

Director's Monthly Report



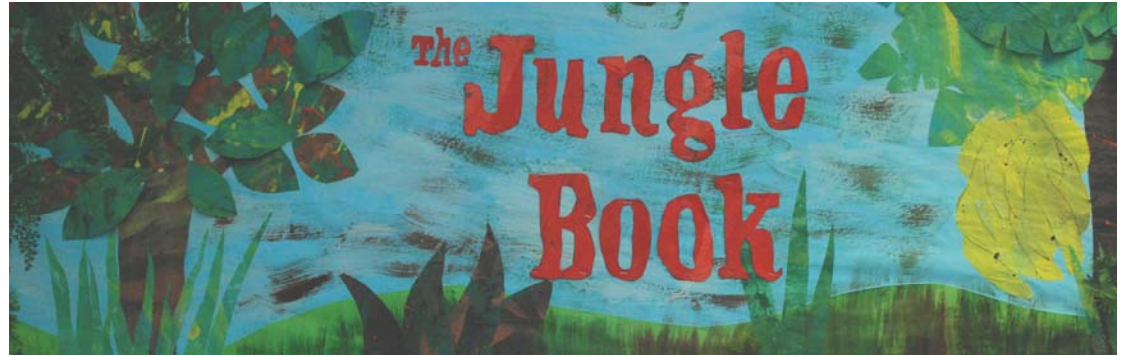
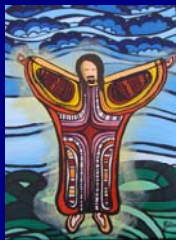
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Highlights:

- The Jungle Book
- Cranes Across the World
- Strategic Plan Changes Mission Statement
- Juice for Japan at St. John's Separate School

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On March 2nd and 3rd the students of St. Louis School brought down the house in an enchanting, wondrous and magical performance of Disney's swing version of Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. It was the first time in the school's history that the whole school from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 each played a role in a school play. "The play was truly an entire school effort with 127 students performing. It was an unbelievable undertaking by everyone in the entire school. There was not a single staff member who was not involved in one way or another from costume organizing and design, set creation, painting of the stage, music, ticket sales to program development. Lois Dale did an amazing job directing and coordinating the entire play." says Trudy Cederwall, Principal of St. Louis School.

"The school council and St. Louis staff were behind the production with 100% commitment, from the first rehearsals in October and especially to the final performances in March. It was such a delight to work with our students – they were so fun and full of enthusiasm. It was a pleasure and a privilege to direct this play and be a part of 'The Jungle Book'", says Lois Dale.



CRANES ACROSS THE WORLD

In November 2010 Marie Lundin's Grade 5 class read the story *Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes*. They explored together the Japanese teaching that says if a person is to make a thousand cranes they will be granted a wish.

In March 2011 the tsunami hit Japan and devastated the country. The effects rippled across the ocean to the little town of Kenora. The Grade 5 students wanted to help, and conceived a plan to make a thousand paper cranes, sell them for a dollar each, and raise money for the relief efforts for Japan. The industrious little hands of the Pope John Paul II School and St. Thomas Aquinas High School made the cranes. Each crane was placed into a box, and a prayer or wish was made for the people of Japan. 1000 cranes were made and placed in the foyer of Pope John Paul II School.

The magic of the tale was that only 500 cranes needed to be sold because the Red Cross matched each dollar raised.

The gift of the cranes was \$1000 donated to tsunami relief efforts in Japan. The cranes continue to fly high in the foyer of Pope John Paul II School as a reminder of our commitment to serve others and follow in Jesus' teachings.



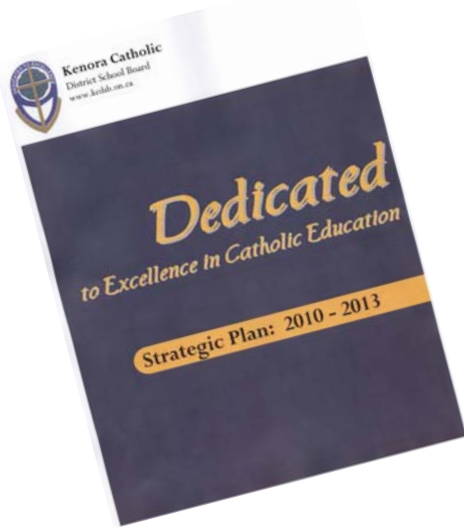
STRATEGIC PLAN CHANGES MISSION STATEMENT

At the March 22, 2011 Board Meeting, Director of Education Phyllis Eikre provided the trustees with an overview of the Board's draft, three-year Strategic Plan. Eikre explained that the plan is currently out for consultation system wide, in the schools and with parents until April 15th. Eikre explained that the Strategic Plan provides the broad strokes of direction for administration and the board.

Eikre explained that through the Strategic Planning consultation process the board's mission statement was changed to the following:

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To read the board's strategic plan please visit: www.kcdsb.on.ca / Departments / Administrative Services/Board Operating Plans



JUICE FOR JAPAN AT ST. JOHN'S SEPARATE SCHOOL

Senior Kindergarten students assisted by a few of their Grade 5/6 school mates teamed up to raise disaster relief funds for Japan. Students learned about the damage that was caused by the tsunami in Japan and quickly thought of ways that they could help. The student's decided, with the help of their teacher, to prepare Kool-Aid treat sale throughout the school. So far, their initiative has raised over \$160. Thank you St. John's and thank you Kool-Aid.

