



# St. Patrick's School Kinkora



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## DEAR PARENTS:

### Big Thanks!

On behalf of the students and staff at St. Patrick's I would like to express our gratitude for all the people who helped with our school BBQ. This evening event was enjoyed by young and old alike and in the end the funds raised will benefit all students in our school. Special thanks to Jerry and Sandra DeGroot, Don, Terri-Lynn, Victoria, Daryn and Shawn Van Herk, Jim DeGroot, John Jochems and the Perth County Pork Producers for barbecuing our feast.

### From Your PTA

The PTA would like to thank everyone for making the 2009 school barbecue and raffle such a success. Our thanks goes to the chefs, all the families who donated basket items, all the helpers who set up and ran the event and all the families who attended.

The winners of the baskets were:

Kim L., Terri-Lynn V., Ryan V., Jackie E., Simon W.(2), Krista R., Patty A., Marg L., Kim v., Kiara M., Mikayla G., Trudy G., Lorrie M.

The winners of the special draws were:

Paul H., Kiara M., Lisa M.

As a result of everyone's generosity, the raffle and draws raised over \$1000.00.

### PTA Memberships

We had a great response at the barbecue and have collected a large number of the memberships. There are a few memberships still outstanding. If you're unsure if you have paid, please contact Lorrie by phone 519-347-2587 or email [mcdonsie@cyg.net](mailto:mcdonsie@cyg.net).

### Turkey Bingo

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 20 and come out for a fun evening of bingo. We need your help with this event for items on our much anticipated door prize table. Thanks, in advance for your donation!

*Thanks for all of your support at these events. Our children are the winners. Have a wonderful fall!*  
Members of Kinkora PTA

## 2009~2010 CSAC Members

Members of our 2009-2010 CSAC are: Chair - Kathleen vonEuw; Eco-Schools - Grietje Schwering; Safe and Healthy Schools - Marina Pinder; Parish/Community Rep - Josie Schoonderwoerd; PTA - Lorrie McDonnell; Class Reps - Julie Jeffrey, JK; Angela DeGroot, SK; Carla Phillis, Gr. 1/2; Christine Fizell, Gr. 2/3; Dennis Rae/Terri-Lynn Van Herk, Gr. 4/5; Veronica Kolkman, Gr. 6/7; Tammy Weber, Gr. 7/8; Betty Visser, Teaching Rep; Sharon Walsh, Non-Teaching Rep; Dan Gracey, Principal/Secretary.

### Volunteers

Thanks to all who volunteer here at St. Patrick's! We are appreciative of your support. We have begun a process that will cut back on the paper we use when handing out our food on Mondays. If you would be willing to volunteer to wash the napkins for a given week, please let Mr. Gracey know.



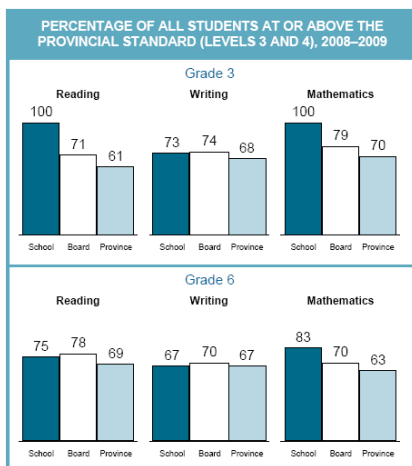
### Stay Home When Ill

Students, staff and volunteers who become ill should be encouraged to stay home until they no longer have a fever and are well. Parents should be encouraged to develop contingency plans for child care should their child become ill with influenza-like illness (ILI). At the request of the Health Unit we are asking you to let us know the reason for your child's absence if they are ill. Please indicate either **breathing-related**, **stomach-related or other** when letting us know by phone message or note that your child is ill. Thank you for your attention to this change in practice.



## EQAO Results 2008 – 2009

The results of the Primary and Junior EQAO Assessments have been released. The information this assessment and our school assessments provide helps us determine the student learning needs which we will focus on this year. We have much to celebrate here in the St. Patrick's community. Our students do very well in reading and math in both primary and junior. As a staff we have noticed that writing is an area that we can focus on in order to close gaps in student learning. We plan to address this and look forward to moving all of our students' learning forward with your support and encouragement. For more information about the EQAO Assessments please follow this link: [http://www.eqao.com/pdf\\_e/09/Cprrbq\\_Pje\\_0909\\_web.pdf](http://www.eqao.com/pdf_e/09/Cprrbq_Pje_0909_web.pdf)



## Head Lice

In order to get a *Head* start on head lice, we will be randomly checking for headlice throughout the school year. The intention is to quickly check each student, classroom by classroom. We completed our first check during the third week of September and received an all-clear. Thank you, Kathleen.

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Even though this may help prevent an outbreak, DAILY CHECKS at home are key. The sooner head lice are detected the easier it is to remove nits from the hair.

### CATYO

## Kindergarten Registration



The date for St. Patrick's School Kindergarten Registration will be Tuesday, November 3rd for children who will begin kindergarten in September 2010. Children who are four years of age by December 31, 2009 are eligible for Senior Kindergarten and those who are three by December 31, 2009 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten. This early registration will help us to identify children at the age of three for referrals to the various community services available.

## First Reconciliation

Father Paul Nicholson is having an information meeting for parents of Grade 2 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 13, in the Kinkora Community centre beginning at 7:00 p.m.

## Photo Day

Edge Imaging will be at St. Patrick's School on Tuesday, October 13 and Wednesday, October 14th to take individual and class pictures. An order form with two proofs attached will be sent home around the end of October. Retake day will be Friday, November 6 in the p.m. If you wish to purchase the full package or any part of the package you simply complete the form and return it to the school. The Family Purchase plan will still apply. If you purchase two packages (full or

the same partial) you will get the rest free of charge. The class picture is complimentary to every student. A form is being sent home today with background choices. Please return the form, on picture day, indicating your background choice.

Please call the school if you wish to have your Pre-schooler's picture taken.

## Book Fair

The annual school book fair runs from Tuesday, October 13th to Thursday, October 15th. Students and parents will have an opportunity to purchase books during lunch hour, afternoon recess and after school. The book fair is a great opportunity to purchase children's books which encourages reading and to support our school library.



## School Mass

Non-perishable food items are always a blessing to receive at our school Masses. With Thanksgiving just around the corner it would wonderful to see every student bring a non-perishable food item for our next school Mass on Friday, October 9. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. All Are Welcome.

## Community News

### Schnitzel Night

Friday October 16, 2009 at the Kinkora Community Centre from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, 12 and under \$7.00, 5 and under free. Takeout available. All are welcome. For Tickets call: Frank DeWetering 519-393-6822 or Bob VanDerPryt 519-345-0383.

