

Principal's Newsletter
May 2009

Dear Parents,

Chess Tournament: Again this school year, our students in grades 3 to 6 have benefited from chess lessons integrated into the Math program. On Sunday, April 5, 2009 a tournament was held at Collège Jean Brébeuf. There were a total of 75 teams from 30 schools. Our school tied for 4th place. The chess master, Nicolas Méthivier was immensely pleased with our students. There are 2 reasons for this: a) our teams were all composed of one student from grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 and they played against teams composed of only grade 5 & 6 students. b) Several of our students won every match they played.

Writing Competition: We are pleased to advise you of our school's success in the *Royal Commonwealth Society of Canada's Essay Competition (Quebec Sector)* for 2008-2009. A particular thank you to the teacher who submitted the essays for her enthusiasm and encouragement. Prizes and certificates will be presented to winners in the Quebec sector at a reception on May 4, 2009. All essays have now been delivered to London, England for the International Judging in the summer.

Congratulations to:

2nd prize: Hannah Gold-Apel

Highly Commended: Charlotte Kiddie

Commended: Jenna Liu

Kindergarten Presentation: On May 4, 2009, Officer Patricia Bourgeois will visit the kindergarten classes. She will talk to the children about bicycle safety and being safe in the parks.

Lunchtime for Grade 6: Please note that children in grade 6 may not leave the premises at lunchtime to go out with their friends. In high school, children will have the opportunity to leave the premises with friends, after complying with the requirements set by each high school.

Special Gifts: Two of Willingdon's teachers are retiring at the end of June. Mrs. Carole Venafro and Mr. Lance Dalton have been teaching Willingdon children for their entire careers. At a special assembly to be held the afternoon of June 22, 2009, we will say good-bye and thank you to them. A suggested donation of \$2 per student is being collected in order that the entire student body present special tributes to each of these teachers. Your child may give his/her \$2 donation to their homeroom teacher between now and May 22, 2009.