



## **At Saint Jerome School, these are some of the ways we lived our Mission this week....September 30, 2011**

### **Academic excellence**

If you have the chance check out the beautiful poster made by the second grade. Each student made a picture of something that is a gift from God and they made a display outside their door. It is excellent work and a very nice reminder to all of us.

Grade 1 is learning interviewing skills. Today was my day to be interviewed and the students asked many good questions about my new job.... The hardest part? Missing teaching Grade 5! The best part? Getting to be part of all the wonderful things being done in our school by the students, teachers and parents!

Even our Before School group is motivated. Several of the kids made a paper snake in an effort to get into the Guinness Book of World Records! We'll keep you posted! Kudos to the teachers this week. After reading many of the plan books, I am so delighted with the work being done on Collins Writing. I was especially glad to see writing exercises in subjects like Science and Social Studies. Writing is a life skill and I will be looking forward to reading some of the creative pieces you have created.

As always, I want you to think about your own week and if you did the best you could do, be proud!

### **Faith at the center of what we do**

Our Youth Ministry Group is off to a great start! Many of you in Grades 6-8 have attended both weeks and by all accounts Ms. Rubera is doing a great job blending fun and faith. Maybe next week you can invite a friend to join the group.

This week Grade 3 learned about the Sign of the Cross and how we make a cross when we bless ourselves. We made Prayer Rocks so that we would always be reminded to say our prayers in the morning and before we fall asleep.

We prayed for so many people this week and I wanted to share 2 e-mails with you. People believe in the extra power in children's prayers so give it your all when someone counts on you for prayer support (read thanks from Jack Sheehan's family and Leigh Kelliher's husband. Both still need our prayers but got good news this week. Praise God!)



## **Community through service**

This month we asked you to try and be a little more generous with your Dress Down Day donations because we are supporting the great work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. A special thanks to Mrs. Flanagan, her family and all who walked last weekend. I also would like to recognize Grade 8 for bringing in more than 3x their class count in donations. They contributed \$86.!

Jack Crowley rode back into town this week and if ever you wanted to see service this was the time. Besides all the prayers from all of us, Grade 6 really stepped it up to make Jack feel welcome and help with getting him around and stay prepared with books, paper and more. Grade 7 students Eddie Mooradian and Gavin Brown were also extra attentive in assisting Jack. Additionally, a big “thanks” to everyone in Grade 3 for helping Jillian Gobbi as she gets used to her crutches. Jillian fractured her heel but we’re sure with all the tender loving care she’s getting she’ll be better in no time. I thank all of you on Jack’s and Jillian’s behalf.

Molly Donnellan, Grace McCaffery and Siobhan Salani have begun their service with the K-2 kids at lunch. I know they will be a great addition to the crew that helps Miss Powers and Mrs. Plevock at lunch and in the schoolyard.

This weekend Mrs. DiVito, Elizabeth DiVito, Haley Marshall, Claire Archdeacon and Olivia Johnston will wear their tie-dyed shirts and head into town for the JDRF Walk for the Cure. The DiVito family has 3 cousins who are challenged by diabetes. It is easy to hope for something but when you put your hopes into actions and your feet on the ground great things can happen! We wish them sunny weather and the warm feeling that comes from helping others.

A special thank you to our generous parents who scooped ice cream today to help us celebrate the Feast of Saint Jerome. Your service sets a great example for our students. We feel the PRIDE!

As always, your teachers are sharing with me every day and I am aware of all the good that is happening in our school. Thank you for the effort you put into being good kids and thank you for all the ways you find to Live the Mission!