

# The Wildcat Gazette

St. Anne - Newsletter



October 1, 2013

**W**e made it through the first month of school! Our virtue of the month is **GRATITUDE**. Our Gift of the Grandfather Teachings is **RESPECT**. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and as parents, you are the primary teachers of your children, hence, you can model gratitude by letting them know all of the things that you have to be thankful for. Ask them to consider all of the things they are thankful for. I am thankful for my family, my health and also for the opportunity to continue working within this community with all of the parents and children from St. Anne's school. It is a joy and privilege to be a part of your lives. I am wishing you a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday and asking that you be especially safety conscious on Hallowe'en.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pichette



## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tues., Oct. 1, 2013 at 3:45 pm

Everyone welcome – come join us and vote for council members.



## FOCUS ON FAITH

This year the Gr. 7/8 classes will be preparing for and engaging in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father Rancourt will be giving us more information in the near future.



## BUCKET PROGRAM

As part of our ongoing efforts toward anti-bullying and building empathy in our students, we have begun a new Respect program which entails children recognizing when they do good deeds for others and how it makes them feel. Our "invisible buckets" are filled by the kind things we do for others and it fills their buckets too. It is a "win-win" situation! Ask your child how he or she filled someone's bucket daily and tell them when their hugs, helping out or good behaviour has filled YOUR bucket.



We are **STILL** trying to "go green" while ensuring that parents are kept well informed of school activities and events.

Once again, we are asking parents to supply us with their email addresses so that we can automatically send the Newsletter, Calendar and important communication directly to you. No more lost letters, calendars or Report cards – won't that be great?

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## FOOD DRIVE

We have been collecting food for Thanksgiving for families in need. Please send in canned or dried goods. The deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at lunch time as we will be sorting, counting and dropping off the goods to the Friendly Warehouse on Thursday. Thanks to all who donate – we are teaching the children our monthly virtue of GRATITUDE for all of their blessings and of CHARITY – another of our virtues. It is also in keeping with the Grandfather teachings – respect of all people, no matter their circumstances.

## L'ÉPLUCHETTE DE BLE D'INDE

The Gr. 3/4/5 French Immersion students are celebrating this traditional French event with a corn-on-the-cob meal with their parents. For fall harvest, neighbours were invited to husk corn, tell stories and sing traditional songs. There were usually a few red ears of corn and this afforded those who found them special privileges – ask your child what that was!



NEW Video on Math Development  
for Parents

Watch and share EQAO's **NEW** video for parents titled ["How Many Nickels Make a Dollar? The Importance of Proportional Reasoning in Your Child's Math Development."](#)

Proportional reasoning is an important mathematical way of thinking needed for much of the math that's used in school and in everyday life. The **video explains what proportional reasoning is, why it's important and what parents can do to support its development** in their children.

This video can be viewed, along with the Newsletter and monthly calendar(s) as well as pictures of events, at the Board site at: <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca>



Check out the calendar for Waste Free lunch week – help us teach the children how to care for our earth.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**