



# Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

## Hands to Serve Hearts to Love

October 2011 Newsletter

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### Eucharistic Liturgy

Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

(Children's Liturgy)

12 noon, 7:00 p.m.

Daily (Monday - Saturday) - 8:15 a.m.

Civic Holidays - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Mass - Tues. & Fri. 7:00 p.m.

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### *Empathy*

*Gracious and merciful God of all creation,  
You made us to live together in communities.*

*We are nothing without relationships.*

*You have given us the virtue of empathy to ensure*

*That we are able to identify with and feel other people's concerns.*

*We come to you asking for the grace and strength*

*To follow your plan and to form a safe, caring, inclusive and healthy community here at  
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta School.*

*May your gift of empathy lead us to know and feel your presence among us.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lived to show us your way.*

*Amen*

### *Principal's Message*

We have had busy and exciting fall. Thank you to all the members of the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta community who were able to attend our Open House in September. It was a great success with our community joining in a BBQ, and parents and staff conversing in classrooms throughout the school. The evening proved to be an excellent opportunity for making positive connections. Thank you to our School Council members and our volunteers for making the community BBQ possible. Our school council is very busy this fall organizing our school MacMillan fundraiser, pizza and sub days, as well as supporting our students through their volunteer efforts and in monetary ways. We are so pleased that, through our Catholic School Council, we have been able to add three new SMART boards to our classrooms. Through their efforts we have also been able to enhance our students' literacy experiences. Please continue to support our school through our fall fundraiser. Thank you to all community members who have contributed to our social justice initiatives through donations to our Thanksgiving Food Drive and Terry Fox Walk.

This month is proving to be filled with activity with our first Rosary Apostolate visit this year. BTOC was also an election site for the provincial elections. Over the next few days our own Student Council elections will be taking place, with their first order of business being to bring us our Hallowe'en Dance taking place on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the year, our staff will be involved in numerous professional development opportunities with our intermediate teachers being a part of integrated Language Arts and Science initiatives, our junior staff taking part in Junior Literacy Network days at BTOC along with colleagues from two other schools, and our primary staff focusing on literacy and numeracy with our special assignment teacher.

*A. Maltby*

### **Progress Reports**

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**Friday, November 18, 2011** is a Professional Development Day

There will be no school for students. Staff will be involved in provincial priorities and faith development.

# School Operations

## School Hours

8:55 a.m. -3:25 p.m.

A.M. Recess -10:55 – 11:10 a.m.

Kindergarten morning dismissal 11:25 a.m.

Lunch - 11:55 -12:55 p.m.

P.M. Recess -2:20- 2:35 p.m.

3:25 Dismissal

All students are expected to attend school regularly and punctually. In the event that your child will be late or absent, please telephone the school before 8:55 a.m. and 12:55 p.m. to inform us of the absence. All students who arrive after 8:55 a.m. or 12:55 p.m. must obtain a late slip from the office. This measure is to ensure the safety of your child. We thank you for your continued support in following this procedure.

The number to call is:(905) 273-3937

Provide the following information: Date of absence(s), Name(s) of student(s), Teacher's name, Reason for absence and Date of return.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Students will bring home a **Progress** Report on **Tuesday, October 25, 2011**. It will communicate the student's progress in various subjects as well as next steps for improvement. Teachers will contact parents if an interview is requested. Parents may request an interview if they wish to do so.

## EARLY PICK UP

If you are picking up your child at a time other than regular dismissal, we ask that you report to the office to sign them out. Arrangements will be made for your child to be sent to the office. If you intend to send someone else to pick up your children, please inform the teacher and the office in writing. Please make every effort to contact the school prior to 2:30 p.m. for an early pick up. Thank you for your cooperation in supporting a safe environment at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

## KISS AND RIDE SAFETY

For safety reasons we ask that when using the Kiss and Ride you observe the following rules;

- do not park your car in the lane
- as a parent, you are to remain in your vehicle
- children are to exit and enter the vehicle from the passenger side
- children's belongings are to accompany them into the car (not into the trunk)
- avoid stopping and talking to pedestrians

Presently we are looking at the possible need to revise the use of the current traffic lanes, particularly at the end of the day. This is due to an increase in bussing needs. Parents will be informed in writing should this become a necessity.

## BUSSING-INTEGRATED RIDERSHIP

As you know this fall our school is part of the Integrated Ridership Program. What this means is that we are sharing buses with Burnhamthorpe Public School. We are in the

process of optimizing this new procedure, and thank you for your assistance in helping to make this a safe and smooth process. Please let your child's teacher know in writing if there is to be any change to the regular routine in regards to bussing.

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Ensuring student safety is a very important goal to all who work with students.

Parents of students who ride the school bus are asked to review the following rules with their children:

- 1) Be at the bus stop at least 10 minutes before the scheduled pick up time;
- 2) Go directly to their seat until they are let off the bus;
- 3) Don't eat, drink, fight, swear, or engage on other types of poor behavior;
- 4) Keep arms, hands and belongings inside the bus;
- 5) Don't damage bus seats.

Improper conduct will be reported to the Principal.

Suspension of bus privileges may result from continued misbehavior. The safety of all bus children is our first priority.

## BUSSING-CONTACTING STOPR

**Internet:**

[www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) This website provides up to date delay and inclement weather cancellation information in addition to policy, procedures and frequently asked questions.

**Businfo.stopr.ca** This website allows parents to access specific to "what school do I attend" and "am I eligible for transportation." This site also provides parents access to specific bus stop location and pick up and drop off times for their children if eligible for transportation.

**Telephone:** Transportation EAST 905-890-6000  
Spec. Ed Transp. 905-890-6362

## SAFETY OF STUDENTS

We are asking that students not be dropped off prior to 8:40 a.m. as we do not have supervision in the yard until that time. At the end of our school day, 3:25 p.m., we ask that all students leave the school yard as there is no supervision at this time and students are to proceed directly home. We are also asking that the playground apparatus not be used at this time as there is no staff supervision. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter of your child's safety.

## LUNCH TIME ROUTINES

Parents and guardians have been asked to indicate whether their child(ren) stay at school or go home for lunch. What has been indicated is expected to be the regular routine. If there is any variation from regular routine a parent note is expected. Students who normally remain at school for lunch may be signed out at the office by their parent. Only intermediate students may present a parent letter to the office in order to go off site for the lunch period. If such parental permission has been granted it is understood that the parent takes responsibility for the well being of their child for the duration of the lunch hour.

## TEXTBOOKS

School textbooks are school property and are loaned to the students annually. The expectation is that textbooks will be

returned at the end of the school year. Students are responsible for these textbooks and will be asked to pay if these books go missing or have been vandalized. The cost of an average textbook is about \$50.00 each. Please encourage your child to take care of textbooks!

### **ANAPHYLAXIS REACTION**

We would like to remind parents that Blessed Teresa of Calcutta is an allergen aware school. There are pupils in attendance at our school that suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods, such as peanut and nut products, and fish or bee stings. Exposure to the smallest quantities can cause severe and life threatening reactions. Anaphylaxis is a severe and life threatening allergic reaction. The most common allergen triggers are food, insect stings, medications, exercise and latex. An anaphylactic reaction involves symptoms from two or more body systems. We would appreciate the cooperation of the entire school community by NOT sending any lunches or snacks that contain peanuts, peanut products or other nut products. We want Blessed Teresa of Calcutta to be a safe environment for all students. Thank you for your assistance and understanding. If your child is at risk for severe life threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis), please ensure that the teacher and office are aware and that the proper medication and emergency information forms are in place and up- to-date.

### **STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually for any student who requires medication to be administered at school. If your child requires medication please have the necessary forms completed and return them, along with any medication, to the office as soon as possible. Forms are available at the office.

### **MEDIC ALERT NO CHILD WITHOUT PROGRAM**

The **No child Without Program** offers a free Medic Alert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a Medic Alert membership. Your child's voice in an emergency, Medic Alert membership:

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their Medic Alert bracelet or necklet.
- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up-to-date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**.
- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the hotline.
- Allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed.

For further information, visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca). If your child is already part of the **No Child Without program** and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications, emergency contact information call Medic Alert at 1-866-679-3220 ext #1 to update your child's

file.

### **VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS**

To ensure school security for students and teachers, the Board policy requires that all visitors (including parents) and volunteers report to the office when entering the school. Please enter the school through the main doors **ONLY**. In order to help ensure school safety, a security access system has been installed at our front doors. Doors will be kept locked throughout the school day, and visitors to the school will be required to use our front buzzer. The office will then use visual and voice systems to provide access into the building. Identification stickers are required to be worn when visitors are in the school.

Should you wish to talk to your child's teacher, please speak with our secretary, Mrs. Vergara, and she will be happy to arrange a meeting or phone call for you.

A Ministry regulation requires volunteers to complete a criminal reference check. If you completed a criminal reference check last year and submitted a copy to the school, you are required to complete an Offence Declaration Form this year. Please contact the school office for more information.

### **STUDENT INFORMATION**

It is important that we have up-to-date records of your address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts in the event that the school must contact you regarding your child. Please inform the office of any information changes throughout the year.

### **PLEASE WELCOME**

This fall we welcome Casey, Raquel and Mario, coop students from John Cabot Secondary. We are also pleased to have Jennifer Lucas from Nipissing University completing her practicum here at BTOC.

### **BOARD POLICY ON THE USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has a policy regarding the use of Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) at school such as cell phones, electronic games, cameras, ipods. In accordance with Board Policy, "PEDs must be kept out of sight, turned off and not used within school premises or during school-sanctioned activities such as retreats, field trips, sports events, etc. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDs, we encourage students to leave their PEDs at home. These items can be disruptive to the learning environment when used inappropriately.

### **BRINGING VALUABLES TO SCHOOL**

We remind parents that students are not to bring valuable items to school such as expensive jewelry, personal games and sport items. Students are advised not to bring money to school unless it is for a school trip or activity. The school will not take responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items.

### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS**

Schools are required to conduct Emergency Evacuation Drills and Lock Down Procedures in accordance with fire code regulations and Board policy. These procedures will be reviewed with students during the first few weeks of school and at appropriate times throughout the school year . **In the event that we must evacuate the school at any time, our evacuation site is Applewood Heights Secondary.**

## *Faith Community*

### **OPENING/THANKSGIVING SCHOOL MASS**

On Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> we united as a Blessed Teresa of Calcutta faith community in celebration of our Opening/Thanksgiving school mass. Father John Facey was our celebrant. Thank you to our Youth Faith Ambassadors and to Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Scarpelli for preparing for this beautiful opportunity to come together as a faith community. We thank all families who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive which helped support needy families in our community.

### **VIRTUES PROGRAM**

Again, this year we will be participating in a VIRTUES program that will focus monthly on a different virtue. Listed below are the monthly virtues that will be a focus at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

September-	FAITH
October-	EMPATHY
November-	CONSCIENCE
December-	HOPE
January-	SELF-CONTROL
February-	RESPECT
March-	KINDNESS
April-	LOVE
May-	ACCEPTANCE
June -	FAIRNESS

During the month of October we have been focusing on the virtue of empathy. God has given us the ability to form connections with each other and to live together. Empathy helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring and inclusive communities. We understand empathy to mean the ability to identify with and feel other people’s concerns. We believe that in a faith community we are nothing without relationships. An empathetic person believes that we all share one Spirit; that we are many parts of one body because we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

An empathetic person...

- listens attentively
- watches people’s body language
- notices and responds when someone is upset
- can name her/his feelings
- can see a situation from another person’s point of view
- knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing

Let us pray for the grace and strength to be people of empathy – people who can identify with and feel the concerns of those around us.

### **Virtues Initiative at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta ‘Walking in the Footsteps of Mother Teresa’**

Again this year, at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, we will continue to focus on our virtues’ initiative. Each month there will be an assembly which highlights the virtue of the month, as well as celebrates students who have been exemplary in displaying this virtue. We will be highlighting this initiative through a display of footprints which we hope will encircle the school hallways by the end of our school year.

### **THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE PROGRAM**

We are excited to once again have the Rosary Apostolate Program at our school for all grades. Each month all students will have the opportunity to share in learning and reciting the Rosary, as well as joining in special projects and presentations led by the Rosary Apostolate Team. Our first Rosary Apostolate visit took place on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We thank our community volunteers who make this an opportunity for our students.

## *Curriculum/Student*

### **EQAO RESULTS**

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has released Ontario Student Achievement; EQAO’s Provincial Report on the Results of the 2010-2011 Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1-3) and Junior Division (Grades 4-6). Individual student scores have been sent home. More general information may be found on the EQAO website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) .

I am very pleased to share that the academic success of our student body as well as the teaching effectiveness of our staff has resulted in our recent EQAO scores surpassing or meeting both Board and Provincial scores in all but one of the six areas for grades 3 and 6. We will continue to fine tune our teaching in the area of Primary reading in order to further improve and set goals for this year.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Currently students who require additional program support are assisted by our Special Education teacher and Educational Resource Workers. Student programs are

supported in a variety of ways to develop and/or enhance learning opportunities. Periodically, students are presented at a school TEAM meeting for further consultation and planning. The following personnel may attend the Special Services TEAM meeting: Psychology staff member, Speech and Language Pathologist, Social Worker, Child and Youth Worker. At these meetings, staff summarize their observations, concerns and interventions and seek input regarding next steps; strategies to try in the classroom; additional services that might be offered; referral for further assessment of intervention by one of the school Special Services personnel; referral to an outside agency for further consultation or assessment. The benefit of a TEAM meeting is the joint consultation which ensures that the best program is in place to meet the individual needs of each student. Staff will contact parents prior to these meetings and will report any recommendations to parents pending the outcome of the meeting.

### **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY**

On October 5, 2011 we celebrated World Teachers' Day in order to commemorate all the hard work and dedications our educators provide our children every day.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Thanks to the leadership of Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Brown, our Student Council is well under way. This year the Student Council's goal is to continue to spread spirit throughout the school.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Our Cross Country team has been training very hard this fall for our Family level meet which was held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park. We congratulate the following students for representing BTOC : Felipe B., Daniel B., Jacqueline B., Liam C., Alexis D., Alex F., Nicole F., Mikolaj G., John G., Wade H., Ana Maria L., Rachel L., Brendan M., Michael M., Justin P., Alexandra P., Stephen P., Wren R. and Brandon T. Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Volchuk, Ms. Nasato and Mrs. Scarpelli. Congratulations to all of our cross country runners. Best wishes to Felipe B., Stephen P. and Justin P. who will be representing our school at the Board level competition on October 25<sup>th</sup> at Heart Lake.

### **INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL**

We congratulate our intermediate boys' and girls' volleyball teams for sharing their skills. Congratulations to our boys' team – Shamari N., Dashawn M., Stephen P., Jakub C., Michael M., Frank T., Bartek, W. and Adriano B. Congratulations to our girls' team- Melissa D., Alexandra P., Rachel L., Alexcia R., Monica C., Julia S., Angela V., Olesya M., Faith M., and Sabrina G.

Thank you to the boys' coaches Mrs. Casey, and Ms. O'Donnell and to the girls' coaches Mrs. Medeiros and Ms. Nasato.

### **OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> Hallowe'en Events**

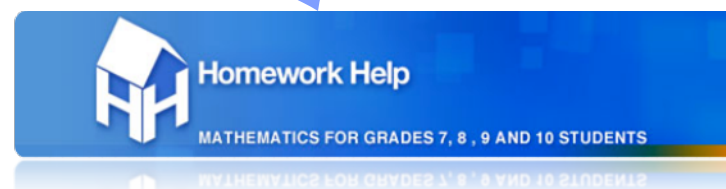
During the day, thanks to our Student Council under the leadership of Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Brown, we will be having a Hallowe'en Dance for our students. Students are encouraged to come in costume. We ask parents to use discretion in the choice of costume for your child so that it is in keeping with our Catholic values. Please remember no replica weapons or facial masks should be brought to school. Each division will have a specified period during the school day where they will be invited to come to the gym for their dance.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Please refer to your child's agenda for an outline of our Code of Conduct. Classroom teachers have reviewed these expectations with their students.

### **WHAT'S NEW**

We are thrilled to share that we have added three new SMART boards to our classrooms. This has been made possible through the efforts of our School Council. We have also renovated our resource area in order to better serve the needs of our students.



## **Homework Help – 2011-2012**

### **FREE REAL-TIME MATH TUTORING**

Grade 7 to 10 math students at Dufferin-Peel now have access to 20 hours a week of free, online math tutoring to help them improve and succeed in math. Check out [Homework Help](#) where certified Ontario teachers are available Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., for one-on-one confidential help. Dufferin-Peel is one of 15 English-language boards taking part in this pilot project funded by the Ministry of Education.

Registered students in Grades 7 through 10 math are able to:

Access a collection of online math resources 24/7. Access free personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario math teacher. Other important information about the service: Chats take place Sunday to Thursday between the hours of 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. Homework Help is free, live and anonymous.

Visit <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/> to learn more!

If your child has not yet registered, student registration can be completed by visiting Homework Help. All students will require the Dufferin-Peel access code which can be obtained from your child's teacher or by contacting the school office

### **HOMEWORK HINTS**

Below are some helpful Be's to support families in the homework process:

- Be positive. Communicate a positive attitude towards homework.
- Be consistent. Develop a homework routine that includes a set time and a regular space for completing homework, free from distractions.
- Be available. Encourage independent work on the part of your child, but be available for assistance. Provide guidance, not answers.
- Be attentive. Take a few minutes every day to chat about the school day. Listen attentively to your child.
- Be a role model. Let your child see you reading, writing, and using math during homework time.
- Be a cheerleader. Praise your child for the effort displayed in completing homework.
- Be observant. Note any signs of frustration that your child may display while completing homework. If it appears difficult or confusing or if there are errors, encourage your child to ask the teacher for help at school the next day.
- Be involved. Participate in school functions that offer you the opportunity to stay connected to your child's learning.

### **WITS**

(walk away/ignore/talk it out/seek adult help)

In dealing with daily interactions with their peers it is helpful for students to develop strategies to deal with situations of conflict or anxiety. At Blessed Teresa we encourage the students to use their 'WITS'. This strategy teaches the children how to deal effectively with minor situations, thereby empowering them to solve minor situations that may arise with their peers. Emphasis is also placed on insisting that they seek adult assistance whenever a situation is physically or emotionally hurtful. Please take time to discuss with your child what they may have learned through using this method. Parental input, encouragement and knowledge are always key factors in a child's development of new skill sets.

## *Community Development*

### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

We strongly encourage and welcome parent volunteers. If you are able and willing to volunteer, kindly inform the office and provide a phone number and dates/times of availability. We are hoping to continue to run many of our very successful volunteer programs. If you can volunteer, even one hour per week of your time please let us know. Volunteers must complete a Criminal Reference Check as required by School Board Policy if they have not already done so. Thank you to all community members who have already joined our volunteer team this fall. It is so wonderful to see so many new faces as well as our returning members. Come out and join our team!

### **OPEN HOUSE/BBQ**

On Thursday, September 22nd we held our Open House and BBQ. What a fantastic turnout! Thank you to all of those who volunteered to make this a highly successful community event. Our School Council was the driving force behind the community BBQ portion of the evening. Lots of work was involved, which led to a great chance to mingle amongst students, neighbours and staff.

### **TERRY FOX WALK**

This year, the students and staff again, for the 7th consecutive year, had a very successful Terry Fox Walk. Close to \$3000.00 was raised for the Terry Fox Foundation. Congratulations and thank you goes out to Mrs. Medeiros and Ms. Nasato for organizing this very special event. Thank you to all who supported this event, especially the parent volunteers who assisted us with supervision. Students enjoyed a pajama day and games event, as well as 'teacher for the day' activities in follow-up to their very successful fundraising. A liturgy was also a community event to highlight the significance of this endeavor. Thank you to all who participated and support this event.

### **MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITY**

The Loyola Catholic Secondary School Council invites all parents to a mental health presentation by Barry Shainbaum on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Loyola Catholic Secondary School at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and is paid for by the

Ministry Parent Engagement Grant. Barry Shainbaum is a celebrated photographer, broadcaster, author and survivor. Drawing from his personal struggles, he brings hope and inspiration to the audience. For more information, please call (905) 820-9822.

Games Club

### **PLASP-BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The PLASP Program begins at 7:30 a.m. and resumes once school is dismissed and goes until 6:00 p.m. Children participate in recreational activities, are served a nutritious snack daily and have time for homework. To register your child, visit the PLASP Program Director after school. For further information, call 905-890-1711 or visit the website at [www.plasp.com](http://www.plasp.com)

## *Calendar Dates*

### October

- 25 Progress Reports go home
- 26 CCAT testing grade 4a
- 27 Interview Evening
- 28 Hallowe'en Dance  
Fundraising order due
- 31 Virtues Assembly - Empathy

### November

- 1 All Saints Day Assembly
- 2 Take your grade 9 to work day
- 4 Sub Day
- 9 First Reconciliation Parent meeting  
@ 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Parish
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 16 Rosary Apostolate Visit  
School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 18 PA DAY
- 20 Advent begins
- 21 Scientists in the School Grade 8
- 25 Virtues Assembly - Conscience
- 27 New English translation of the  
Mass begins

### **Look What's Happening At BTOC this fall!**

Craft Club - Primary  
Intermediate Basketball  
Cross Country  
Terry Fox Events  
Youth Ambassadors  
Student Council  
Boys' Club (junior)  
Girls' Club (intermediate)  
Glee  
Volleyball

October 2011

### Dufferin-Peel students continue to shine on latest EQAO tests

Recently released EQAO test results for primary (Grades 1-3) and junior (Grades 4-6) assessments of reading, writing and mathematics, and the Grade 9 mathematics indicate that Dufferin-Peel students continue to meet or exceed provincial averages.

Some of the improvements this year over last year are as high as 6% and 10%. This is great news for our students and shines a light on the hard work of faculty, staff, administrators and trustees in aligning system resources to support all learners.

Assessment	2009-2010	2010-2011	1-Year Comparison
Primary Division (Grades 1-3) Reading	62%	68%	+6%
Primary Division (Grades 1-3) Writing	71%	76%	+5%
Primary Division (Grades 1-3) Mathematics	71%	69%	-2%
Junior Division (Grades 4-6) Reading	73%	77%	+4%
Junior Division (Grades 4-6) Writing	76%	78%	+2%
Junior Division (Grades 4-6) Mathematics	63%	62%	-1%
Grade 9 Academic Mathematics	85%	87%	+2%
Grade 9 Applied Mathematics	42%	52%	+10%

\* Results indicate percentage of students who achieved at or above the provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4)

While this year's results are impressive, results over the past several years provide further evidence that Dufferin-Peel students continue to improve over time. This is great news, but it doesn't mean we cannot do even better. Board staff will further analyze the EQAO results to provide support to schools, students and parents/guardians to ensure that more students continue to improve in all assessment areas. Each school has its own plan, which will be reviewed in the context of its students' test results, to improve students' skills in all subject areas. School plans include strategies to assist all students, including intervention and reinforcement for students who did not achieve the provincial standard.

Check your school website, or contact the principal for your school's EQAO results. Additional information can be obtained through the EQAO website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

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