



TRINITY REVIEW

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New programs developed.
- Peer Leadership Review Results
- Challenges with working with teachers
- Trinity Travels

2009-10 In Review

We had an exciting and fulfilling year at Trinity last school year! Take a look at the following pictures of Peer Leaders in five Toronto District School Board high schools who completed the *Creating Communities We Want Transition Program*.

This program supports grade 9 students in their social/ emotional development during the crucial first year of high school.



Peer Leaders at Runnymede using drama techniques in a workshop.



Students at Pearson CI brainstorming key issues and challenges.



Students at West Hill participating in a Talking Circle.

2010-2011 looks like it's going to be an exciting year as well! We have several new schools on board. We are looking forward to working at Victoria Park C.I, George S. Henry, Thistletown and Central Commerce to name a few. We are pleased to be involved in developing roles for Peer Leaders in the new Focus on Success/ Why Try initiative. We'll keep you updated!



Peer to Peer contact at Sir Oliver Mowat



Bendale BTI Peer Leaders mentoring younger students

Moving Forward Program

A new and innovative Alternative to Suspension (Focus on Success) and Drug Abuse program was undertaken at Earl Haig SS, Bendale BTI and Pearson CI.

We will continue developing this program throughout 2010-2011.

Also, there was more ongoing social/emotional development work being carried out with the Toronto District School

Board's Safe and Caring Schools through the Long Term Support Program at Pharmacy, Hardington and Midland sites.

Marc Garneau CI News

Peer Leadership students at Marc Garneau CI, under the direction of Ms. Spofforth, visited all of the grade nine classrooms at the beginning of the school year to deliver two transition workshops.

This was followed by transition work, designed by the peer leaders themselves, with grade 8 students at Valley Park MS. The workshops also included small group mentoring

Peer Leadership Training

Peer Leaders at York Humber HS and Marc Garneau CI successfully received mediation training this year.

Thanks to all who participated and did such courageous work!



What's Happening at York Humber HS



York Humber Peer Leaders from Mr. Altwerger's GPP Leadership class received training to mentor grade 9 and 10 students with their work and how to meet the day to day challenges of high school.

Trinity in Bruce Grey County

A great group of Peer Leaders at **Sacred Heart High School in Owen Sound** and **St. Mary's High School in Walkerton**

carried out the *Creating Communities We Want* program under the direction of Jackie Remers (Walkerton), and Jen Kirby and Patrick Hogan (Owen Sound).

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in the 2010/11 school year!

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Sacred Heart Catholic School in Guelph successfully completed its second year of the Peer Leadership program.

You did a great job and we will miss you!



Centennial Academy

Centennial Academy in Montreal completed its third year of Peer Leadership in the school.

Centennial Peer Leaders addressed concerns of younger student and mentored them to help promote positive growth.



Thanks Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Tso and Mrs. Murphy for all your support. It's been a great three years in Montreal.

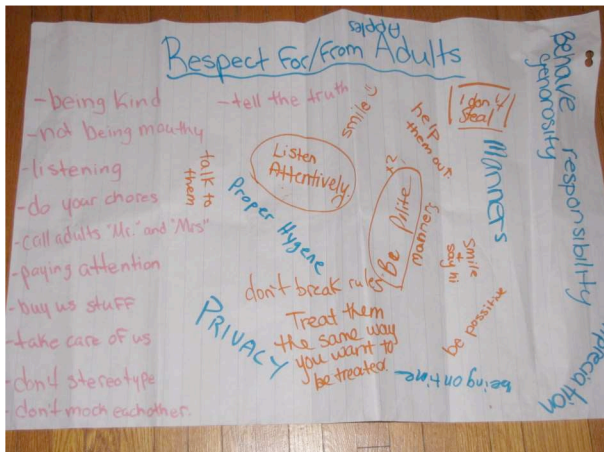
Trinity Travels

Near the end of the school year, Alan and Sandra travelled all over Ontario to research programs and techniques being used with high-risk students. The Natural Helpers groups in Thunder Bay's schools

were especially dedicated to helping their peers, as was the drama group overseen by Toni Wilson in the Thames Valley District School Board that created and staged plays about Safe School issues.

The Hamilton-Wentworth Board has implemented the Innovative Gateway Program that practices Restorative Circles in their work.

Peer Leadership Review



WHY?

- It helps to be self motivated so that you don't just give up. It's really important to have a purpose in your life and to know what you believe in and stand for.
- You can't give up and you have to work hard.
- Own up to your mistakes.
- When your life is organized, you can do a lot more.
- Being responsible means you do what is necessary for the well being of you or another person.
- Be positive, you pass the attitude on to people around you.
- Once you know how to manage your time you can do more than just schoolwork.
- Once you learn to respect people, people will respect you back.
- By being strong mentally, you will be able to stand up for your self in any given situation.

This year we asked Peer Leaders for comments and opinions regarding workshops. We have compiled some of the more common results.

What strengths are most important for facing high school?

- Resilience
- Confidence
- Kindness
- Ability to think on your feet

- Organization
- Discipline
- Responsible
- Hardworking
- Social Skills
- Positive Attitude
- Respect
- Time Management Skills
- Open to Try New Things
- Perseverance
- Turning the other cheek
- Sense of humour

Challenges with Teachers

- Lack of student/teacher relationship
- Teachers aren't open-minded, or willing to listen to the student
- Being open-minded and honest
- Teachers should get to know students
- If teachers don't show respect why should students respect them
- Lack of confidence in students
- Communication
- Trust



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