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#### Youth Submission:

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Schools play a vital role in allowing youth of the city to be involved in the wider community and have opportunities to engage in play activities. In order for youth to succeed, develop their skill set and meet new friends, it is important for schools to support the youth friendly approach. For schools to meet this criterion they must be able to provide information about play; giving students the ability to access these programs.

Schools must be able to provide information to their students about events happening in the community that cater to youth, and educate them on different options available to them. This is especially important in a city like Mississauga, where many citizens may be new immigrants and may not have the networks of integration in the community and therefore may be less aware of events for their children. By having schools provide information, many doors are opened, and it reduces the marginalization of youth in the community.

As well, with the schools involvement and youth friendly approach to play programs it allows community programs to promote themselves within schools and allow students to get more involved in the programs that are being offered. There are also representatives of the schools and school boards at community committees that give a student perspective on programs that are related to play areas, so they are more accessible and tapered to the needs of the students participating in them.

Some examples of programs that comply with schools supporting the youth-friendly approach are Jump Rope for Heart, Terry Fox Run, Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre (DBNC), St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Elementary School, Woodlands Secondary School, Wal-Mart at Play, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School: Basketball and Volleyball family events and their own school bus, drop in basketball at Lincoln Secondary School, Mississauga Youth Games (MY Games), St. Marcellinus Secondary School: Track events, St. Faustina, DECA, Badminton Ontario, UTM events, clubs and societies and making play more affordable.

#### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Jump Rope for Heart is a program that is funded by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Their main mission is to eliminate heart disease and stroke and reduce impacts from anything related to these diseases.

Schools participate in jump rope for heart and often turn the events into "sports day" for the entire school to participate. They engage in various activities such as jumping rope and playing other sports. Teachers register their school to participate in the activities and schools are subsequently sent promotion packages to organize the events. Youth are also an integral part of the process, because youth student leaders are allocated to each school to hype up the students and get them excited about the events that will take place.

The mission of Jump Rope for Heart is to fight cardiovascular disease and raise awareness in the community. They believe that by working alongside schools to promote healthy lifestyles to students, youth will get an early start to being active and living healthy. (Ref 14-1)

### **MY Games**

My games is focused on integrating youth in disadvantaged neighborhoods in Mississauga and providing them with the opportunity to learn the importance of sportsmanship and participation through sporting events. Youth get the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports and meet many other youth in the city, through a fun and inclusive environment. (Ref 14-2)

MY Games takes place once a year, for one weekend in the fall. This year the event was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. Participants attended workshops and training sessions throughout the summer to prepare them for the sporting events they partake in. MY Games wants to be inclusive of all youth in the area, and they work with schools in recruiting participants for the games. Paper applications are given to middle schools in Mississauga, and online applications to participate also exist. This way, MY Games are accessible to all youth in the area. In addition, it is free to participate in the games, and this also helps in removing barriers for youth to get involved in the community.

This year, the MY Games main event was held on Sunday, October 2nd, 2011 from 10 am until 4:30 pm, at TL Kennedy Secondary School, which is a high school located in the heart of Mississauga (At Hurontario and Dundas Rd.)

The goal of MY Games is to promote the power of sport and to show youth the importance of healthy active living and well-being through teamwork and fair play. My games encourages values of lifelong physical activity and fitness in organized recreational sports which allows youth to try fun and new activities in safe and positive environments.

### **Terry Fox Run**

The Terry Fox run has been in effect since 1981 and is held in commemoration of Terry Fox. The run has become iconic in Canadian schools, and money raised goes to cancer research. Schools in Peel have made the event fun for students, and the Dufferin-Peel board has a yearly kick-off for the run. (Ref 14-3)

The Terry Fox Run takes place in schools across the country, with most schools organizing walks for their students on the Friday before Labour Day. Usually, a block is walked or

run by students, and other fundraising events are held by student body organizations at the school or at community centers, with the proceeds going to cancer research.

The goal of the Terry fox Run is to integrate the community, including youth, and to raise awareness about cancer and work together to find a solution. When schools promote events like the Terry Fox Run to students, they are providing a fun activity for students to engage in, as well as raise awareness of important issues that exist in the community.

#### **Dixie Bloor Neighborhood Centre (DBNC)**

Dixie Bloor Neighborhood Centre (DBNC) is a centre for new-comers to the country and it provides supportive programs and a healthy environment for youth in the areas. One of the ways that DNBC has worked to cater to youth in the community is team up with schools and provides sport events for youth. (Ref 14-4)

DNBC works in conjunction with Glenforest Secondary School in order to provide youth ages 15+ with drop-in basketball, on Monday's from 8-10pm. The program is also free, and is open to all youth as long as they meet the age requirement.

The DBNC was created for those residing in the Dixie Neighborhood, to improve their quality of life; Staff, volunteers and neighbors work together to identify and discuss issues and concerns, develop and provide services and programs to meet the needs of the community, and promote community participation.

#### **St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Elementary School**

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Elementary School offers its students a diverse variety of athletic teams and clubs to join throughout the school year ensuring that all children are included and participating within the school. The sports and clubs offered such as, athletics which consists of football, soccer, softball, volleyball, basketball, cross-country, ice hockey team and track and field and the clubs offered are Knit and crochet, all-star reading, chess, social justice club, craft, Christian Leadership. The events take place at the school or other participating schools. (Ref 14-5)

#### **Woodlands and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School**

Woodlands and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School offer a wide variety of extra- curricular activities, including sports, arts, business and other specialty clubs. Events take place at school and teams will travel to away games at hosting schools. There is a variety of activities, such as DECA (Woodlands) where students often make it to the regional or international levels.

These programs and events are provided to students because the schools want to give their students the best high school experience by allowing them to discover new aspects about themselves and develop life skills through sports and art.

#### **Badminton Ontario**

Badminton Ontario is a nonprofit amateur sport organization responsible for organized badminton within the province of Ontario. It was formed on February 25, 1925 and is recognized by the Ministry of Health Promotion, a section within the Ontario Government. Badminton Ontario exists to provide an organized, structured environment for the activity of competitive badminton in Ontario.

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

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### Options for Play

- The Students' Technological Skills Competition was held in March of 2011. Approximately 500 youth participated in the event competing in more than 40 trade and technological areas (ie 3D character animation, carpentry, hairstyling, etc). It served as a qualification round for the Skills Canada Provincial Competition. (Ref 14-6)
- All high schools offer a variety of extra-curricular play activities for students to choose from, to name a few: (Ref 14-7)
  - Science Club
  - Art Club
  - Badminton Club
  - Biology Club
  - Breakfast Club
  - Business Scholars
  - Chess Club
  - Band/ Choir
  - Debate Team
  - Drama Club
  - Environmental Club
  - Gay-Straight Alliance
  - Math Club
  - Model UN
  - Multimedia Club
  - Photography Club
  - Youth Rotary
  - Social Justice Club
  - Various Sports Teams

### Formally Connected

- High schools continue to have peer-selected Student Councils. They promote extra-curricular activities and host opportunities for youth play. (Ref 14-8)
- The Booster Newspaper (local neighbourhood based) publishes a weekly "School Scopes" article that highlights local events and activities
- Schools will participate in appropriate information gathering (ie surveys) by either allowing organizations to come in and have an information booth and/or to help organize focus groups.
- Dufferin-Peel CDSB provides the Student Voice program that was created as an opportunity for student leaders to come together and establish a network in a conference setting. Students engage in conversation and support each other's leadership/ projects. (Ref 14-9)
- The school board has student trustees (one from Mississauga and one from Brampton) that represent the voice of students in decisions about education in Peel and help keep students informed about important decision that affect them. (Ref 14-10)

### Dedicated Facilities

- Several high schools have dedicated space for youth to hang out on their breaks such as the cafeteria, gymnasium, etc. Some schools have even gone beyond this to offer student lounges in an effort to make youth feel comfortable (ie Clarkson Secondary School).
- In the fall of 2010 Queen's Park announced additional funding for the Community Use of Schools Initiative to allow non-profit groups to have free use

of 175 priority schools in Ontario, including Mississauga's Thorn Lodge Public School. (Ref 14-11)

**Community Use of Schools:** (Ref 14-12)

- All non-profit youth serving groups can get access to school facilities in the evenings and weekends at a reduced rate
- The City of Mississauga has negotiated the reduced rate with both school boards for all Youth Plan initiatives (exception needed as the City is not considered non-profit)
- Peel Board of Education: In the 2009-2010 school year, a total of 84,215 permits were issued for over 267,000 hours of programs serving a total of 5.9 million participants. While the reporting and statistical tracking systems do not allow the separation by age, the vast majority of these bookings are for children and youth.
- Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board: In the 2010-2011 school year, 2,154 permits were issued for over 630,000 hours of programs serving 4.3 million participants.

**Access to Information:**

- Schools readily accommodate announcement request from youth organizations such as MYAC, PEYA, Community Centres, etc.
- Schools will often include information from community agencies in their newsletters
- Schools encourage community participation in open houses and related events. They will often make tables available for booths or have agencies participate as guest speakers in assemblies
- Board of Education websites serve as a valuable source of information for a variety of users (parents, teachers & students) with community links and resources. (Ref 14-25)
- The Board of Education has been recognized for the translation services available. Most documents can be tailored to meet the needs of any specific community.
- The schools are regularly used as a means of distributing promotional material from youth-serving agencies. City-wide materials can be coordinated centrally and sent out through the board office courier system. The City of Mississauga has received a blanket approval letter from the board's communication department to ensure that all schools comply with the distribution of materials.
- Majority of schools are very supportive of student awareness for community connections and will allow for the posting and distribution of flyers and brochures within their facility. Most schools have a community bulletin board, brochure racks and digital display units that make information available to students at the beginning of the school year.

**Events:**

- Schools actively promote and participate in events that have direct benefit to their students. For example, Mississauga's Click N Ride awareness event is

geared towards students at the beginning of the school year.

### **Activism:**

- The Development and Peace Annual Student Day conference was attended by 200 students in 2010. The focus of the conference was "Water for All: Let Justice Flow". The event is hosted by SSO WHAT, a club at Father Michael Goetz Secondary that raises awareness about social and political issues. (Ref 14-13)
- Glenforest Secondary School has an Animal Rights Club & Youth for Global Action Club (Ref 14-14)
- The Model UN program is a hands-on learning experience the board runs that offers approximately 250 students a chance to be a diplomat for a day. Students represent different UN member nations and tackle tough international development and human rights issues in a simulated general assembly. (Ref 14-15)
- St Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary held an Operation Outreach fundraiser, organized by the two leadership classes and attracted approximately 750 students. All proceeds were to be divided among three charities: Free the Children, Covenant House (homeless shelter in Toronto), and their-own charity Build a D.Ream (raises money for trips to Domenico Republic and other countries to help build houses, schools, etc). (Ref 14-16)
- The Dufferin-Peel CDSB offers the SpeakUp Project where in the 2010-11 school year, 23 secondary schools received approval for their submissions. (Ref 14-17)
- Dufferin-Peel CDSB has a link for students to apply to the 2011-12 Minister's Student Advisory Council (a group of 60 students from various regions in the province who will share their ideas and advice with the Minister of Education to ensure Ontario's school remain the best in the world. (Ref 14-18)

### **Recognition**

- Peel District School Board's website has a listing of all of the regional scholarship awards available to its students, including required qualifications, links for more details and the application forms. (Ref 14-19)
- All high schools have their own annual awards ceremonies to recognize students for excellence in academics and play activities. (Example: Cawthra Park Secondary) (Ref 14-20)

### **Positive Youth Development**

- Schools often participate in exchange programs that help youth to diversify their experience and have a holistic learning experience. For example, students from Dolphin Senior Public School participated in an exchange with Quebec students in the 2010 school year. (Ref 14-21)
- The Mississauga-based band "Aberdeen" toured high schools across Canada (including Mississauga) in 2010 in an effort to send a positive message to youth about such topics as love and relationships. (Ref 14-22)

- Several high schools have clearly defined Mission, Vision and Value statements that support the positive youth development/ asset based approach (for example, Cawthra Park Secondary) (Ref 14-23)
- The Region of Peel has established Comprehensive School Health, a best practice model focusing on quality programs, safe physical environments, healthy social environments and community partnerships. (Ref 14-24)

### **Volunteerism & Leadership**

- Ambassador Clubs (at selected schools) match new students with another peer who takes a leadership role in introducing them to the school (Ref 14-25)
- Several high schools offer a STARS Program (previously name Prefects)
- The COOL Conference, Cawthra's Outlook on Leadership, will have students participating in workshops on teamwork, communication and social awareness. Grade 9 & 10s are encouraged to participate, while grade 11 & 12s are encouraged to apply for leadership positions. (Ref 14-26)
- 5,000 Peel Board students attended the Leadership Now Conference in November of 2010 to be empowered to make a difference in the world. The conference is part of the Student Leadership for Global Development Program that is produced with the support of the Government of Canada through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (Ref 14-27)
- The Peel Board has a link on their webpage outlining tips for becoming an effective leader in your school. (Ref 14-28)
- The Peel Board has a section on their website dedicate to information about the mandatory 40 hours of community service. It is a one stop shop for students looking to get placed with a link to the job board, Volunteering Peel, and Volunteer MBC (Ref 14-41)

### **Funding**

- The school board trustees pledged \$63,000 to the Peel Children and Youth Initiative (Ref 14-29)

### **Partnerships**

- Schools often partner with local agencies to run youth events, providing the space free of charge. For example, TL Kennedy Secondary school provides the free space for the Mississauga Youth Games to take place. (Ref 14-30)
- Local schools participate in Multi-Agency Community Partnerships. For example, representatives from Nahani Way Public School and St Jude Catholic School attend monthly Acorn Community Outreach Network meetings. (Ref 14-31)
- Schools partnered with Peel Police to place students in the Police Youth in Policing Initiative. Fifteen youth participated in 2010 and were formally recognized in a ceremony. (Ref 14-32)
- Glenforest SS and Sunrise Senior Living created a vegetable garden together. The two groups had a dedication ceremony that saw the installation of a legacy rock that marks the partnership they have built. The garden was sponsored by Scotts Canada. Twenty students participated in the project. (Ref 14-33)

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel offers a school-based mentoring program at West Credit Secondary.
- Peel Regional Police have an established Youth Education Bureau. They work with the local schools to deliver a variety of programs (Ref 14-34)
- Schools regularly partner with Recreation and Parks. For example, recently local schools and arenas worked together to paint "huts" at the outdoor skating rinks in an effort to reduce vandalism and beautify the parks. The feedback from students and the community has been very positive (Ref 14-35)

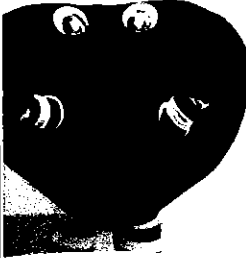
### **Adults Champion**

- Peel Health, Peel Police and Inter-Cultural Neighbourhood Settlement Services are examples of some of the organizations that have dedicated staff to a specific family of schools. School administrators ensure that staff and students are aware of the role of those organizations with their structure and support services offered. Some schools with at-risk student populations may have additional services specific to their needs (such as employment services)

### **Inclusive Play**

- As of the fall of 2010, five schools in Mississauga were offering a newcomer orientation week (NOW). The program is organized by the Multicultural, Settlement and Education Partnership (MSEP) and includes teachers, settlement workers and peer leaders for three and a half days. It familiarizes newcomer youth with the school building and routines, helps to establish friendships, and orients them to the sources of help and culture of the Ontario educational system. (Ref 14-36)
- Harmony Movement (a non-profit equity group) engaged more than 250 middle school students from Peel at the second annual New North: Exploring Youth Identity in Canada conference in 2010. The event aims to change the shame newcomers often feel about their culture into pride and unleashing their leadership potential. (Ref 14-37)
- Harmony Movement also hosted the Spotlight on Asian Heritage events which featured a number of interactive activities will help participants dispel myths about Asian culture and learn more about its traditions and achievements. (Ref 14-38)
- All high schools have programs or adaptations for students with special needs (both physical and learning-based). For example, Christerbell Brown (aged 15) participates in West Credit's Special Education Vocation Program focusing on cosmetology (Ref 14-39).
- The Peel Alternative Schools run a variety of programs to meet the diverse need of youth, based on the individual (Ref 14-40).

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## Youth enjoy competition

October 2, 2011

Some 200 Mississauga youth played with their heart and soul today during the sixth annual Mississauga Youth Games (MY Games) at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School.

The athletes in grades 6-8 competed in eight sports: baseball, basketball, cricket, flag football, floor hockey, soccer, track and volleyball.

The free day of competition included a team uniform and lunch. Each participant won a gold, silver or bronze medal.

"The MY Games shows how sport unites all ages, genders and cultures in our city. Young aspiring athletes will benefit greatly from their experience here at these Games," said president and founder Louroz Mercader. "We look forward to helping inspire and train future athletes who might compete for Canada at the Pan American Games or Olympics in the future." "The kids keep coming back because they have fun," he said. "It's a free opportunity to

experience a variety of sports. Sometimes the costs of programs outside of school is a barrier for parents and their children, but I believe every young person should have equal opportunity to participate in sport."

The MY Games were founded in 2006 with a grant from the Province of Ontario. The original event was held at the Dixie-Bloor Neighbourhood Centre.

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**MY Games.** The Mississauga Youth Games (MY Games) brought together 200 young athletes who competed in eight different sports at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School. The blustery conditions couldn't get Kiana Burke away from her post at the out-of-bounds flag. *Staff photo by Fred Loek*

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May 27, 2004

#### School boards host Terry Fox Run kick-off rally

The Peel District School Board and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will launch the Terry Fox Foundation pilot event at a kick-off rally on June 1. The rally will introduce school representatives to the pilot initiative and provide a networking opportunity for teachers at both school boards.

"The Terry Fox Run is an exciting tradition in Peel. This kick-off rally will provide school representatives with an opportunity to share fundraising ideas and be inspired to help raise money for cancer research," says Leo Kazivovskis, Peel board superintendent of education.

"Charitable works are a big part of the Catholic faith, and Dufferin-Peel students and staff have enthusiastically embraced the Terry Fox Run as a favourite event over the years. We're looking forward to the kick-off event and the co-ordinated regional effort planned for the fall," notes Nick Milanotti, principal at Mississauga's St. Timothy School, and co-ordinator of Dufferin-Peel's Terry Fox Run committee.

Eric Walters, author of *Run*, a book about Terry Fox's life, will speak to school representatives at the rally about the vision and direction of the pilot run. Darroll Fox, national director of The Terry Fox Foundation, will also address the group. At the event, school representatives will learn more about their role during the campaign and its links to literacy and the curriculum. The rally begins at 4 p.m. and will be followed by a free barbecue at The Old Britannia Schoolhouse, located next to the HJA Brown Education Centre.

Students and staff from both boards will participate in a Terry Fox Foundation pilot event on Sept. 24, 2004. The day will be celebrated with special activities that provide students, staff and the community with an opportunity to raise funds for The Terry Fox Foundation simultaneously. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope in 2005, every school in Canada will be invited to participate on the same day.

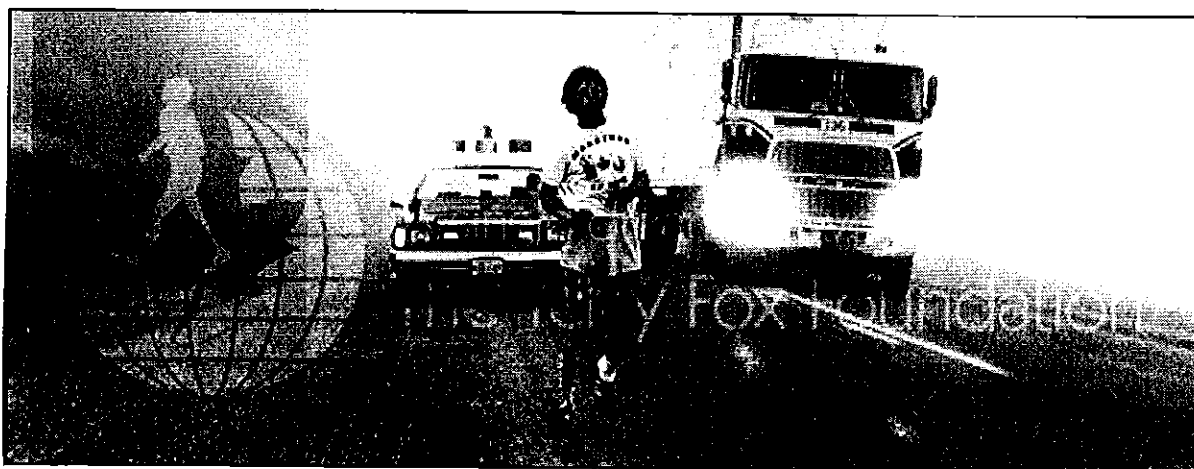
At 11 a.m. on May 27, Fox will visit David Leeder Middle School to launch the pilot run that will take place on Sept. 24. He will also visit Middlebury Public School on June 4 at 9 a.m. "Darroll will speak to students, staff and parents about Terry Fox's legacy and the importance of community support," says Linda West, principal at Middlebury. "Students have been reading about Terry and creating displays that will be showcased during the assembly. This event will help to make students aware of Terry's heroic story and unbreakable spirit." Fox's presentation will be videotaped and shown next year.

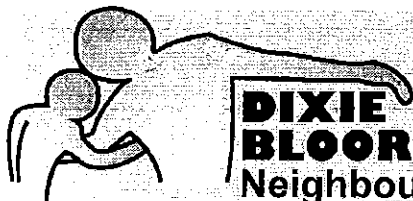
"We truly appreciate the Peel and Dufferin-Peel Catholic school boards' efforts to develop this exciting new initiative," says Fox. "Sept. 24 will be a day to commemorate Terry's legacy and to help fulfil his dream of a cancer-free world."

On Sept. 24, every student in the Region of Peel and Catholic students in Dufferin county will be encouraged to participate in a unified effort to raise awareness and funds for The Terry Fox Foundation. A number of Mississauga private schools will also take part in the pilot. That day, schools will be shown a live television broadcast featuring interviews with Terry's parents, brother, and a number of cancer survivors. Students will also see video footage of Terry's life. Following this, all students will participate in Terry Fox events at their school at the same time.

School events may include runs, walks or any other fundraising activity of their choice. By participating in The Terry Fox Run, students demonstrate that running and walking will help raise funds to ease the suffering caused by cancer. Presently, over 4,500 schools in Canada host Terry Fox Runs.

The HJA Brown Education Centre is located at 5650 Hurontario Street in Mississauga. David Leeder Middle School is located at 6900 Gooderham Estate Boulevard in Mississauga. Middlebury Public School is located at 5482 Middlebury Drive in Mississauga.





**DIXIE  
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Neighbourhood Centre

Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre supports a positive, healthy and caring community by providing programs and services for:

- ▣ Families (Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors)
- ▣ Job Seekers
- ▣ Newcomers

## Bloor Neighbourhood Centre Presents:

# FREE Basketball!!

**Where: Glenforest Public School , Gym "C"**

**When: Every Monday 8pm-10pm**

**Starting October 17, 2011**

**Who: Everyone aged 15+**

**What: Drop-In basketball**

**How: Just show up, register and enjoy!**

**And remember, it's FREE!!**

**Three on Three tournament  
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## Thunderbirds Volleyball 2010-2011

### Intermediate and Junior Girls

The Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team had an outstanding season! Their hard work and dedication during practices and games led them to the Mississauga North Family of Schools tournament. The girls proudly represented St. Teresa of Avila by displaying wonderful sportsmanship and responsible behavior. Although the girls were not victorious at the Tournament, they all recognized that being there was enough of a reward. That is a statement made by true women!!! The coach, Ms. Pincatel, would like to thank: Ivy D., Melissa D., Azra A., Jovita S., Tanya D., Madison T., Angela M., Jasmin M.G., Emily M., Alysa F., and Maria A.

### Intermediate and Junior Boys

The Intermediate Boys had a fabulous season. Their great skill, hard work and determination shone through with every practice and game.

The coaches, Mr. Cececoni and Mr. Walker, would like to congratulate the following team members for their wonderful efforts: Miggy C., Kevin D., Ethan W., Duane D., Ian D., Owen V., Eusebio F., Alexander M., Lynn M., David R., and Benjamin R.

Thank you to parents and volunteers for their help making this season extra special!



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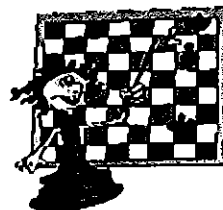
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## Thunderbirds Chess Club 2009-2010

This year's school chess club was a success in preparing for the Family Chess Tournament in February. Five players from our primary and junior divisions, and 6 from our intermediate division represented St. Teresa of Avila and competed among the best players at the Family tournament. Congratulations to our Primary Team for their competitive spirit. Congratulations to our Junior and Intermediate Teams for finishing third at the tournament. Mrs. Menary and Mr. Abraham thank all participants for their commitment, and to teachers, Mrs. Capre, and Mr. Matos for their support.



## Students show off their skills

Roger Belgrave  
March 29, 2011

Hundreds of students from Peel Catholic schools tested their training in a variety of trades and technology professions during a recent regional skills competition.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Students' Technological Skills Competition was held March 22 at St. Augustine Secondary School. About 500 students from approximately 20 elementary and secondary schools competed in more than 40 trade and technological areas— including 3-D character animation, baking, carpentry, hairstyling, health care, and robotics.

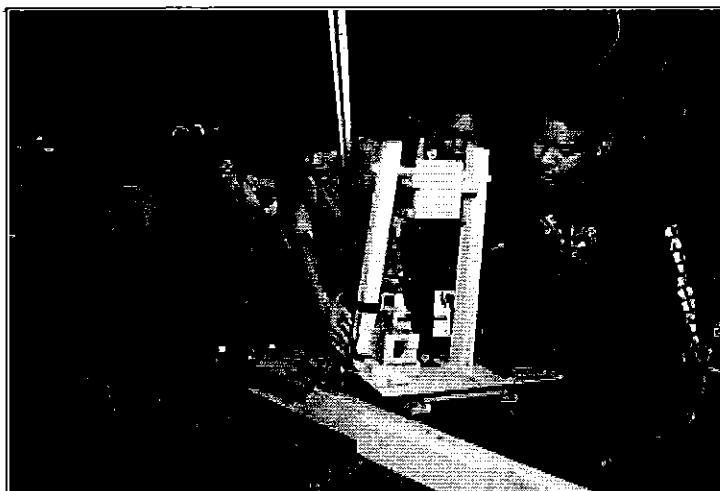
The Olympic-style, hands-on competition, served as a qualification round for the Skills Canada Provincial Competition.

Representatives from local businesses and colleges judged the competition, and the top students qualified to move on to the provincial finals being held in Waterloo this May.

"Dufferin-Peel students do well every year at the provincial competition," said Annette Ryan, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and Tech Ed Consultant. "Last year, we brought home 11 medals, three of which were gold. Students have a lot of fun, while at the same time, challenging themselves and learning."

Students who are successful at the provincial competition will advance to the Skills Canada National Competition, where they will have the opportunity to compete against students from across Canada.

Skills Canada is a national, not-for-profit organization that works with employers, educators, labour groups and governments to promote skilled trades and technological careers among Canadian youth.



**St. Josephy Secondary School students.** Jordan Coutinho, Oliver Dysangco, Ben Policar, and Aron Casalla, students from St. Josephy Secondary School in Mississauga, finish their robotics project during the Skills Competition held at St. Augustine Secondary School on March 22. *Photo by Bryon Johnson*

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## Meadowvale Secondary School

Commitment, Perseverance, Knowledge

### Clubs and More

School clubs and other extracurricular activities are an integral part of many students' high school experience. They provide a chance for students to develop leadership and teamwork skills while pursuing an interest that may lead to a career or lifelong hobby.

Positive participation in activities also increases students' involvement in their school. As well, extracurricular activities are considered an asset on post-secondary school applications by showing additional positive attributes of an applicant that might not be reflected in grades alone.

#### Meadowvale S.S. - CLUBS - 2010 -2011

CLUB	SEASON	TEACHER'S NAME
Activity Banquet	Spring	K. Ghanekar
Art Club	Year-round	M. Whittaker, T. Marcus
Badminton (Tue. Night Rec.)	Year-round	D. MacDougall
Best Buddies	Year-round	K. Freeman
Biology Club	Year-round	A. Windover
Breakfast Club	Year-round	R. Orr, K. Freeman, K. Gillmore, H. Scott, S. Orosz, D. Krizmanich, C. Banks, J. Wolfe, E. Hashimoto, M. Dendar, A. Windover, M. McInnes, W. Gibbons, T. Shepherd, E. Anderson, S. Marshall
Business Scholars	Year-round	M. Darling, M. Maxin
Chess Club	Year-round	B. Carlson, J. Prevec
Concert Band	Year-round	H. Norton
Concert Choir	Year-round	H. Norton
Counting on You		J. Kopac
Daffodil Campaign (Cancer)	Spring	A. Windover, T. Jarviste
Debating Club	Year-round	C. Corbo, E. Jamieson
Drama Club/Drama Outreach		W. Gibbons
Environmental Club (Eco-Schools)		M. Cossette
French Tutors	Year-round	D. Stalteri
Friday Prayers		M. Dendar, I. Ayub
G.S.A. (Gay-Straight Alliance)	Year-round	K. Freeman, K. Ghanekar, T. Shepherd
Guitar Club	Year-round	M. Diniz
Jazz Band - "Jazzformers"	Year-round	M. Diniz
Library Helpers	Year-round	S. Ziemniak
Link Crew		D. Wun, M. Greaves, C. Watt, J. Kopac, L. Becker
Literature Club		J. Ellopoulos
Math Circle	Year Round	K. Ghanekar
Math Contest		K. Ghanekar, C. Banks
Math Gains		S. Orosz
Math Tutors	Year-round	M. Yu
Meadowvale Student Union		L. Kerr, D. Stalteri
Mentors	Year-round	D. Krizmanich
Model UN	Spring	M. Dendar
Multicultural Council	Year-round	J. Klotia, I. Ayub, E. Abid
Broadcast Team & Multimedia Club	Year-round	P. French
Music Ensembles	Year-round	M. Diniz
Music M.I.V.A. Council	Year-round	H. Norton
NOW Program	Year-round	D. Taylor
Photography	Year-round	P. French
Physique	Year-round	S. Whiteside
Prom Committee	Year-round	D. Wun, S. Youngman
Reading Mentors		S. Ziemniak
School Play		W. Gibbons
Science Scholars	Year-round	A. Windover
Social Justice		M. Cossette, M. Dendar, E. Anderson
Sears Ontario Drama Festival		W. Gibbons
Studentwrights		W. Gibbons
Terry Fox Run	Sept.	K. Freeman, J. Wolfe, S. Orosz, D.



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Welcome!



I hope everyone got where they wanted to go and that the Glenforest Science Club helped in their university application process, every step of the way!

# Student Councils

## Student councils: A student voice in each high school

Each high school in Peel selects one or more students to represent the interests of all students in the school. The election process, number of school council members, role of the council members and president and even the titles of those elected can vary from school-to-school.

For the 2011-12 school year, here are the student council presidents for each high school in Peel:

School	Student Name
Applewood Heights S.S.	
Bramalea S.S.	Bilal Maqbool
Brampton Centennial S.S.	
Cawthra Park S.S.	Bradley Metlin
Central Peel S.S.	Sivia Tran
Chinguacousy S.S.	Alisha Parashar
Clarkson S.S.	Jason Thornton
Erindale S.S.	
Fletcher's Meadow S.S.	
Glenforest S.S.	Abraham Redda
Gordon Graydon S.S.	
Harold M. Brathwaite S.S.	Atul Krishan
Heart Lake S.S.	Gavin Klair
Humberview S.S.	Stephanie Juhasz Tori Kuchar

John Fraser S.S.	Hiba Amin
Lincoln M. Alexander S.S.	Arjun Singh
Lorne Park S.S.	Stephen Nishida
Louise Arbour S.S.	Kavinath Kanesalingam
Mayfield S.S.	
Meadowvale S.S.	
Mississauga S.S.	Faraz Noor
North Park S.S.	Nikhile Mookerji
Judith Nyman S.S.	
Port Credit S.S.	Devashree Desai Troy Aharonian
Rick Hansen S.S.	Carries Zhu
Sandalwood S.S.	
Streetsville S.S.	Jennifer Dao- Nguyen Pavit Brar
TL Kennedy S.S.	
Turner Fenton S.S.	John Loong
West Credit S.S.	
Woodlands S.S.	Jalal Iqbal

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Council presidents can be reached at their [school](#).

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*"Now I have put my words in your mouth."*  
Jeremiah 1:9

## Student Voice: "You are the Voice"

'Student Voice: You are the Voice' is a Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board and Ministry initiative that has created an opportunity to bring student leaders together to establish a network in order to share ideas, engage in conversation and support each other's leadership or *SpeakUp*[1] Projects. Infusing our Catholic World View, the goal of the Dufferin-Peel 'Student Voice' conferences are to continue to encourage and empower students to find their voice, and translate that voice into actions that support the needs of the student body, the community, and the world at large.

As a part of the conferences, students, teacher advisors and/or chaplaincy leaders are invited to enter into a multitude of activities including:

- Faith formation & prayer rooted in scripture
- Reflection activities exploring student leadership
- Opportunities to explore, debrief and plan Student Led Projects such as Ministry funded *SpeakUp*
- Interactive performances and motivational guest speakers.

Fall Conference: Tuesday November 23rd, 2010

Spring Conference: COMING SOON!

*God empowers everyone to answer a call to serve God through their gifts, talents and their "voice". "Now I have put my words in your mouth" Jeremiah 1:9.*

[1] Across Ontario, *SpeakUp* projects are helping students get more engaged in learning and their school community. In the program's first year, thousands of students in Grades 7-12 benefited from more than 1,900 successful projects in 950 schools. In 2009-10, 25 Dufferin-Peel secondary schools and 24 elementary schools received grant funding from *SpeakUp*. For 2010-11, over 96 project applications were submitted by Dufferin-Peel schools with 23 Secondary Schools and 15 Elementary Schools receiving approvals for 83 projects.

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**Student Voice**

**Student Voice 'You are the Voice!' Fall Conference**

**November 23rd, 2010**

**Agenda**

**Opening Liturgy: Student Voice Prayer**

**Presentation: Power in Youth**

**Activity 1: Let's get MOVING!**

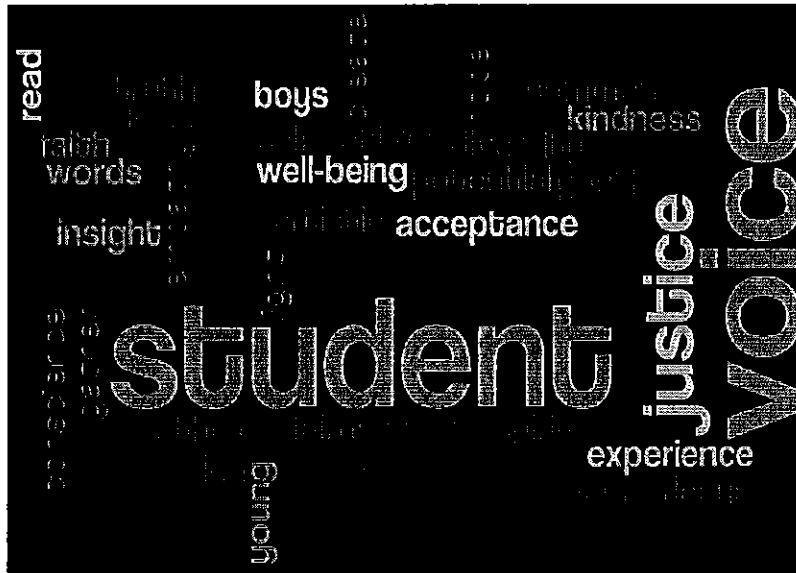
**Workshop 1: Power In Action**

**\*\*\*LUNCH\*\*\***

**Workshop 2: Power in Voice - by UNITY Charity**

**Team Action Planning**

**Closing Prayer: Commissioning**



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# Student Trustees

## Make your Voice Count

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Peel board students elected two new trustees for the 2011-12 school year.

## Express yourself

Student trustees are your voice on the board of trustees. Your student trustees represent you. To do that, they need to hear from you. Voice your opinion. Express your views. Let your student trustee know what you think about important education issues. Keep in contact to find out what decisions the board of trustees have made.

For the 2011-12 school year, your student trustees can be contacted as follows:

**May Zou** , from Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School, represents schools south of the 401

- voicemail: 905-890-1010, ext. 3174 (effective Sept. 13, 2011)
- e-mail: [may.zou@peelsb.com](mailto:may.zou@peelsb.com)

**Shivani Shah** , from Louise Arbour Secondary School, represents schools north of 401

- voicemail: 905-890-1010, ext. 3175 (effective Sept. 13, 2011)
- e-mail: [shivani.shah@peelsb.com](mailto:shivani.shah@peelsb.com)

## Know more

- Want to know more about student trustees? Maybe you're interested in running for election yourself. [Here's more information.](#)
- Follow the student trustees' [blog](#)
- [Student trustee policy](#)
- [Become a voice for students](#)--information about how to run for election as a student trustee
- [Student trustee election timeline](#)

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# Student Trustees

## So you want to be a student trustee

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Student trustees serve an important role for the Peel District School Board. They represent the voice of students in decisions about education in Peel, and they help keep students informed about important decisions that affect them. The Peel board has two student trustees—one representing schools north of Highway 401 and one representing schools south of Highway 401.

### What are the responsibilities?

Being a student trustee is a big commitment. The main duties include:

- attending all public board meetings and standing committee meetings
- meeting with student leadership groups, including Peel Students' President's Council (PSPC)
- representing students' views in discussions about education issues

Student trustees are responsible for providing their own transportation to the board meetings and other meetings they would need to attend.

As well, student trustees are expected to set up ways to communicate regularly with students about the activities of the school board and to gather student input about upcoming issues facing the board. It's up to the student trustees to decide how best to keep in touch with students.

### What kind of time commitment would I have to make?

There is an average of one meeting a week to attend—regular board meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, and other standing committees meet on the other Tuesdays. In addition, student trustees would need to spend time communicating with other students. Because of the time commitment, we don't recommend that a student trustee hold any other elected positions.

### Am I eligible to run?

To run for election as a candidate for student trustee, you must:

- be a full-time Peel board secondary school student
- be 16 years or older by Dec. 31
- have parent consent, if you're younger than 18
- have strong academic standing and strong leadership and communication skills

### What happens if I can't complete the term of office?

The board can disqualify a student trustee from service for any of the following reasons:

- no longer a student of the Peel District School Board
- absence from three consecutive board meetings without the permission of the board
- conviction of an indictable offense
- suspension from school for a serious violation of the behaviour code

The first runner-up in each district council election will be the alternate student trustee for that district. If the student trustee leaves office before the end of the term, the alternate would complete the term.

### Are student trustees paid?

Student trustees receive an honoraria of \$2,500 and are provided with \$1,500 to be used for conferences and training. They are also reimbursed for expenses they incur in their role as student trustee. These expenses would include transportation costs. All expenses must be approved by the Chair of the Board.

**What assistance is available to student trustees?**

Each student trustee will have a trustee mentor. This mentor will be an experienced trustee appointed by the board to serve as an advisor to the student trustee. The mentor can explain board policies and procedures and answer your questions.

Some administrative support will be available to the student trustees through the Director's Office and the Trustees Office of the Peel board. For example, voice mail boxes and e-mail addresses will be set up for the student trustees to assist them in their roles.

**I'm interested—what do I do next?**

You will be running for student trustee in the electoral district your school is located in (either north or south of Highway 401).

Learn more about the responsibilities and meet your fellow candidates at an all candidates meeting from **9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 24 at the HJA Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street in Mississauga**. If needed, your staff representative will help arrange transportation for you to and from the event.

In order to run for student trustee, you must submit the following to your staff representative before the end of the day on March 3, 2011:

- the completed application and consent form, signed by a parent/guardian (if you are under the age of 18), and by a school official
- a cover letter and resume
- a CD or USB key labeled with your name, containing:
  - a digital photo of yourself (JPG)
  - a digital presentation or video\* (WMV or MOV format) no longer than three minutes—this is your campaign message that will be uploaded to Youtube and [www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org) for students to view.

*\* Candidates have the option to have their campaign message filmed by a Peel board media support specialist. In this case, the video will be simple and will be edited only to ensure it flows and to add a title. If you are interested in this option, contact [scott.lamantia@peelsb.com](mailto:scott.lamantia@peelsb.com).*

Videos will be uploaded and made available for viewing following Spring Break. Information about the videos, along with posters promoting the election will be sent to schools. Elections will be held at each school from March 28 to April 8. The winning trustee for each district will have secured the highest number of first-place finishes at schools in their district.

If you are elected, you will be notified through your school and you will be invited to attend the regular meeting of the board at **7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26** to meet your fellow student trustee and be introduced as the incoming student trustees. The board office is located at 5650 Hurontario Street in Mississauga.

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## Thorn Lodge open for after-school groups

Julie Slack

November 19, 2010

Non-profit groups can now use facilities free of charge after hours at 175 schools across Ontario, including Mississauga's Thorn Lodge Public School.

Queen's Park announced funding last Friday for its Community Use of Schools initiative, which helps schools make their space more affordable for use after hours. Indoor and outdoor school space is available to non-profit community groups at reduced rates, outside of school hours.

In addition, non-profit groups will have free after-school access at the 175 "priority schools," most of which are located in areas where the need for affordable access is greatest.

Government officials say that by making space more affordable for non-profit groups, more families will be able to participate in recreational activities in their own communities. School-day, extra-curricular and parent involvement activities organized or administered by the school or school board will still have priority access both during and after school hours.

Mississauga-Brampton South MPP Amrit Mangat lauded the initiative.

"Providing school space for free after hours will help community groups keep their costs low, and help more youth in the Mississauga area get involved in community activities," said Mangat.  
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**After-school use.** Queen's Park provided \$5.9 million for 175 schools across the province, including Mississauga's Thorn Lodge Public School, to open to non-profit groups for free. Here, Mississauga-Brampton South MPP Amrit Mangat gathered with other politicians and community members who'll benefit from the announcement. *Photo supplied*

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**Kristina Zietsma**

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**From:** Payne, Jason [jason.payne@peelsb.com]  
**Sent:** 2010/03/24 9:42 AM  
**To:** Kristina Zietsma  
**Subject:** RE: Community Use of Schools- City of Mississauga

Kritina,

My appologies, I thought that I had sent you a followup. I have confirmed that since your program is for youth we would be assigning you non-profit rates.

Regards,

**Jason Payne**

Community Use of Schools Outreach Officer  
 Facilities Rentals  
 Peel District School Board

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 5650 Hurontario Street  
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**From:** Kristina Zietsma [Kristina.Zietsma@mississauga.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2010 9:13 AM  
**To:** Payne, Jason  
**Subject:** RE: Community Use of Schools- City of Mississauga

Hi Jason,

I just wanted to follow up with you on the response from the board regarding what fee we would be charged.

Thanks so much for your assistance on this!

Kristina

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**From:** Payne, Jason [mailto:jason.payne@peelsb.com]  
**Sent:** 2010/03/16 3:23 PM  
**To:** Kristina Zietsma  
**Subject:** RE: Community Use of Schools- City of Mississauga

At first glance I would say that you will be charged a non-profit fee but I will confirm this tommorrow as I am off to another meeting but wanted to get back to you today with some direction.

Regards,



# Community Use of Schools

Peel District School Board

## Introduction

Community Use of Schools supports affordable access to school space outside of school hours for not-for-profit groups. Schools are hubs of the community and the Outreach program aims to maximize use of public schools by facilitating dialogue between school administration and community groups.

## Contact:

Community Use of Schools Outreach Program Coordinator  
Jason Payne  
[jason.payne@peelsb.com](mailto:jason.payne@peelsb.com)  
905 - 890-1010 ext 2068

## Costs for Booking:

Administration Fee: \$48 + gst (seasonal, Mon-Fri only)

*PLUS*

Facility Fee per use	Weekday	Weekend
Gymnasium	\$6.75	\$15.75
Classroom	\$4.50	\$5.50
Cafeteria	\$6.75	\$22.50
Auditorium	\$22.50	\$22.50

*PLUS*

Custodial Fees	Sat.	Sun.
Youth groups	\$9.75	\$12.50
Adult groups	\$26.50	\$34.00

\*note: no custodial fee for Mon-Fri

## Availability:

- School space is available from late September to mid June with limited day time access during July.
- Monday to Friday: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and/or 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Weekends: as requested

## Process for Booking:

1. Go to: <http://permits.peelschools.org/>
2. To book for permits on the web, you need a user Id and a password. To obtain one, click on "please register here" under the login in
3. Choice to Browse Schools or Find a Specific Facility
4. Book online

OR

1. Complete the Application for School Rentals  
[http://www.peel.edu.on.ca/rentals/Documents/SecureApplication\\_000.pdf](http://www.peel.edu.on.ca/rentals/Documents/SecureApplication_000.pdf)

## Resources:

- Community Use of Schools Website: <http://www.peel.edu.on.ca/rentals/>
- Rules & Regulations:  
<http://www.peel.edu.on.ca/rentals/Documents/RulesandRegulations2009-2010.pdf>
- Fire Safety Procedures:  
[http://www.peel.edu.on.ca/rentals/Documents/FireDrillProcedures\\_000.pdf](http://www.peel.edu.on.ca/rentals/Documents/FireDrillProcedures_000.pdf)
- Web Permits Manual:  
[http://www.peel.edu.on.ca/rentals/documents/elyxir\\_user\\_manual.pdf](http://www.peel.edu.on.ca/rentals/documents/elyxir_user_manual.pdf)



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## Contact:

*Permits Officer*

Laura Iaboni

905-890-0708 ext: 23251

[laura.iaboni@dpcdsb.org](mailto:laura.iaboni@dpcdsb.org)

*Community Use of Schools Outreach Assistants:*

Andrew Puma (North Schools)

905-890-0708 ext: 23175

[andrew.puma@dpcdsb.org](mailto:andrew.puma@dpcdsb.org)

Nicole Moriah (South Schools)

905-890-0708 ext: 23176

[nicole.moriah@dpcdsb.org](mailto:nicole.moriah@dpcdsb.org)

## Costs for Booking:

### Youth (Ages 10-17)

Processing Fee: \$45

PLUS: Seasonal Flat Rate: \$65

PLUS: Custodial Fee: Sat \$15/hr & Sun \$20/hr (no charge weekday)

### Adult (Ages 18+)

Processing Fee: \$45

PLUS: Per Use Fee:

Classroom	\$10.00/use
Gym	\$20.00/use
Cafeteria	\$20.00/use
Library	\$20.00/use
Seminar Room	\$10.00/use
Fields	\$24.00/hour

PLUS: Custodial Fee: Sat \$31/hr & Sun \$42/hr (no charge weekday)

**Note:** \$10 Alteration Cancellation Fee

**Availability:**

- School facilities are available during the school year from September to June
- Monday to Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Weekends as requested.
- Limited summer space is available during the month of July and up to the second Friday in August
- School facilities are not available during the last two weeks of August, statutory holidays, Christmas break and March Break.

**Process for Booking:**

1. Complete a Permit Request Form.
  - Forms are available from the Permits Department
  - the main office reception desk at the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
  - at the school's front office
  - Online Application Form (available on the website listed below)
2. Submit the form:
  - Mail to: 5685 Keaton Crescent Mississauga, Ontario L5R 3H5
  - Fax to: the Permits Department at 905-890-8001

**Notes:**

- A non-refundable Administrative fee must be submitted with the application
- A minimum of 2 weeks is required to process an application
- Recommend that you book for one full year on one permit (vs 3 seasons) and block out the dates to save on costs
- Each new school will require a new permit (& new fee)
- Programs running on multiple days can be put on one permit (ie Mon, Wed & Fri from 6-9pm – one permit – one cost)
- For drop-in programs they will need to know maximum participation number as the custodial staff typically lock the doors 10 minutes after the program begins for security purposes.

**Resources:**

- Community Use of Schools Website (to download the application & see the list of available schools):  
<http://www.dpcdsb.org/CEC/Schools/Community+Use+of+Schools.htm>

**Kristina Zietsma**

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**From:** Iaboni, Laura [Laura.Iaboni@dpcdsb.org]  
**Sent:** 2011/10/24 2:34 PM  
**To:** Kristina Zietsma  
**Subject:** RE: Community Use of Schools

I am not able to provide you with a specific break down for City of Mississauga only unfortunately. Below is the information I have for Dufferin-Peel in general. Hope this helps:

2010/2011 – School Year  
Number of permits issued to Not-for-Profit groups = 2,154  
Number of Hours permitted for Not-for-Profit Groups = 630,258  
Number of participant visits Not-for-Profit Groups = 4,288,769

Is this what you were looking for?

*Laura Iaboni*  
*Permits Officer*

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**From:** Kristina Zietsma [mailto:Kristina.Zietsma@mississauga.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2011 1:52 PM  
**To:** Iaboni, Laura  
**Subject:** RE: Community Use of Schools

If you're able to separate it, that would be great. If not, I can just note it is for all of Peel.

Thanks  
Kristina

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**Sent:** 2011/10/24 1:52 PM  
**To:** Kristina Zietsma  
**Subject:** RE: Community Use of Schools

Hi Kristina,  
One quick question, are you looking for this information for the groups using Mississauga sites only?



## Students discuss water consumption

Julia Le

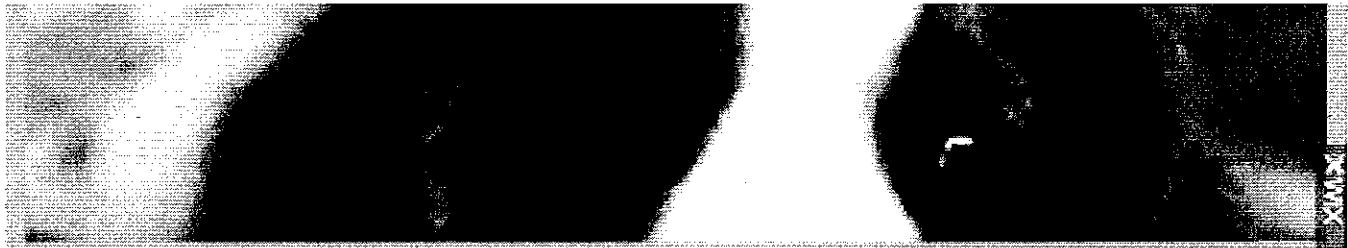
November 8, 2010

More than 200 students from across Dufferin-Peel will gather at Father Michael Goetz Secondary School tomorrow to participate in the Development and Peace Annual Student Day. This year's theme is "Water For All; Let Justice Flow". The conference will consist of several workshops in and around the school that focus on water consumption, the responsibility of countries that have an abundance of it and the negative aspects of bottled water. It takes place at the high school on Central Pkwy. W. from 9 a.m.- 2:10 p.m. Actor, comedian and activist Derek Forgie from MTV Canada will be the guest speaker. It's hosted by SSO WHAT, a club at the school dedicated to raising awareness about social and political issues. "It's important for the youth to be aware of the issues that are happening not only in the community but in the world," said club supervisor Valens Wolfs. "This conference is a way of getting kids involved and showing them that change starts with one person."  
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## *Welcome to Animal Rights Club!*

The Animal Rights Club (ARC) is a student-run organization at Glenforest Secondary School. ARC first started at year end of 2009, and continues successfully thanks to its dedicated members, executives and especially the founder and president of ARC, Whyishnave Sulhagar. We strive to educate the students of Glenforest about animal cruelty and fundraise for several organizations that support our goal. The fact is, humans do not own this planet, and it is time for us to realize that animal exploitation is simply unnecessary and cruel.

While you are visiting the site you can learn more about our club, what we do, the reason behind ARC, as well as some of our past campaigns and our future plans. Please note that everyone is welcome to participate and support our club despite the location or opinions towards the animal rights movement. For more information, or if you have any questions or concerns, please send us your comments through the [Contact Us](#) page.

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Youth For Global Action

Youth for Global Action

Youth for Global Action is back in ACTION! Due to the input of our many club members and teachers, we've decided to support 'Creation of Hope' for the school year: 2010- 11. This organization is based in Kikima, Kenya, and supports several orphans in the community, by providing residential placement and/or food distribution every two weeks. Unlike many other organizations, it educates and guides the community in order to become self-sufficient. It uses 100% of the proceeds to support its residential placement and food distribution program. This year, our club is striving towards raising \$5,000 for this great organization. With the support of students, parents, and the Glenforest staff, we feel it's a goal that we can surely achieve! If you'd like to learn more about the club or Creation of Hope, please attend our regular meetings on Thursdays after school in room: 119.

Events

gfss.webmaster@gmail.com

Today Monday, 24 Octob

Displaying events after 24/10. Look for earlier events

Monday, 24 October

Law trip to Brampton Court Ho

Tuesday, 25 October

School Council Info Night

Triathlon

15:15 4:15 pm -- IB 5-Year

Wednesday, 26 October

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - Toronto



View Calendar here.

Student of the Month

Daniel Li competed in the ECOO and Canadian Computing Competitions this semester and then entered two programs separately in the Canada-wide University of Toronto Showcase Computer Science Fair 2011. Despite being nation-wide, his submissions were so good that they were as 2 of the 15 finalists at this year's competition on Saturday April 16. One submission was a website management system and the other was a portable bird watching guide. This is one amazing young man.

Bus Info

Bus 1: route 269 905-855-7771 Bus 2: route 1076 905-270-0561 Bus 3: route 169 905-826-1399 Bus 4: route 83 905-270-0561

All busing students, please take notice to this reminder.

Students who want to ride home on a friend's bus must submit their request in writing 24 hours prior to departure and must have a note from a parent to the Glenforest administration which grants their permission to ride on a different bus. A letter to the bus driver will then be issued by a school administrator to the student who submitted the request.

Contact Us

Address:

## Model UN

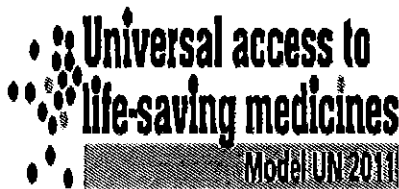
# What is the Model UN?

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The Peel District School Board's Model UN is a hands-on learning experience which offers approximately 250 secondary students a chance to be a diplomat for a day. During this valuable learning experience, students represent different UN member nations and tackle tough international development and human rights issues in a simulated general assembly.

The board's first Model UN event was held in 1995 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. It was highly successful and received praise and recognition from students, teachers, administrators, trustees and community members. The event also received a great deal of media coverage. In addition, it received two awards of excellence from the International Association of Business Communicators and the National School Public Relations Association.

Subsequent Model UN events have focused on the rights of the child to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Unicef, the United Nations' peacekeeping role, banning the use of anti-personnel landmines, the use of child soldiers, child labour, HIV/AIDS and Human Rights, action against terrorism, Kyoto Protocol, war-affected children, water for life, gender equality, arms trade and food security. These opportunities have enabled students to enhance their research and debating skills, their awareness of other countries and learn about the complex nature of international decision-making.



The Peel board's 16th Model United Nations is on May 6, 2011 at the HJA Brown Education Centre, located at 5650 Hurontario Street in Mississauga.

## Operation Outreach a success

Krishelle Perreira  
June 8, 2011

Students at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School enjoyed an afternoon of food, music, prizes and games last week while helping a good cause.

The Operation Outreach fundraiser, organized by the two leadership classes at the Erin Mills school, attracted about 750 students.

"I think the event was an overall success because many students were involved and everyone had tons of fun," said Bella Kim, a member of the leadership class. "All the money raised is going to a great cause, to make a difference within our world, so we feel awesome about it."

Students paid \$20 for tickets. All proceeds will be divided equally among three charities: Free the Children (the world's largest network of children helping children), Covenant House (Toronto youth homeless shelter) and Gonzaga's own charity, Build a D.R.eam. It raises money for trips to the Dominican Republic and similar places where students help communities build houses, interact with the children there and reach out to make a positive difference. The carnival-like Operation Outreach event included a mechanical bull, inflatable obstacle courses and a sumo wrestling ring. Students even enjoyed the chance to throw water balloons at teachers. Hot dogs, hamburgers, snow cones and popcorn were served. The school's jazz band provided live entertainment as did performers in a talent show.

There was also a raffle for prizes including gift cards to Chapters and Starbucks, and an iPod.

"I'm extremely proud of the school spirit that we have. It's such a worthy cause," said teacher Amber Layne, who helped organize the fundraiser.

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operation outreach. Operation Outreach came to St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School with entertainment and carnival-like games to raise funds for Covenant House, Free the Children and Build a Dream organized by the leadership class. Ramona Leito was the champion in the boxing ring. Staff photo by Fred Loek *Fred Loek*

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## Student Voice



Across Ontario, *SpeakUp* projects are helping students get more engaged in learning and their school community. In the program's first year, thousands of students in Grades 7-12 benefited from more than 1,900 successful projects in 950 schools.

In 2009-10, 25 Dufferin-Peel secondary schools and 24 elementary schools received grant funding from *SpeakUp*.

For 2010-11, over 96 project applications were submitted by Dufferin-Peel schools with 23 Secondary Schools and 15 Elementary Schools receiving approvals for 83 projects.

**For more information about *SpeakUp* Projects and Applications:**

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/speakup/projects.html>

### Student Advisory Council

**2011-2012 Minister's Student Advisory Council  
accepting applications now!**

**This is your opportunity to share ideas to ensure Ontario's schools  
remain among the best in the world.  
Deadline is Friday, February 18, 2011 so hurry and apply now!**

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/speakup/index.html>

The Minister's Student Advisory Council is a group of 60 students from all parts of the education system (English/French, Public/Catholic) and regions of the province.

Members share their ideas and advice with the Minister of Education on how to ensure Ontario's schools remain the best in the world.

The council is about empowering you to 'be the change.' It is an opportunity to think big, *SpeakUp* and take action to help other students across the province.

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## Regional Scholarship Awards

### **Storwell Self Storage's Foster Children Bursary**

Storwell is offering \$2,000 each year to one successful candidate who demonstrates financial need and excellence in academic and extra curricular activities. The applicant must also have been a foster child with a CAS or similar official Canadian foster care program. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Loran Awards**

The Loran Award is open to every graduating high school or cegep student from coast-to-coast. Renewable for up to four years, it includes an annual tuition waiver and a stipend of \$8,000, access to funding and internships through our summer program, invitations to annual gatherings and forums, and mentorship opportunities. [Click here for details](#)

### **ASG Bursary**

The ASG Bursary, established by the Administrative Staff Group of the Peel District School Board, recognizes an outstanding graduating student who has been accepted into a business/commerce degree program at a Canadian university. [application form](#)

### **University of Toronto National Scholarship Program**

The University of Toronto National Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate superior academic performance, original and creative thought, and exceptional achievement in a broad context. The National Scholars will be those who not only excel in academic pursuits but also have an enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and an involvement in the life of their school and community. [Click here for details](#)

### **BMO Ron Jamieson Scholarship**

The Ron Jamieson Aboriginal Scholarship and Internship Program offer scholarships and internships to Aboriginal university and college students. These internships lead to permanent roles as Commercial Account Managers, Financial Services Managers, or a role on the Wealth Management team. To learn more, view this [brochure](#).

### **Congress of Black Women Of Canada Mississauga & Area Chapter scholarship**

The Congress of Black Women of Canada, Mississauga and Area Chapter is giving out a scholarship to honour the academic achievements of our youth and to encourage them to

# Awards & Activity Points

•HOME Codes and Point Ranges

## Awards Celebrations

October: Awards Assembly

November: Commencement

May: Activity Banquet

AWARD	Description
Cawthra Park Scholar	Cawthra Park Scholars are identified as follows: Grades 9 & 10 – A total of 320 marks in 4 credits; Grades 11 & 12 – A total of 240 marks in the best 3 credits. Depending on the grade level, a student must successfully complete a minimum of 3 or 4 full credits in the semester to be eligible for consideration. Cawthra Park Scholars will be identified after each report card. Activity points are awarded for being a Cawthra Park Scholar once per semester. The above criteria apply only to courses taken at Cawthra Park between September and June.
Subject Awards	Subject Awards for non-graduates are presented at our Awards Assembly held during the day in October. Each Area of Study in the school has its own criteria for recommending award winners. All consider academic achievement as the main guideline, but various other factors play an important role in the final decision.
Special Awards	Cawthra Park has a number of unique or special awards which are given out at our annual Awards Assembly and Commencement. Students in their senior years should review this list and discuss eligibility with their counsellor. For full list and details, see the Cawthra Park website.
Special Scholarships	There are many special scholarships available through The Peel District School Board and companies/organizations in our community. Be sure to ask your counsellor for information.
Activity Points	<p>The activity points program is designed to encourage and reward student participation in the areas of athletics, arts, citizenship and academic excellence. Points are given on the basis of effort, attitude, achievement, attendance, and outlay of time on the part of the individual in the given activity. There will be a maximum number of points that can be earned for a single event regardless of the many different jobs a student may undertake for that event. We wish to acknowledge the ongoing work of Mr. J. Sparling, retired Cawthra staff member, and current staff member, Ms. S. Graham, for her assistance in recording the points. Points submissions are due no later than May 1st.</p> <p><b>Athletic Medallion</b> Awarded to those students who earn 80 points or more for athletics.  <i>Inter-School sports:</i> Coaches may award 0-15 points for a major sport, or 0-8 points for a minor sport. Additional points may be awarded for each sport as follows: Peel finalist, 0-2; Peel champion, 0-3; OFSAA champion, 0-3.            Student Coach/Manager: 0-15  <i>Game Officials:</i> ½ point/game to a maximum of 3 points per sport per year.  <i>Intramural activities:</i> Students may gain 1/2 point per game to a maximum of 3 points per sport per year. An intramural championship is worth an extra 2 points. <u>The total points a student may be awarded in all intramurals shall not exceed 20 per year.</u>            Granted at the Activity Banquet.</p>

## Quebec students experience Mississauga culture

Julia Le  
June 3, 2010

A delegation of students from a Quebec high school visited Mississauga recently as part of an exchange program for youth aged 12-17. From May 25-31, about 15 students from Polyvalente La Samare high school in Plessisville spent a week with the families of Dolphin Senior Public School students to experience a different culture. The exchange, partly funded by the Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada (SEVEC), aims to connect schools in different regions to provide them with an experiential learning opportunity. The hope is that participating students will gain respect and understanding of Canadian diversity.

Dolphin teacher John Foote, who has facilitated three such exchanges since 1993, said the program provides a great opportunity for students to broaden their horizons.

"I know from my own experience living in Quebec for three years and Poland for six and a half years how valuable this kind of experience can be for someone," said Foote, who opened his own home to exchange students. "Even though it's just a week, it can make a big difference. There's no substitute for sitting down and talking to someone when you want to know a culture."

Last February, he said, he and his students travelled to Plessisville and stayed at the homes of students there. Participating students were matched up based on similar interests, which helped them connect and build a new friendship.

In Plessisville, the Dolphin students enjoyed activities including ice fishing, attending the Carnaval de Québec and exploring Quebec City.

In return, the Quebec students were taken to Canada's Wonderland, Niagara Falls and Queen's Park in Toronto when they came to visit. They also experienced a busy day in Mississauga, going on a nature walk at The Riverwood Conservancy, doing yoga at Kariya Park, playing soccer at the Hershey Centre, playing pick-up basketball at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre, playing games at Playdium and having dinner at a Square One restaurant.

Foote said it was a positive experience for all those involved.

"It's about finding the opportunity to connect and speak, to discover culture and to discover how big our country is and practice target language," he said.

Foote plans to organize another exchange in 2012.

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Queen's Park. Dolphin Senior Public School students and their families hosted a delegation of students from Polyvalente La Samare high school in Plessisville, Quebec when they came to visit for a week recently. It was part of a home-stay exchange program for youth between the ages of 12 and 17. Here, the students are visiting Queen's Park in Toronto with their supervising teachers. *Supplied*

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## Band hopes to send message

Henry Chau  
 October 27, 2010

Mississauga native Eddie Ruiter and his band, Aberdeen, are playing high schools across Canada in an effort to send a positive message to youth.

While the band is waiting — and hoping — to be signed to a record deal, members are happy to take their music, described as mostly pop/rock, to as many Canadian teens as possible.

They say the high school tour will likely wrap up in January. After that, they'd like to host a few shows in Mississauga.

"One of our goals for the band is to be signed. However, at the moment, we just released our new album, the Less Than Three EP, and we just plan to continue our high school touring," said Ruiter, a Cawthra Park Secondary School graduate who plays keyboards for the band, which he joined about a year ago. "We want to inform youth about positive things such as love and relationships. Also, a lot of youth grow up with different problems. We want to be there to talk to them about their problems and lend a helping hand."

Ruiter, who started playing piano at a young age, but always loved the guitar, graduated from Humber College's music program. He majored in piano.

Shortly thereafter, he auditioned as a bass guitarist for Aberdeen.

"We tried Eddie out at guitar, but wow! — did he blow us away (with his other talents)," said band member Adam Dugas. "We knew he had musical talents in piano and programming as well. He's known as the blessing from the sky to us. He's just so talented all around."

Aberdeen has seen a few lineup changes since its inception a couple of years ago. But they seem to have found the right mix in the last year.

"We're a pretty close group," Ruiter said.

Aberdeen was featured as the house band on Disney Channel movie, *Camp Rock II*, playing alongside stars Demi Lovoto and the Jonas Brothers this past summer.



**Touring.** Keyboardist Eddie Ruiter and his band, Aberdeen, are playing high schools across Canada. *Supplied photo*

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# Success Plan

•HOME •Detailed Plan (coming soon)

## mission

At Cawthra Park, our mission is to foster a love of learning in our students through academics, arts, athletics and citizenship by providing a positive environment characterized by individuality, integrity and continuous growth that nurtures compassion and community.

## vision

We are a community of interdependent learners preparing for a dynamic future in life and work.

## values

To realize our mission and vision, we value:

- o respect and inclusivity
- o engagement and collaboration
- o creativity
- o responsibility
- o individual and collective success

## staff

### commitments

Because we value success for all students, the staff commit to:

1. Creating and nurturing a safe, and positive classroom and school environment in which all students can learn.
2. Modeling a variety of effective teaching practices that support the individual learning styles, needs, and interests of all students.
3. Encouraging and supporting all students to reach their full potential.
4. Maintaining a positive attitude and providing a variety of opportunities to support student success.

## student

### commitments

Because we value success, the students commit to taking responsibility for their own learning and behaviour by:

1. Attending all classes regularly and on time
2. Respecting the school values
3. Communicating with teachers and parents about their progress
4. Engaging regularly in self-reflection, self-assessment, and peer assessment

## parent

### commitments

Because we value success for all students, the parents commit to modeling the principle of shared responsibility by:

1. Providing a supportive learning environment at home
2. Maintaining ongoing communication with their child and school staff about student learning
3. Actively supporting their child's learning (e.g., student agenda, school website)

5. Contributing to on-going professional learning opportunities to support student success

5. Participating in school events



# What is Comprehensive School Health?

School communities are an ideal setting to promote healthy behaviours for staff and students. Peel Public Health works in partnership with school communities to work on health issues under the Comprehensive School Health model.

Comprehensive School Health (CSH) is a best practice model consisting of:

**Quality Programs Instruction:** Education of students, parents and school staff on key health topics.

**Safe Physical Environment:** Creating a safe school environment.

**Healthy Social Environment:** Fostering supportive networks among students, families and the school community.

**Community Partnerships:** Co-ordinating preventive health services and including Peel Police, Parks and Recreation and other community agencies.

Comprehensive School Health is a way of working with school communities to identify and address issues affecting the health and well-being of school staff, students, parents and community members. This approach "includes a broad spectrum of activities and services which take place in schools and their surrounding communities in order to enable children and youth to enhance their health, to develop to their fullest potential and to establish productive and satisfying relationships in their present and future lives." (Canadian Association for School Health, 2006)

Peel Public Health supports the Comprehensive School Health approach for health promotion initiatives in schools. The goal of Comprehensive School Health is to create environments for children to develop healthy life-long behaviours. Students, parents, school staff and community partners are actively involved in this community development process.

Some benefits of this approach are:

- Shared ownership and inclusiveness
- Collaboration
- Consistent messages
- Sustainable impact

## What is the role of Peel Public Health in CSH?

Public Health Nurses work as health consultants to schools in a geographic area to:

- Assist your school community in identifying health and wellness issues,
- Explore ways of enhancing your current health related school initiatives,
- Collaborate with your school community to develop and implement an action plan to best meet your school health needs.

All right You Asked For It!

If you're a student—especially a student in Peel—then you're in the right place. The **Student Stuff** section is for you — for your needs. Think of it as your space on the Peel District School Board site. (But parents are welcome too.)

Surf and find learning links to cool places with homework help, discover how to be a political powerhouse for a day in the Model United Nations and make contact with your voice on the board-student trustees.

Want something changed? Something you'd like to add to the site? **Speak up** — send us your comments.

The Peel board recognizes that email is a valuable communication tool that is widely used across our society. As such, staff and students are encouraged to use e-mail to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of communication both within the organization and with the broader community. See the board's email guidelines.

## Learning beyond the classroom

Chart Your Course - Explore Your Future Direction, a 2011-12 course guide for Peel secondary schools, lists and describes all of the courses each secondary school offers. Included is information on regional and specialized programs, night school classes and board and ministry policies related to secondary education.

Register today for the 3rd annual Your Canada: *Student leadership in our diverse country*. This event is open to all middle and secondary school newcomer and English Language Learners (ELL) students who may benefit from attending the forum.

Co-operative Education is a planned learning experience in the community for secondary school students.

Find out about healthy changes coming to school cafeterias in September 2011 and download resources to spread the word at your school.

Youth in Action is a one-time grant opportunity focused on youth-led projects that offer creative youth-initiated ideas to address community issues in Peel Region. Youth and/or groups of youth between the ages of 14 and 24 are encouraged to submit an application. Requests can be made for up to \$2,000 per project. A total of \$20,000 funded by United Way of Peel Region and the Region of Peel is available for distribution through this granting opportunity.

### Dual Credit Program at Sheridan and Humber

**ALERT-** Beginning August 29, 2011, all applications must be sent to Namita Sawh, Office Assistant, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, at [namita.sawh@peelsb.com](mailto:namita.sawh@peelsb.com), or by fax 905-890-3298.

### Regional Co-op Program

Specialist High Skills Majors allow students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements to graduate from secondary school.

Get on the skills fast-track. OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) helps you get a head start on a career in the skilled trades. You can become a registered apprentice while still in secondary school by enrolling in co-operative education and working in a trade placement.

Summer School Co-op – Co-operative education allows students to learn about career choices, gain valuable work experience and earn credits toward graduation. Registration begins in April. Students must register at their day school.

Peel Summer Academy – unique summer residential programs for identified Exceptional Intellectual-Gifted youth in grades 4 to 10 held at various locations across Canada, including Newfoundland and British Columbia!



The COOL Conference, Cawthra's Outlook on Leadership conference, is on for Nov 8th. Students who attend will participate in workshops on teamwork, communication and social awareness. These themes will be presented through games and activities in small group settings. Grade 9s and 10s are invited to sign up for participation. Grade 11s and 12s are invited to apply for leadership positions. Come join the fun and ignite your leadership potential. Information, applications and permission forms are available at the student counter or at the Student Council Website. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

## WHO WE ARE

### Free family festival celebrates EcoSchools, promotes sustainable living

The Peel board's 49 certified EcoSchools were recognized in a big way at *Ecofest*, a free, family festival that took place on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at the Britannia Farm in Mississauga. Through live entertainment, interactive activities and workshops, *Ecofest* highlighted the great work happening in schools and across the region to protect our environment, and offered more ideas for sustainable living.

The award-winning event is a collaborative project with support from organizations across Peel, including the Region of Peel, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Toronto and Region Conservation and more.

### Youth can make a difference

5,000 students unite for global change at *Leadership Now!*

On Nov. 18 and 19, 2010, 5,000 Peel board students came together at the Peel board's *Leadership Now!* conference to be empowered to make a difference in the world. The conference is part of the Peel board's *Student Leadership for Global Development* program which is produced with the support of the Government of Canada through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).



All right You Asked For It!

**Peel District School Board**  
**Going above and beyond**  
**Tips for becoming an effective youth leader**



Today's youth represent a new generation of leaders. You will help shape the world you and your peers live in today and in the future.

Becoming a role model has never been easier! It all starts by thinking like a leader. Then, simply take on a small, but important activity in your school or community. Once you have some experience, you can begin to look for new and challenging activities to build your skills.

### **Why should you become a leader?**

Great leaders, first and foremost, are great motivators. They use their vitality and enthusiasm to set goals worth achieving. When you take on more responsibility, you have the ability to make things happen. You will feel a great sense of accomplishment helping to achieve worthwhile goals. By developing your own leadership skills, you will unleash your potential. You will quickly begin to see the rewards of your efforts and discover ways to build on your success.

By going above and beyond the call of duty, you will:

- learn more about people, how to motivate them and gain confidence to deal with difficult situations
- develop communication skills to actively participate in meetings and discussions
- increase your social awareness as you learn more about school, community and global issues
- explore your own strengths
- develop skills to broaden your experiences

### **What does it take to be a good leader?**

First, you need to have a strong desire to take action and try new things. To be successful, you must embrace lifelong learning and never believe you have all the answers. You will gain confidence, not by acting alone, but by involving more people to work toward a common goal. Only then can you build on the unique strengths of the team you have working with you.

Effective leaders:

- propose positive activities
- express themselves effectively
- think fast and retain composure under pressure
- demonstrate compassion and empathy at all times
- make personal contact at every opportunity
- use their imagination



## Group promised school board cash

Roger Belgrave  
August 30, 2010

A fledgling community initiative intended to improve services for local children and youth has been pledged more than \$60,000 in support from the Peel District School Board.

Trustees have agreed to give the Peel Children and Youth Initiative (PCYI) \$63,000 to help cover start-up costs. The financial support is contingent on funding also coming from the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Region of Peel.

PCYI is being organized as an amalgamation of private, public, volunteer, coalition and collaborative Peel groups all working together for the well-being of children and youth (birth to age 24) in the region. A similar group, organized several years ago under the name Success By Six, advocates for children aged six and younger. Creators of the initiative want to integrate regional services for children and youth. The goal is to improve overall effectiveness and efficiency of the system, while allowing children and youth to have a voice.

Organizers want to reduce duplication among the close to 100 programs and agencies in Peel serving children and youth, identify service gaps, advocate for new services and assist with implementing new services.

Representatives of the group approached local school boards last January seeking financial backing and at the time received a commitment in principle and spirit from the Peel Board, if not dollars.

Peel Board education director Tony Pontes is serving as a co-chair of the organization while the search is on for an executive director.

The Catholic school board is still considering a request for about \$37,000. Funding from the school boards is proportional to student enrollment levels.

Regional officials are scheduled to discuss providing \$110,000 in annual funding for the group at a Sept. 9 Council meeting.

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#### 5th Annual Mississauga Youth Games, T.L. Kennedy Secondary School (Mississauga)

You are invited to take part in the 5th annual Mississauga Youth Games on **Sunday October 3rd, 2010** at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School. This Olympic inspired event is open to all young people in grades 6, 7, and 8 as of October 2010. Taking part in the Mississauga Youth Games requires no experience and is completely FREE.

Each athlete must also participate in ONE free training camp day before participating in the main competition (see registration form for details). A light snack will be provided but we recommend bringing a packed lunch

Events take place over the course of one day, during which time each athlete will compete in two sports. The day will end with our closing ceremonies and awards presentation.

Compete in any of the following sports:

- Basketball
- Flag Football
- Floor Hockey
- Soccer
- Track
- Volleyball

*Lunch and beverages will be provided during our main competition day. Athletes will also receive a free team jersey.*

Family and friends are welcome to join us in the Athlete's Village to take part in other fun activities.

**TO REGISTER AN ATHLETE, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE.**

**Sunday, October 03rd, 2010**  
09:00 AM - 04:00 PM

**Cost:**  
FREE

**Categories:**  
Sports & Recreation

**Location:**  
T.L. Kennedy Secondary School  
3100 Hurontario Street  
Mississauga, Canada L5B 4J7

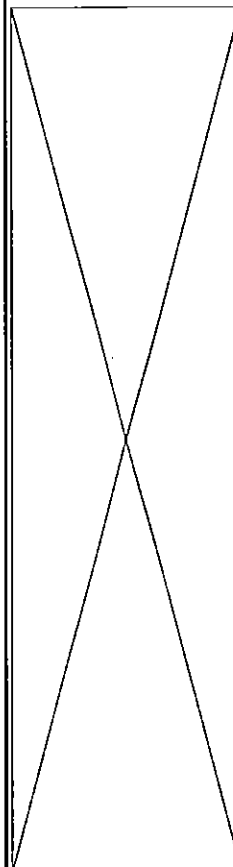
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## ACORN COMMUNITY OUT REACH NETWORK

A Collaborative of the Residents and Community Agencies at Acorn Place in Mississauga  
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### ACORN Program Committee Meeting November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

#### AGENDA

**Committee Members Expected:** Ryan Clunas, Debbie Bhagoutie, Gary Faris, Megan Koch, Michele Keefe, Denise Campbell, Connie Breen, Michael Dzis, Jane Kempe, Mandi Shiomi, Paola Charles, Sheri Wiggins, Amy Towers, Kristina Zietsma, Stachen Frederick, Stephanie Mayers, Laura Simpson, Barbara Makuch, Officer Hemant Sharma, Olesya Gryn, Bill Judges, Anne Taylor-Price, Beatrice O'Brien, Lynda Graham and Erica Taylor

**Invitees:** Debbie Robb

Agenda Item & Time Allotted	Purpose (A=Action needed, D=Discussion I=Information)	Presenter
1. Approve Agenda (5 min.)	(A) Welcome guests, approve agenda (modify if needed)	Stephanie
2. Conflict of Interest	(A) Declaration of any Conflict of Interest by Committee Members	Everyone
3. Approve Previous Minutes a) Address business arising from minutes (10 min.)	(A) Review minutes from October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 meeting for accuracy. Amend if needed and approve	Stephanie
4. Communications SubCommittee	Discussion	Gary
5. Health Smiles	Discussion	Debbie Robb
6. Program/Agency Updates a) ACORN b) Breakfast Club c) Boys and Girls Clubs of Peel Region d) Peel Regional Police e) Children's Services – FLP f) LION g) Frank McKechnie h) Schools: • Nahani Way i) Human Services – ROP • Employment Services • Peel Living	(I) Updates on programs for the past month and information about the upcoming month	Debbie B. Debbie B./ Megan Debbie B Officer Sharma Megan Lynda Amy/Kristina  Michael/Mandi/Paola  Denise Sheri/Stephanie/Ryan

## Youth awarded in Policing Initiative

Chad Hackl  
September 1, 2010

A summer of duty has come to an end for 15 high school students who went to work as part of the Peel Regional Police Youth in Policing Initiative.

The Mississauga and Brampton students, who were hired for summer placement jobs to familiarize themselves with the rules, roles and responsibilities of being a Peel police employee, were exposed to many facets of police work. They worked in police training facilities and with marine tactical units, oversaw court proceedings, recorded traffic enforcement tickets for police computer systems and one even worked on a shooting range.

Last Friday, they were commended for their services at a barbecue and presentation at the Emil V. Kolb Centre for Police Excellence in Brampton.

"The program really shows that there is more to police work than driving in a car," said Det. Steve Jones, youth crime coordinator for Peel police. "There's a lot behind the scenes."

The program, in its second year in Peel and funded by Ontario's Ministry of Child and Youth Services, is open to students between ages 14-17 who have an interest in policing. Some 40 students applied for the position this past summer through their schools, thanks to a partnership between Peel police and the Peel and Dufferin-Peel Catholic district school boards.

"I just decided to become a police officer about five months ago," said Avinash Siewsingh, 18, who graduated this year from Lincoln M. Alexander Secondary School in Malton. He'll attend Humber College this fall, where he's enrolled in the Police Foundations program.

Students had to complete two separate placements at different divisions, units and bureaus throughout the region.

Sarah Choudry, 16, spent time at the Emil V. Kolb Centre and said the experience was nothing like she had anticipated.

"At one point, they had me doing inventory at the shooting range," said Choudry, who's starting Grade 12 at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School. "I even got to shoot a gun."

Added Peel Sgt. Mike Emory: "For the most part, we just hope that the youth were able to take away life and leadership skills from all of this."



**Taking the Initiative.** The Peel Regional Police Youth in Police Initiative program had 15 participants who earned summer jobs. They were awarded certificates last Friday at the Emil V. Kolb Centre for Police Excellence. Posing with the group are Insp. Chris McCord (left), Deputy Chief Paul Tetzlaff (centre), Chaplain Curtis Hinds (right) and Sgt. Mike Emory (third from right). *Staff photo by Fred Loek*

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## Ceremony recognizes community spirit

Julia Le

September 27, 2011

Residents from Sunrise Senior Living and students from Glenforest Secondary School yesterday celebrated the success of a vegetable garden they created together.

Gathering outside the retirement home on Burnhamthorpe Rd., they took part in a dedication ceremony which saw the installation of a legacy rock that marks the partnership they've built since May.

The garden is one of three Miracle-Gro Discovery Gardens in the Greater Toronto Area sponsored by Scotts Canada, producer of lawn, garden and outdoor living products and services like Miracle-Gro plant food.

Sunrise executive director Luca Kamber said it was great to see the two groups working together to grow beets, grape tomatoes and lettuce for the retirement home.

"We've created lots of salads and lots of vegetable soups," she said.

Kamber adds that the residents really enjoyed spending time with the teenagers.

"Typically, they're around themselves and their own age group so it's always great when we add a little bit of youth," she said.

Glenforest teachers Kathleen Walsh and Heather

Howald said it was a great opportunity for nearly 20 of their students to take part in a community project.

The school was approached by Sunrise Senior Living and Scotts Canada to partner with them.

"For my students, most of what they experience is negative. So to come here and do something positive ... feel like they're contributing, it's really important," said Howald, who teaches a special life skills program for high-risk students.

Walsh adds that it's a new experience as many students don't really get a chance to garden.

Howald said the students were really engaged with finding out what plants they could grow at their own home.

As a bonus, they also earned their community service hours in high school.

Rayon Allison said he reaped the benefits of helping create and maintain the garden.

The Grade 12 student said not only was it a "good experience working on the garden and helping out the seniors," but it also helped him get a co-op placement at Sheridan Nurseries. Now he also has a part-time job at the nursery. He hopes to pursue a career in landscaping.

Vegetables from the garden were also donated to St. Mary's Food Bank.

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**P-Discovery Garden 2.jpg.** Students from Glenforest Secondary School pose for a picture Monday (Sept. 26) with Sunrise Senior Living staff after a dedication ceremony which saw the installation of a legacy rock that marks the partnership they've built since May through a vegetable garden. Centre and to the right of the tree is Maryann Dionne, a Seneca College horticultural student who also helped with the garden. *Staff photo by Julia Le*

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## Youth Education Bureau

### Goals and Objective

Youth Education Officers work in partnership with the Region of Peel Health Department, the Peel District School and the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Boards to create a positive and safe learning environment within the elementary school system.

In collaboration with the French Catholic and the French Public School Boards, the Youth Education Bureau also provides presentations in the French speaking schools. In addition, any other schools within the region can contact the Youth Education Bureau to request presentations.

### Role and Function

#### Youth Education Bureau

The Officers of the Youth Education Bureau are responsible for initiating the S.A.F.E., (Schools Against Fearful Environments) programs to their individual schools. This is a program in which staff, parents and the police work together to ensure a safe environment at school and in the community. Through a team approach, students are given a voice in their school. Each school will be able to address its own particular concerns. These concerns will then be resolved through a focused plan of action.

Presentations on a host of safety related topics, including victimization, crime prevention, Internet Safety and youth crime are made.

#### R.A.I.D – Reduce Abuse in Drugs

Project R.A.I.D., Reduce Abuse in Drugs, is a seven-part drug education and awareness program delivered by four dedicated officers. Workbooks, weekly video presentations and homework are all part of this initiative.

#### The Peel Children's Safety Village

The Peel Children's Safety Village, receives students in grades 1, 3 and 5 to challenge students knowledge of road safety and personal safety.

### Current Initiatives

Each officer is assigned approximately 30 schools and they deliver various presentations and participate in special events hosted by their schools. This ongoing initiative lasts the entire school year from September to June.

### Community Resource

School Administrators, teachers, parents and community groups may contact the Youth Education Bureau for further information. (905) 453-3311, ext: 3625

### Program Offering

Programs offered at the Peel Children's Safety Village are for grades 1, 3 and 5. A fun educational trip to our unique facility your class will enjoy! To book, contact the Peel Children's Safety Village at (905) 453-3311 Ext 4072. If your class is unable to attend, your Youth Education Officer has similar lessons that may be requested.

#### Kindergarten

- Community Helpers

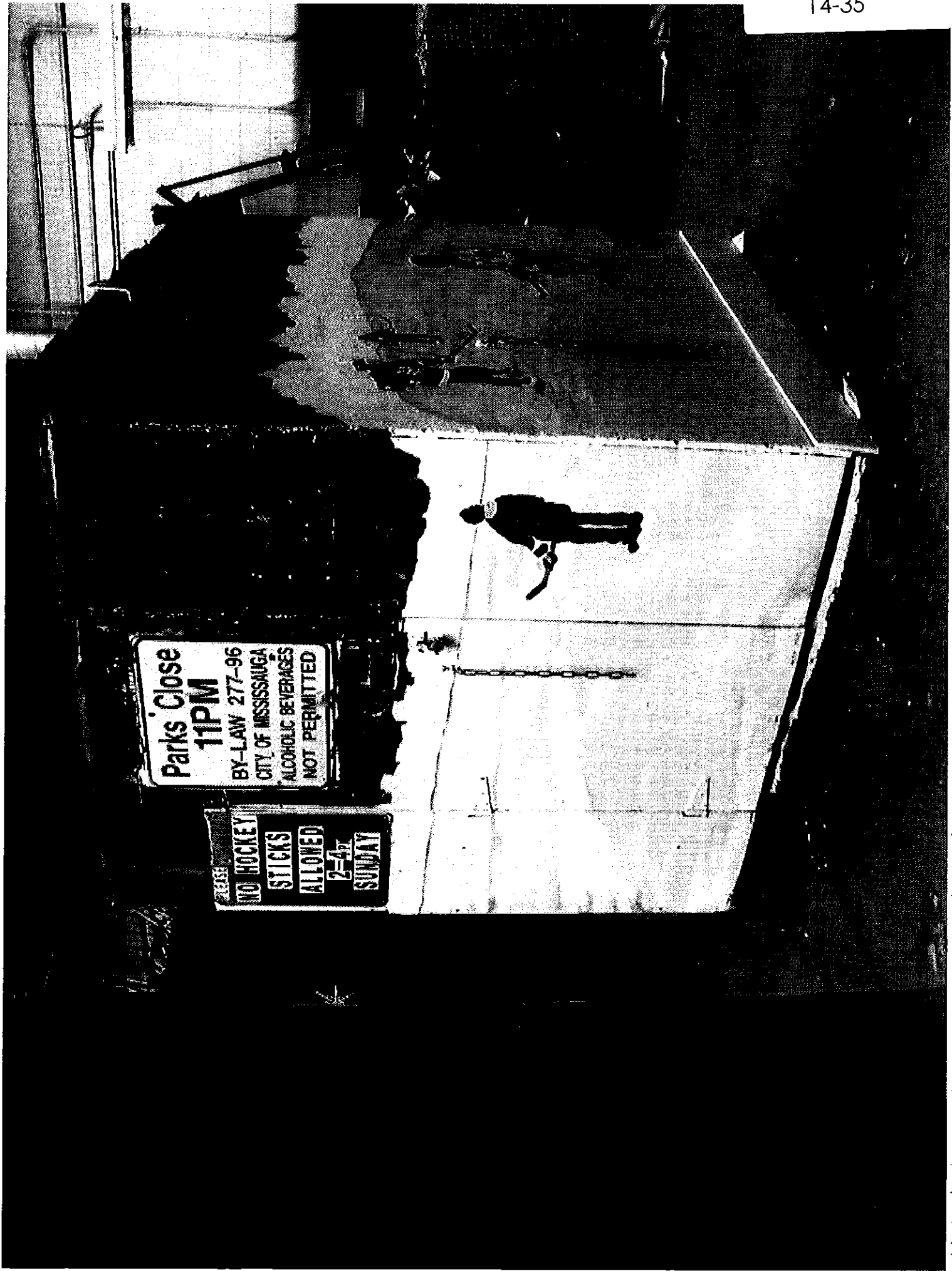
#### Grade One

- Bullying
- Peel Children's Safety Village offers, Street Proofing/ Pedestrian Safety & Stranger Awareness (October, November, December, March and May)

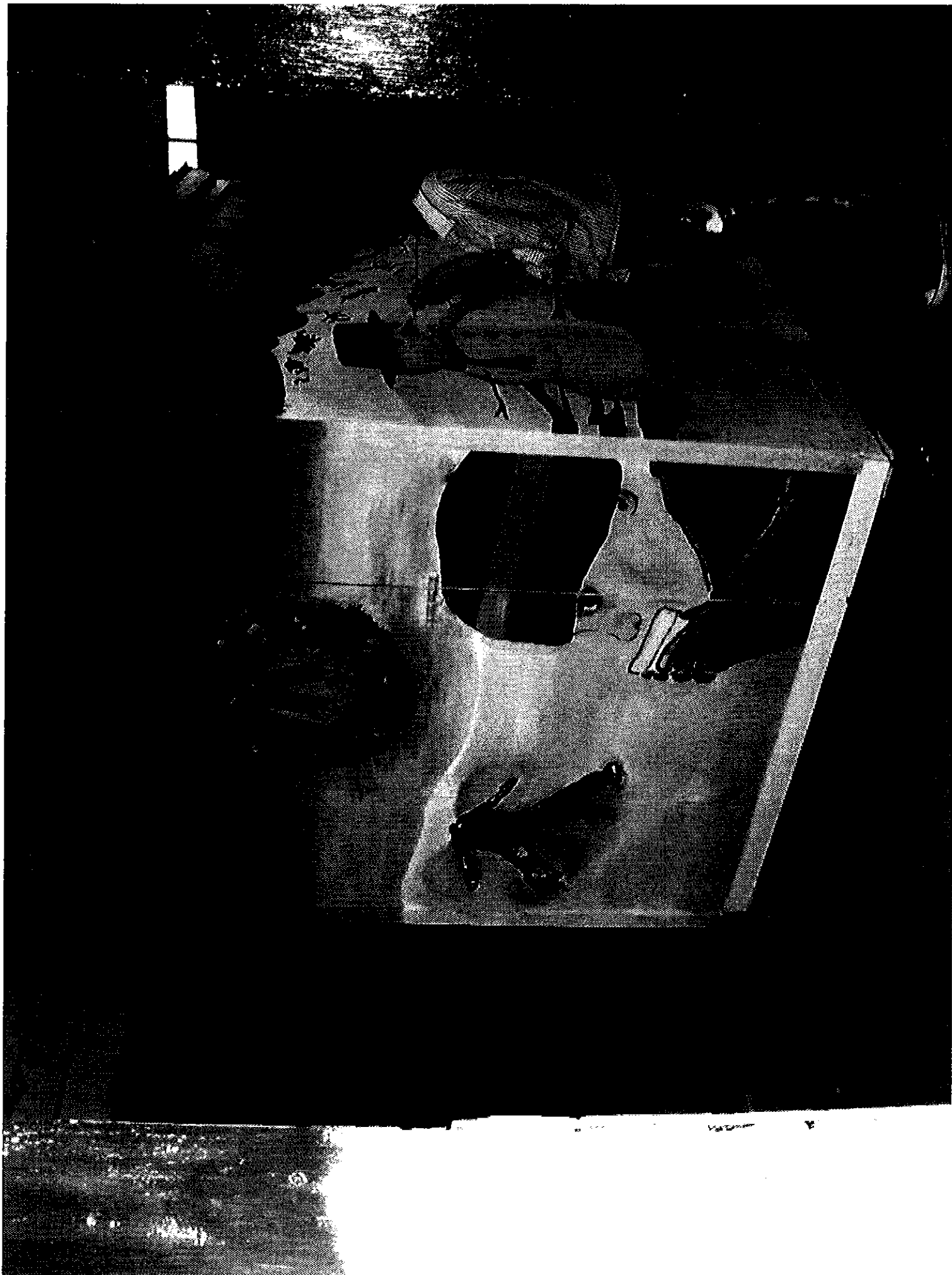
#### Grade Two

- Bullying
- Street Proofing

#### Grade Three



highschool students worked w/ Rec & Parks to paint storage huts from parks - huge success, positive feedback





## Newcomers learn about school

Julie Slack

August 12, 2010

A fifth school will offer a newcomer orientation program in Mississauga this summer.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has offered Newcomer Orientation Week (NOW) at four schools in Peel for several years. This year, it has added a program at St. Martin Secondary School in Erin Mills. It's also available at Father Michael Goetz, Ascension of Our Lord and Our Lady of Mount Carmel secondary schools in Mississauga and St. Edmund Campion Secondary School in Brampton.

The school-based orientation program for newcomer secondary students is organized by Multicultural, Settlement and Education Partnership (MSEP), and includes teachers, settlement workers, and peer leaders - fellow students who were newcomers in previous years. It runs for three-and-a-half days.

Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the program familiarizes newcomer youth with school routines and gives them an idea of what school will be like once they start in September.

"The NOW program gives newcomer youth a head start in their new school by familiarizing them with the school building and routines, linking them to students already attending the school, and orienting them to sources of help, as well as the "culture" of the Ontario educational system," said Joanna Kubica, a student settlement support officer with the board.

Program activities include group discussions on strategies for success, school scavenger hunt, dramatic scenes by peer leaders on what helped them adjust to their new school, visits to library and community centres, simulated timetable exercise and discussions about graduation requirements and support systems in the school. Newcomer students interested in participating in the NOW program can call 905-361-2344.

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## Students embrace their culture

Julie Slack

November 9, 2010

Students new to Peel were told today to embrace and be proud of their culture, since it gives them a leg up on people who were born in Canada.

Harmony Movement, a non-profit equality group, engaged more than 250 middle school students from the Peel District School Board at the HJA Brown Education Centre during the second annual New North: Exploring Youth Identity in Canada conference.

"You guys already know a second language, a second culture. It's a special privilege to be a newcomer," said one of the group's program officers, Rima Dib.

A charitable organization that encourages Canadians of all racial, cultural and religious origins to embrace and promote harmony and diversity, Harmony Movement led students through workshops empowering them to question and challenge biases, foster pride in their identity and interact with students across the board.

The event was also a chance to explore their leadership potential, and that's something two Thomas Street Middle School teachers said is especially important.

Both English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers, they said the 21 students attending the conference showed leadership abilities, and that will enable them to share what they learn with fellow students.

Violet Nessler said she wants the students to realize that being new to Canada is a strength.

"I don't speak English and I'm not like everyone else' is a positive thing," she said. "I want the students to see that it's a benefit to them in life."

She added students have a chance to talk about things like common frustrations, respect and empowerment.

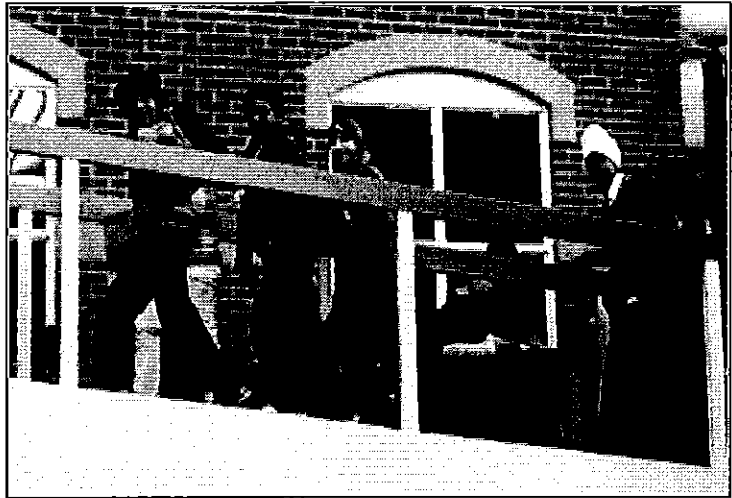
"Newcomers have so many benefits. They've already mastered another culture, which makes their horizon so much broader," Nessler said. "Don't be ashamed. We hope they'll learn to feel pride rather than shame."

The Board's director of education, Tony Pontes, told students of his own experience as a newcomer to Canada from Portugal in the early '60s. He said he didn't speak a word of English.

"It's hard at first, but it gets easier," he said. "Diversity is the one thing all Canadians have in common. This event is about seeing it for the strength it is. Peel students can make a difference here and abroad, as leaders."

The two-day conference continues Wednesday, when some 350 high school students will participate.

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**Diverse cultures.** Over 500 students took part in the Peel District School Board's workshop for newcomer students, held Tuesday at the HJA Brown Education Centre. Staff photo by Fred Loek

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May 5, 2010

## **Peel students and teachers celebrate diversity, harmony, legacy and opportunity at *Spotlight on Asian Heritage***

Hundreds of Peel District School Board students and teachers will take part in two *Spotlight on Asian Heritage* events on May 10 and 17 at the HJA Brown Education Centre in Mississauga. Harmony Movement will facilitate the events, which will feature a number of interactive activities that will help participants dispel myths about Asian culture and learn more about its traditions and achievements.

Participants will also be given educational tools and leadership strategies that they can use in both school and social settings. Kindergarten to grade 6 students will attend the presentation on May 10 and students in grades 7 to 12 will attend on May 17.

"This annual leadership event brings students and teachers from different schools and cultures together to learn about the rich history of Asian Canadians," says Tony Pontes, director of education. "It's one of the many events being held throughout Peel during the month of May to celebrate Asian Heritage Month."

On May 17, local dance agency Fit2dance will be at Shaw Public School in Brampton for a school-wide Bollywood dance session. On May 18, Fletcher's Creek Senior Public School students will visit Caledon Central Public School to take part in a number of cultural activities, including teaching grade 7 students how to play cricket. On May 20, Floradale Public School in Mississauga will host *Soar to Success with Asian Heritage*, an evening program where students, parents and community members will participate in song, dance, spoken word and music.

The Government of Canada officially recognized May as Asian Heritage Month in 2002. It provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Asian Canadians to the growth and prosperity of Canada.

Harmony Movement is a not-for-profit organization that was created to promote diversity and combat all forms of discrimination that act as social and cultural barriers to individuals' full participation in society. They empower youth to become leaders for social change by implementing diversity education in schools and communities.

Both *Spotlight on Asian Heritage* events will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The HJA Brown Education Centre is located at 5650 Hurontario Street in Mississauga. Shaw Public School is located at 10 Father Tobin Road in Brampton. Floradale Public School is located at 210 Paisley Boulevard W. in Mississauga.

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## Pursuing her passion

What do the words determined, persistent, mature and leader have in common? They can all be used to describe West Credit Secondary School's **Christerbell Brown**. The 15-year-old grade 10 student is currently in West Credit's special education vocation 1 program, working towards a certificate of education.

Brown's passion in school and in life is hairdressing—a skill her mother taught her as a child. Her family's influence has helped make her the hard-working person she is today. Whether she's washing, blow-drying, curling hair or cleaning up, she never stops working until the job is done.

"Not only is she a perfectionist, but she genuinely cares about others and always goes the extra mile to make people happy," says Technical Studies department head Traci Erkkila. "She's the first one to help out a classmate in need and always the last one to leave the classroom."

While she aspires to open her own salon one day, Brown is happy to be where she is right now. "I chose to come to West Credit because they offer cosmetology," says Brown. "I look forward to coming to school everyday because the teachers really take the time to answer all of my questions and do whatever it takes to help me succeed."

In addition to traditional academic courses and opportunities in the arts and physical and health education, West Credit offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of all students, including skilled trades in areas such as automotive, construction, child care, cosmetology, manufacturing, landscape and horticulture, and hospitality and tourism. For more information about West Credit Secondary School, call 905-858-3087. For more information about special education programs in the Peel board, call 905-890-1010/1-800-668-1146 ext 2345.

*"I look forward to coming to school everyday because the teachers... do whatever it takes to help me succeed."*

## Alternative programs designed with student success in mind

We know every child has the ability to learn and succeed, which is why we are always looking for new ways to make sure we are able to engage our students. Peel Alternative Schools run many programs focused on meeting the needs of each student:

### Foundations Program

Students in the Foundations Program are 16 to 20 years old, in grade 9 or 10, and are considered at risk of dropping out of school, or are returning to school with few compulsory credits. Students benefit from small class sizes and individual attention while they work towards an average of three credits per semester.

### Fresh Start Suspension and Expulsion Programs

Students under suspension or expulsion from a Peel board school who are motivated to change their behaviour can attend Fresh Start. Through the programs, student continue academic studies while learning the skills required to be successful in school, in relationships and in the community.

### Senior Elementary and Intermediate Alternative Programs

These programs are designed for students who are at risk of dropping out of school. Through smaller classes and more individual attention, students develop improved social skills and attitudes towards school and society.

### Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)

Students in the SAL program are 14 to 17 years old. Through the program, students complete a life skills course and gain practical experience through working at an approved job. Students can also continue academic studies during the program, and can return to their home school at any time.

### Temporary External Learning Link (TELL)

The TELL program provides an alternative learning environment for students who are 16 to 20 years old, in grade 10 to 12, and who require a flexible schedule because of family or work commitments. Students work independently and normally attend school for two hours per course per week.

*"It's an honour to work with such intelligent and motivated young women."*

# Your Time Counts

## Your time counts!

Did you know you must complete 40 hours of volunteer work to graduate?

All student must complete 40 hours of community involvement to graduate with a diploma. You can start accumulating hours in the summer before grade 9. Try to complete your 40 hours by the end of grade 10.

Think of volunteering as an opportunity to learn more about yourself and possible career opportunities. Gain self-confidence and work experience that will help you get jobs in the future.



Ministry guidelines have established eligible and ineligible activities for the community involvement requirement. Students and parents must follow these guidelines.

Here are some great places to start looking for volunteer opportunities:

- Check out our [volunteer job board](#).
- Contact [Volunteering Peel](#), a student-run organization that works with community groups and event organizers to provide volunteers where needed.
- Contact Volunteer MBC, a volunteer centre that promotes volunteering within Peel region and offers a volunteer referral service for all ages.  
Phone: 905-238-2622 or visit [www.volunteermbc.org](http://www.volunteermbc.org).
- Visit [40hours.ca](http://40hours.ca), a website designed to provide students with resources to find a meaningful volunteer position

What students need to know ([flyer](#))

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# POCOCK PRESENTS...



Chaplaincy Leader, Scott Smalridge & Vice Principal, Donovan Patterson, welcoming students to the movie night



Pirates: Mikaela, Elaina, Iryna & Larisha



Mlah & Angelique, helping out

**D**ressed in their best pirate attire, students from Phillip Pockock Catholic Secondary School came to watch their Hollywood pirate counterparts at the school's Inaugural Outdoor Movie Night. With lawn-chairs and blankets in tow, students generously donated non-perishable food donations to Mississauga Food Bank, while enjoying a screening of "Pirates of the Caribbean". The event, held in conjunction with Phillip Pockock Secondary School and the local church community, brought together great entertainment and help for an amazing cause. Students celebrated the start of the school year, while at the same time, remembering those in need, in preparation to giving thanks this October. Who would have thought pirates could be so generous?

## "An amazing cause"

Event by Latisha Prescott  
Event code: peamtt



Sefra, Martina & Sandra



All decked out in their best pirate gear: Samantha



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**In-School Mentoring**

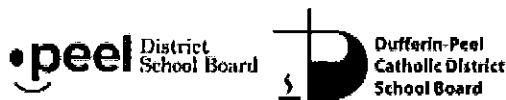
The Power of an Hour! Make a difference in a child's life in just one hour a week. In partnership with the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, this program matches elementary girls and boys with a caring adult mentor. Matches meet for one hour each week during school hours and on school property to share in fun activities.

There are currently over 72 schools in the Peel Region that participate in the program. It is easy to match you with a child in a school that is close to your work, home or school. Spend the hour playing basketball, doing arts and crafts or playing a board game.

We are looking for volunteers who can make a one year commitment. Access to a vehicle is not required for this program as you meet the child in his or her school.

Interested in mentoring a secondary school student? We offer this school-based program at West Credit Secondary School in Mississauga and Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School in Brampton. Indicate this choice on your application form.

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**Testimonials**

"I can't believe the difference in his (mentee) confidence. He feels proud to have me as a mentor as all the other kids in his class tell him how lucky he is and how they wish they had a mentor. My mentee has told me he feels special." *In-School Mentor*

"She is a different child when her mentor arrives. She speaks more and has more confidence. The program has allowed her to also have more positive interactions with her peers." *Teacher*

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