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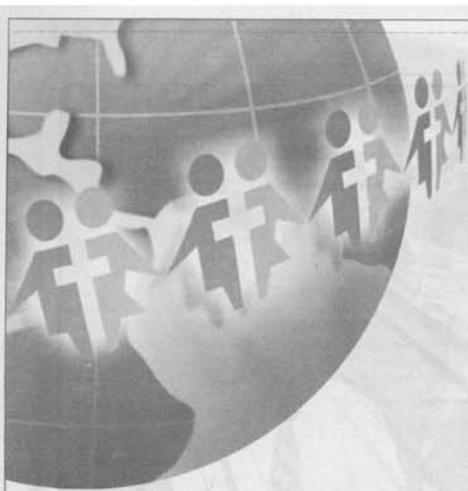
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FIERS DU DRAPEAU FRANCO-ONTARIEN !

Le 25 septembre marque la *Journée du drapeau franco-ontarien*. Cette année, le drapeau fêtera ses 32 années d'existence. Soyons fiers de nos racines et de notre langue et célébrons la *Journée du drapeau franco-ontarien*!

Les écoles catholiques de langue française tiennent à souligner cet événement marquant dans l'histoire de la collectivité francophone de l'Ontario. La construction identitaire en milieu minoritaire, c'est-à-dire aider l'élève à bâtir sa fierté franco-ontarienne, est une priorité pour le CSDCEO. Pour l'occasion, les élèves de toutes les écoles du CSDCEO prendront part à différentes activités organisées pour démontrer leur fierté franco-ontarienne. Voici quelques activités auxquelles vous êtes invités :

- Les écoles catholiques de langue française de la région de Glengarry organisent un tintamarre dans les rues d'Alexandria. L'activité, qui aura lieu le vendredi 21 septembre, débutera à 12 h 15 et sera suivie d'un spectacle de Brian St-Pierre à l'école secondaire catholique Le Relais à Alexandria;
- 3^e tintamarre à l'École secondaire catholique L'Escale à Rockland. La marche débutera à 13 h 30, le mardi 25 septembre, et sera suivie d'un spectacle du groupe musical *Les Trois Accords*;
- L'École secondaire catholique La Citadelle et ses écoles nourricières vous invitent à sa « Parade de la fierté » le 25 septembre. L'activité débutera à 8 h 30 à l'École secondaire catholique La Citadelle et se terminera au Parc Lamoureux avec un spectacle du groupe musical *Longue distance*;
- Plusieurs écoles du CSDCEO participeront au dévoilement du 5^e Monument de la francophonie qui aura lieu le 25 septembre à l'école élémentaire publique Charlotte-Lemieux à Ottawa.



Tous les élèves du CSDCEO sont fiers d'afficher leurs couleurs et de démontrer leur fierté envers la francophonie, pendant les célébrations entourant l'anniversaire du drapeau franco-ontarien.

Bonnes célébrations du drapeau franco-ontarien à tous les élèves et les membres du personnel du CSDCEO !

Ensemble, nous faisons toute une différence!

Avec près de 12 000 élèves, 800 enseignants et enseignantes dans 39 écoles, le Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien est le plus grand réseau d'écoles de langue française dans la région de Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott et Russell.



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Ottawa schools make gains in Ontario writing, math testing

But public board still behind province in certain subjects

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Students in Ottawa schools improved their performance in standardized tests in almost all areas compared with last year, according to results released yesterday by the provincial agency that tests student performance.

That's the good news. The bad news, at least for Ottawa's public school board, is that in some subject areas, including Grade 3 writing and mathematics and Grade 6 mathematics, a slightly lower percentage of students met provincial standards compared with the provincewide figures.

The results were released yesterday by Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office, a provincial agency that is responsible for administering the tests.

Among the results:

- About 65 per cent of Ottawa's public board students met the standard in Grade 3 mathematics, an improvement over 62 per cent last year. Still, across the province, 69 per cent of the students had scores that met the provincial standard.

- On the positive side, Ottawa public school students performed slightly better than students provincewide in Grade 3 reading and Grade 6 writing and significantly better in Grade 6 reading -- 68 per cent performed over the provincial standard compared with 64 per cent provincewide.

- In another positive result, 76 per cent of Grade 9 academic math students in the public board met the provincial standards compared with 71 per cent across the province. In the applied math stream, 34 per cent met the standard compared with 35 per cent across the province.

Jennifer Adams, superintendent of curriculum for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, said she is pleased with the improving results.

"We're one of the fastest-improving large school boards in the province," she said. "We're ahead of the province in Grade 3 reading and Grade 6 reading writing and catching up quickly in the other areas."

Ms. Adams said her board has introduced consistent practices in all the schools, as well as literacy coaches and literacy teams. Now, teachers can precisely track each student's reading level, she said.

"It's like a total team approach at the school level."

- Students at Ottawa's Catholic school board performed better than the provincewide

results in all areas, and dipped only slightly year-over-year in one area, Grade 6 mathematics.

- In Grade 3 reading, 66 per cent of the Catholic board's students exceeded provincial standards, compared with 62 per cent across the province; 69 per cent exceeded that standard in writing, compared with 64 per cent across the province, and; 73 per cent exceed the math standard compared with 69 per cent across the province.

- In Grade 6, 70 per cent of the Catholic board students exceeded the provincial reading standard compared with 64 per cent across the province; 66 exceeded the writing standard compared with 61 per cent across the province, and; 64 per cent of the Grade 6 students exceeded the math standard compared with 59 per cent across the province.

- In Grade 9, 72 per cent of the Catholic board students in the academic stream met the provincial standard compared with 71 per cent across the province and 36 per cent exceeded the standard in applied mathematics compared with 35 per cent across the province.

- Another Eastern Ontario school board also had notable success in test results. The Renfrew County Catholic School Board met the provincial standards in all areas -- and sometimes significantly exceeded them. For example, 77 per cent of Grade 3 students met the provincial standard in math compared with 69 per cent across the province.

The education agency singled out three examples of Eastern Ontario schools that have instituted strategies to improve their test scores over the years.

At Woodlawn's Stonecrest Elementary School, in the rural west end of Ottawa, the staff have team meetings to follow students who are at risk of not developing reading and writing skills.

Madawaska Valley District High School in Barry's Bay tries to keep those students in the academic stream at that level for Grade 9 and 10. Teachers know the students might struggle, but the support systems are in place to help those who are having difficulty.

And staff at John XXIII Catholic School in Arnprior write a sample test to give them an appreciation of what the students are expected to know.

Teachers also learned to literally think out loud when doing reading exercises in the classroom. For example, a teacher might say about a character in a story, "Hmm, that shows me he's really being honest."

Thinking out loud helps to get students to reflect on what they're reading, said John XXIII principal Sondra Keatley.

To view school board and individual school test results, visit the Education Quality and Accountability Office website at www.eqao.com

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School talks can come after vote: candidate Liberal hopeful defends party's education funding

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The Liberal candidate in Carleton-Mississippi Mills yesterday defended her party's funding of the Ontario school system, adding it's a fair way to fund the education system in the province.

At a Citizen editorial board meeting, Liberal candidate Megan Cornell said she has time for the "fairness argument" related to the school funding formula being discussed in the campaign, but that diverting additional funds to faith-based schools would take resources out of the current system.

"Our government has invested a lot of money over the past four years into fixing the system that we've got. If we're going to discuss changing that system in any number of ways -- including the funding formula -- then those discussions can come up over the next few years," said Ms. Cornell, an Ottawa lawyer.

"But implementing a plan that will cost \$400 million will take money out of other sources," she said.

Norm Stirling, the Conservative MPP, said Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty is discriminating against ethnic children by not extending funding so they can attend faith-based schools.

"I get angry with McGuinty when he discriminates against kids because they're Jewish or Muslim in the Christian system because of what their parents chose in terms of religion and put them in school," said Mr. Stirling.

"We're there to protect the minorities, we're not there to protect the majority," said Mr. Stirling, who is running for his ninth term as an MPP.

NDP candidate Michael Hadskis, a former teacher and chief union negotiator, said the funding formula of Ontario schools is unfair and more money is needed to properly fund both public and Catholic schools.

He said the Liberal government has failed to implement the recommendations made by University of Guelph president Mordechai Rozanski, who years ago in his report said spending on education in the province should be increased by \$1.8 billion.

"I've seen the education system from the inside and it's absolutely unfair," said Mr. Hadskis, who was a student in the Catholic school system.

"There are tremendous inequities within the public systems right now and I'm referring to public schools and to Catholic schools.

"For me and for my party, in order to have a fair system, the first thing that has to be done is to adequately fund both public schools and Catholic schools. Get that

right, then we'll turn our minds to faith-based matters."

Green party candidate John Ogilvie said he and his party favour having just one secular system in the province.

"It's not a popular position with some people," he said. "But it's the only rational decision."

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