

Dufferin-Peel opens Parenting and Family Literacy Centres at four elementary schools

On September 21, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will open Parenting and Family Literacy Centres in four elementary schools. These centres are located at Canadian Martyrs School and St. Teresa of Avila School in Mississauga, Holy Cross School in Malton and St. Monica School in Brampton. Each centre will officially open at 9 a.m., with ribbon cutting ceremonies taking place at 1 p.m.

The Parenting and Family Literacy Centres will welcome all parents/caregivers in the respective school communities who are caring for children newborn to age 6. The goal of these programs is to promote positive parent-child interaction, as well as to engage parents/caregivers and children in play-based early literacy and numeracy activities that will help to prepare children for a successful start at school. The daily program will include free play, art activities that will build on children's natural curiosity, circle-time with favourite songs, rhymes and stories, as well as snack time. The centres will be open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (program times vary slightly at each site).

These centres are funded by the Ministry of Education and are staffed with a Parent Worker/Facilitator trained in Early Childhood Education and Family Support.

WHAT: Official Opening of Parenting and Family Literacy Centres

WHEN: Monday, September 21, 2009

Opening at 9 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Canadian Martyrs School, 1185 Mississauga Valley Boulevard, Mississauga

St. Teresa of Avila School, 6675 Montevideo Road, Mississauga

Holy Cross School, 3615 Morning Star Drive, Malton

St. Monica School, 60 Sterritt Drive, Brampton

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is one of largest and most diverse school districts in Ontario, with approximately 87,000 students in 145 Catholic schools throughout Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon and Orangeville. With over 10,000 employees, the board is also one of the largest employers in the region. This year marks Dufferin-Peel's 40th anniversary as a consolidated school board.

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