

Director's Bulletin

April 20, 2011

Every Student, Every Day

PIC Event—Annie Kidder from People For Education

As you are aware, our Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) hosted its second event of the year Thursday April 14, 2011. The event was held at the Oak's Inn in Wallaceburg and attracted approximately 200 parents as well as some of our principals. As promised the event was quite informative and light-hearted as Annie's unassuming style encouraged many to ask questions and stay behind after the event to mingle and speak with Annie. Annie provided six tips for parents in order to maximize their child's chances of academic success:

1. Parents should advocate on behalf of their child; one does not have to be a member of School Council in order to be an effective parent.
2. Parents should be a conduit for information to and from the school for their family and others.
3. Research shows that parents who discuss school issues at home tend to have children who do better in school. Be involved and ask your child about his/her day at school other than what did you learn. Try *Who did you talk to? Anyone get in trouble?*
4. Parent attitudes toward school is also important. Parents should attend all Parent-Teacher interviews, read the report cards, newsletters, etc...
5. Parents should attend as many school events as possible.
6. Parents should read to their children as often as possible.

Annie encouraged all parents to get involved but also stressed that engagement should not be narrowly defined; it's okay for parents to attend the school concert and the bake sales as not all have time in the evenings to be School Council members. She confirmed that it is usually the same ten people who serve on School Council and volunteer to organize events in the school and this is OK.

Congratulations to Connor Weed from AMSS

Connor was honoured by Lieutenant Governor David Onley recently at a ceremony at Queen's Park. He was one of only 7 students in the Province of Ontario to obtain The Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers. Connor is a volunteer with the Wyoming Fire Department and Plympton-Wyoming Fair Board. In the photo he is wearing the medallion he received. Newslink is http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/lg_cva.shtml



Up Coming Events

- April 26, Board Meeting @ Sarnia
- Reminder—May 3 Budget Workshop Cancelled

Trustee Group Picture -

The Trustee Group picture will be taken on June 10 prior to the Board Meeting.



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