

# Aileen Wright News



**WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!!!**



Aileen Wright English Catholic School

March 2011

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

How timely that the virtue for this month is **FORGIVENESS**, not only because we are in the season of lent but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith and one that Jesus modeled for us in his life and death. We are reminded that forgiveness is a gift to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment when we forgive another person and it's a gift to our children when we teach and model it to them.



## WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON AT SCHOOL

We would like to introduce you to some new terminology: learning goals and success criteria. These two words have become the focus for our school as we strive towards making sure all our students are successful learners.

Learning goals are brief statements, posted in the class, that describe in simple, child-friendly language what the students should know and be able to do by the end of a period of instruction. When the students understand what is being expected from them for that period, it will be easier for them to focus on achieving those goals, monitor their progress and set their own goals.



Success criteria describes, for students, what successful learning "looks like". Simply put, the teacher and the students work together to develop a list of what should be included in a piece of work in order for it to be considered "successful". This success criteria will provide the teacher with the basis to provide descriptive feedback on how your child performed on the task.

## COOKIE DOUGH/CINNAMON BUNS

A sincere "Thank You" for your support with our most recent fund-raising initiative. The order will be



placed this week and the pick-up will be shared upon completion of the order. All proceeds will go towards the Grade 8 Educational Trip and Student Activities which benefit all students in the school.

## ELECTRONIC DAY

The Friday before March Break, **Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, is **Pajama Day** and **Electronic Day**. Your child can bring an electronic item to school for a **\$ 2.00** donation. It is important to note that these items are brought at your own risk.

## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

In our efforts towards School Improvement Planning, parents, students and teachers are invited to complete an anonymous online survey. Your individual username and password will be sent home with your participation appreciated by **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Thank you to Mr. Tracy for organizing our Annual support to the Heart and Stroke Foundation through Jump Rope for Heart. The big event is scheduled for **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. The pledge sheet will be sent home shortly.



## HOT DOG & PIZZA DAYS

Just a friendly reminder to bring your money for hot dog day and pizza day the day before. You also have the option to pay for the month.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Another reminder that Friday's are jean day and the last Friday of the month is dress down day. All other days, your child is expected to wear proper school uniform. Your support in this regard is greatly appreciated!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions and/or concerns. Yours in Catholic Education,

*Andrea Iserhoff*