

Director's Monthly Report



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We are a Roman Catholic school system dedicated to excellence in education, the Christian formation of youth, and meaningful partnerships with family, community and the Church.



A FESTIVAL IN THE STREET

On June 10th St. Thomas Aquinas High School hosted their First Annual Street Festival on Poirier drive.

The festival provided a day for students from all of the surrounding schools to come to the high school to enjoy the first fruits of summer and provide the high school students with a fun day of reprieve before the stresses of exam season.

The day featured face painting, student musical and culinary talent and a dunk tank that was donated by Best Way Rentals. The proceeds went to cancer research. Our youngest students loved the opportunity to spend a little time basking in the glow of summer and seeing and hearing the voices of their fellow students.

Organizers Darcy Ura and Katie McNaulty were thrilled with the energy and outcome of the event. "It was a great success and we are looking forward to the 2nd Annual Street Festival in 2012", says Ura.



All Day, Everyday – the Learning Continues



At the June 21 Board Meeting Eikre shared that the Kenora Catholic District School Board is extremely excited to have three of our schools offering full day, every day Kindergarten programming in the 2011/12 school year.

As a board we strongly believe in the foundation of the full day kindergarten program as it provides students with a comprehensive learning program for long term success. The concepts and skills learned through full day kindergarten help prepare students for grade 1 and beyond. Eikre stated

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St. John's Separate School in Red Lake will be offering a full day program for Junior and Senior Kindergarten students. The school is excited to be able to continue this program for the Senior kindergarten students who have been doing this for many years now. Our Junior Kindergarten students will now also have the opportunity to have more continuity and longer periods of time to devote to the important literacy, numeracy and social skills of our Kindergarten program.

Pope John Paul II School in Kenora will also be offering a full day, everyday program next year. This is a new adventure for this school and the staff, parents, administration and students are all looking forward to having a full day program. "It means that students will be able to focus on the skills they need to be successful for longer and more effective blocks of time," says principal of the school, Maureen Frankcom. "We are very excited to have the opportunity to have our youngest learners here for more time!"



The full day program will continue at St. Louis School in Kenora next year as well. This program is the only one in our board to be officially following the new Kindergarten curriculum and is providing ground breaking learning for our students and for our staff in all of our schools. "The use of the emergent curriculum and a focus on play based learning has given us all an excellent model to follow," says Director of Education, Phyllis Eikre. "The work at St. Louis has been featured on the Ministry web site as a short promotional video along with our coterminous board partners at the Keewatin Patricia District School Board. We are so proud to be doing such great work here in the Northwest." Eikre comments that the work of the Kenora Catholic District School Board rivals any of that done in the province. "We know we have a wonderful program and we are very excited to be able to share our success with others," says Eikre.



The full day program at all of the schools feature a focus on the learning needs of the students and looks at ways of providing the right stimulus at the right time in order to move student learning forward.

The Results Are In - OSSLT

At the Board meeting of June 21, 2011 Mary Cunningham, Assistant Superintendent School Effectiveness provided the trustees with some great news regarding the board's EQAO results. Of the actual results 90% of students were successful, which represents a 1% increase from last year and means that we achieved our goal. The board's results are 7% higher than the provincial average, which means we are on track for where we want to be – above the provincial average. 98% of eligible students participated in the test. "We are very, very proud of our secondary school teachers and our elementary teachers. Because it means our students were well prepared at the elementary level and they came with a strong foundation and background. We are also proud of our parents for getting the students to this point, because we recognize a lot of work and learning takes place in the student's home" says Cunningham.

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