

Schools to Believe In - The Difference We Make

Catholic Education Week, May 2 to 7

This week, the students, parents, teachers and staff of the York Catholic District School Board are celebrating Catholic Education Week with projects and events that focus on the theme "Schools to believe in -- the difference we make". These activities, reflective of their school communities, serve as a reminder of the importance of the faith dimension in our Catholic school system.

Catholic Education Week is also an appropriate time for the York Catholic District School Board to thank all of the people who, by sharing themselves with others through their talents, kindness, wisdom and faith, contribute daily to the mission of our school board. As such, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, their parents and guardians, our teachers and staff and our local parishes, for their dedication to making our schools vital faith communities.

Together we ensure that students receive the academic and spiritual guidance they need to meet the personal and professional challenges they will face in the future. All of the partners in Catholic education in York Region are an essential part of the difference we make.



York Catholic District School Board
Celebrating 30 Years of Academic Excellence

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Long-Term Care Centre Beds in the Regional Municipality of York.

608 Beds Project RFP 99-021

For the second phase of the Ontario government's six-year expansion plan to increase the number of long-term care centre beds by 20,000, proposals are invited to develop 608 new beds in the Regional Municipality of York. Proposals must be submitted using a standard form (available for a fee) that can be obtained beginning May 5, 1999 exclusively through:

MERX - 1-800-964-6379

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

or visit the website: www.merx.cebra.com

Proposals submitted under this RFP must be received on or before July 30, 1999, 12 noon local time, at the:

Ministry of Health
Tender Office

99 Adesso Drive, Concord, Ontario L4K 3C7

Applicants are invited, but not required, to attend an information session regarding the RFP process conducted by Ministry staff, held on:

Thursday, May 13, 1999, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

CAW Hall

1425 Phillip Murray Avenue, Oshawa, ON L1J 8L4

OR

Tuesday, May 18, 1999, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Regal Constellation Hotel, Aries Room

900 Dixon Road, Etobicoke, ON M9W 1J7



CITIZEN ON ASSIGNMENT

Toastmasters host families

BY TINA BACHAND
Citizen on Assignment

Along the take-your-child-to-work idea, members of the Markham Toastmaster Club invited their families to observe and participate April 27.

Toastmasters International is a non-profit organization promoting communication and leadership skills. All members are volunteers who participate in the best learning environment — hands-on practice.

Each meeting includes a Table Topics session which allows each person to speak about random topics for one minute.

"Will I have to talk?" Michael Bachand, 7, asked his mother anxiously. After all the other children passed on their turn, Michael, prompted by his mother, spoke up. On second thought, and second invitation, most of the children choose to speak.

Michael received the Spark Plug award for igniting enthusiasm.

To the question, "If you could train an animal for the circus which animal would you choose?" Greg Calleri, 11, answered, "I would train my guinea pig to run through an obstacle course. Teach it tricks. Everyone would be curious."

Greg was applauded for his use of the Word of the Week — curious. He also received the Best Table Topics award.

Organized meetings lead by a chairperson are scheduled each Tuesday at Markham Community Library from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. With a membership of over 40, the children were introduced to a diverse group of people, each with different cultural, social and career backgrounds.

Seated in her own rocking chair, Marjorie Leslie spoke about reading to children. Reaching out to



Andrew Wong, 12, David Walker, 10, and Nicole Walker, 13, received certificates of attendance from Markham Toastmaster Club president James Ng.

our community, MTC recently presented information sessions on public speaking at a local bookstore. Over the past few years, students of two high schools in Markham had the opportunity to participate in the Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program lead by vice president of education Bernie Breach, president James Ng and member Tina Bachand.

The best part of the meeting for beaming 8-year-old Scott Walker. "I liked trying to use the Word of the Week — curious — in our sentences."

Steven Bachand, who volunteered as timer, said, "It was a good meeting and a good learning experience."

David Walker, 10, summed up the meeting from a child's perspective with his comment, "It was a good meeting, especially the snacks!"

Tina Bachand has been a member of the local Toastmaster Club for three years.



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