishable food items will take place from Oct. 3rd to Oct. 6th. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community and to keep in our thoughts those less fortunate than ourselves.

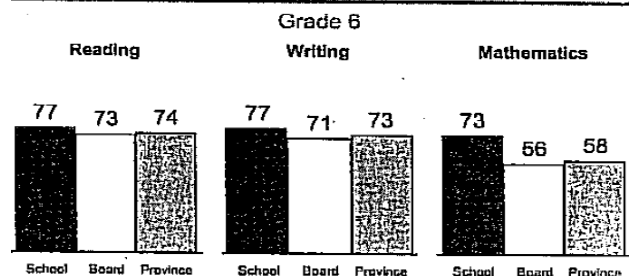
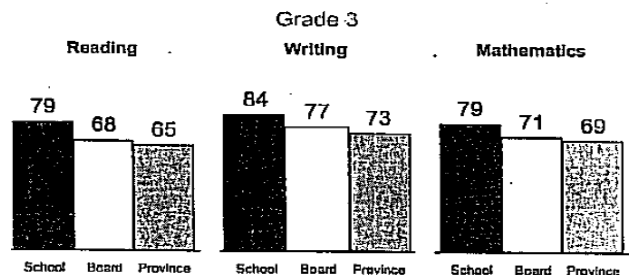


Our school is a member of the "Campbell's Labels for Education Program. It is a great way to earn FREE merchandise for our school. Participation in the program is simple - save labels from eligible Campbell products and send them to the school. Products eligible for redemption in the program include:

- * Campbell's condensed, Gardenay, Chunky, Healthy Request, Habitant, Soup at Hand and Ready to Enjoy soups
- * Campbell's Easy Cooking Sauces ;Campbell's chilli
- * Campbell's Ready to Use broth; V8 beverages and soups
- * Pace salsa; Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers

Students are asked to bring labels to school. There is a box in School Office for collection.

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT/OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 & 4)



A reminder... to volunteer at the school or go on class excursions you need to provide the School with a Police Check and/or Annual Declaration. Forms available through office. Thank you!



Immaculate Conception has Popcorn! Miss Gagne will be selling Kernel's Popcorn at lunch time on Wednesday. Dill, Butter/Salt and Air Caramel will be available. The cost per bag is \$1.00.

Mon. Oct. 10th is Thanksgiving and Friday, Oct. 28th is a P.A. Day. No classes either day!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 PVNC Cross Country Meet at Beavermead Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins; Book Fair arrives at ICS	4 alternate day for Cross Country (raindate) Catholic School Council Mtg at 6:30 pm in the School Library	5 Rosary Apostolate Program begins JK—Gr. 8— every student receives a rosary blessed by Pope John Paul	6 Board wide Cross Country Meet; Vision/Hearing Screening by Lion's Club for SK & Gr 1	7	8
9	10  (No classes)	11	12	13 School Pictures (AM)	14 School Pictures for JK (AM); Dancethon today	15
16 Children's Liturgy begins at 10:30 Mass at Immac. Concept. Church	17	18 JK & SK trip to Pumpkin Patch	19 JK & Grade 1 trip to Pumpkin Patch Pizza Day	20	21 School Mass at 11:00 am (Readings by Gr. 7 class)	22
23 _____	24 Buster Bus Presentation (AM)	25	26	27 Hep B, HPV & Meningitis shots for Gr.7 & Gr. 8 girls Sub Lunch Day	28 P.A. Day (No Classes)	29
24	31 Hallowe'en (wear Black & Orange)					