

Director's Bulletin

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Every Student, Every Day

P.E. McGibbon Public School Opening

September 7, 2010 marked the opening of our new P.E. McGibbon School. This school is a consolidation of the former Johnson Memorial and Devine Schools. It was exciting to be there on opening day and to feel the electricity in the air as parents and students congregated in the school yard in anticipation of the opening bell. Once the doors opened, students ran to get into their classrooms and experience the wonder of exploring a new facil-

ity. There are 22 classrooms with a full size gym, wireless access with SMARTboards and computers in every classroom. The environmental features include shade sails, a rainwater collection cistern, "Cool Roof Design", computer controlled heat system, natural wheat board bookcases and shelving, energy efficient windows and lighting with occupancy sensors and water-efficient plumbing fixtures.



Building Blocks Summit - A few of us attended Premier McGuinty's inaugural education summit for international educators. It was interesting to hear leading education researchers from Great Britain, Finland, Australia, Russia and Germany speak about whole system educational reform. I would add that it was affirming to hear that

Canada is ranked 4th in worldwide PISA (Programme for International Student Achievement) testing for 15 year olds in English, Math and Science, and is considered a model for other countries. Ontario is at the leading edge of the Canadian movement and openly mentioned as a site of innovation by Arne Duncan, the US Secretary of Education who also spoke at the summit. For your perusal, a link to the summit is:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/bb4e/>

Presenter slides will be added to the site shortly. I will share some of them with Principals at future in-service sessions.

Up Coming Events

- Oct 23-Opening Celebration of P.E. McGibbon School, Sarnia 10:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting
- Oct 28—School Council Chairs Meeting @ LCCVI, Petrolia @ 7:00 p.m.

Transportation Fast Facts:

The CLASS transportation consortium operates a total of 317 buses, of which 288 carry LKDSB students. They have 1145 bus runs, of which 915 carry LKDSB students. The total number of planned eligible riders is 10890. To date, 1185 additional seats have been made available as Courtesy Seats for LKDSB students. These seats must be applied for on an annual basis.



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