

# Father's Day: their kids' tell the story

This Sunday is Father's Day. Everyone has a birthday — their

own special day in the year. But what do kids think about a special

day for their fathers, and what do they think about the ups and downs

of being Dad? We got these candid remarks from the



## Hi Dad: Happy Father's Day

The grade four students in Gord Hogg's Corpus Christi classroom talked about Father's Day this week — why we bother with it; what's the hardest thing about being a Dad; the best thing about being Father; and family plans to surprise Pop this

Sunday on his day. For their remarks, see the article below. By the way, Wednesday was T-shirt day at Corpus. Mr. Hogg's class won the prize for having the most number of students sporting their school's special shirt. There are 23 in all — count 'em.

students in Gord Hogg's grade four classroom at Corpus Christi School in Penetanguishene earlier this week.

The question put to the students was, "Father's Day: why do bother with it?"

They said things like: "We respect him." "Love him." "It's a chance to thank him." "He keeps a roof over our heads."

"He fixes things, like my go-cart and bike." "He's a teacher, telling people what's right and wrong." "He takes you places, fishing if you want." "He helps you to learn about cars and things like that."

"At birthdays and Christmas, he pays for the presents." "Yeah, he also tells you not to blow all your money at once."

"He helps you with your problems."

"Sometimes Dad lets us stay up to watch the late show on TV." "If you don't have anything to do, he'll play games with you." "If you get into trouble, he tries to get you out of it."

"He's a person you can depend on."

In answer to the question, "What do you think must be the hardest thing about being your father?" the

kids said:

"When all the kids start yelling in the house, he tries really hard to stay calm."

"When he's trying to sleep in on the weekends, everyone's yelling and making noise." "One of the hardest things is just keeping the family going."

"It's hard on him when you're bad and he has to give you a lickin', and he says 'This hurts me more than it'll hurt

you."

What's the best thing about it? "He loves you and cares for you."

Any special plans for this Sunday? "My birthday just passed, I got some money and there's a place my dad really loves to eat, so we're going there." "Me and my mum are taking Dad out to supper." "We're going camping this weekend." "We're going fishing at the cottage." "Gonna let him sleep late."

Happy Father's Day!

## Survey team picked for county study

County of Simcoe Industrial/Commercial Development Office has received approval for the employment of four students, through the federally sponsored Summer Youth Employment Program.

A development study, funded entirely by the federal government, is designed to establish the existing industrial/commercial base, identify potential development opportunities establish the level of amenities and services available in the County and each

municipality, establish potential work forces, and will be used as part of the overall development strategy for the county.

Results of the study will be available to both the public and private sector.

The information obtained will be updated as required so that potential developers may be in a position to evaluate the desirability of locating in the County.

The survey team will be visiting each Municipality, interviewing officials.

## Concerned parents plan meeting at MSS

The next meeting of Midland and area parents concerned about young people and drug and alcohol abuse will be held at Midland Secondary School, Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting co-ordinator Elaine Kraftscik said Thursday that the first meeting dealt mainly

with street (illegal) drugs and that the response of the group was concern and action.

"As parents, we know we cannot possibly solve the whole problem, but, by doing our share, perhaps we can alleviate some of the pressures caused by these problems," she

said Thursday.

"We've decided that a drop-in centre as well as a telecare service would be a start. These services would be another link in the chain of organizations trying to build a better community."

Monday the thrust of discussion will continue

to be on the need for a drop-in centre. An attempt will be made to assemble a list of volunteers to help with the telecare service.

Persons who cannot be at the Monday meeting, and who wish to volunteer some of their time, can phone Kraftscik at 526-6092 or Faye Parker at 526-6076.

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