

## **Welcome to Kindergarten**

**June 3, 2009**

The staff of Blessed Margherita Catholic School was thrilled to welcome our new Junior Kindergarten students and their families to our school. Right from the start, where students got their name tag and passport, and throughout the evening, our new Junior Kindergarten students had a great time. They played and learned at the various centres. They met their future Kindergarten teachers, Ms. Caroleo and Ms. Colitti. They met our Grade 1 teacher, Ms. Tersigni and our special education coordinator, Ms. Menitti and our special education teacher, Mr. Bettencourt. As well, they met the Principal, Ms. Leitaio.

Lita Gonsalvez-Dickey, the TCDSB Spanish community relations officer addressed the parent community explaining the services available to them and the home-school-church partnership. We thank Ms. Gonsalvez –Dickey for her high regard for the school and our staff. We appreciate her willingness to help out our parent community with any information they may need or any problem that they may encounter.

Donna Paisaila, the Public health nurse, was instrumental in helping our parents understand their role in providing proper nutrition to their children, the importance of adequate sleep, proper hygiene. She spoke to parents about childhood illnesses and when to keep students home from school to prevent spread of germs. She also spoke to parents about their role in supporting the school with their educational goals.

Staff from Hinks Dellcrest also attended to explain the services they provide to families in our area.