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Peel District School Board pays tribute to more than 12,000 teachers

The Peel District School Board will pay tribute to teachers on Teacher Recognition Day, Oct.5. The day will be celebrated with special activities, artwork and gifts. It is a chance for students, parents, office and administrative staff to thank the more than 12,000 Peel board teachers who help make learning enjoyable.

“The Peel board has exceptional teachers and it’s important that we take time to recognize their hard work and dedication,” says Tony Pontes, director of education. “I am truly grateful for everything our teachers do to teach, encourage and motivate students in Peel every day.”

To thank teachers for their contributions, one student from every class at Erin Centre Middle School in Mississauga will present their teacher with a poem and a flower on Wednesday morning. Erin Centre teachers will also be treated to a luncheon, organized by the principal, Doug Massey, and other office staff.

Lynn O’Halloran, principal of Eagle Plains Public School in Brampton, will recognize her staff for their contributions by presenting them with a commemorative school pin and other treats. Notes O’Halloran, “The pin is a visual reminder of our commitment to Eagle Plains and the community we serve.”

Teachers at Humberview Secondary School in Bolton will be honoured with a special breakfast reception. Every teacher will be presented with a personal thank-you card in appreciation of their tremendous efforts throughout the year.

World Teachers’ Day was developed by the United Nations in 1994 to recognize teachers’ contribution to society. For more information on World Teachers’ Day, visit www.unesco.org.

The Peel board serves more than 150,000 students in kindergarten to grade 12. Operating 231 schools in the municipalities of Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga, the Peel board is the largest employer in Peel. The board's annual budget is \$1.3 billion. For more information, visit the board's website at www.peelschools.org.

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Peel Boards pay tribute to their teachers

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Teacher Kelly Sacino, teaching assistants Valerie Dever and Jennifer Butternick and Vice-Principal Pradeep Rajah were partaking of the breakfast reception at Humberview Secondary School in Bolton yesterday (Wednesday) as part of the observances of Teacher Recognition Day. Photo by Bill Rea

Both the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board paid tribute to teachers in honour of Teacher Recognition Day yesterday (Wednesday).

The day was celebrated with special activities, artwork and gifts. It was a chance for students, parents, office and administrative staff to thank the teachers who help make learning enjoyable.

"The Peel board has exceptional teachers and it's important that we take time to recognize their hard work and dedication," commented Tony Pontes, director of education for the Peel District School Board. "I am truly grateful for everything our teachers do to teach, encourage and motivate students in Peel everyday."

"Our board is proud to recognize the professionalism and dedication that our teachers show in their classrooms," says Anna Abbruscato, chair of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic Board. "We encourage all our students and school community to thank our teachers for the extraordinary contributions they make to the development and success of our students."

"Teachers have an incredibly important role in our communities," said John Kostoff, director of education. "Most of us can point to a teacher who has influenced us in a very positive way. The contributions that our teachers and Catholic educational teams make in preparing our students to become successful in their future careers, as well as good citizens, should be recognized and celebrated."

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