



CSAC Newsletter – March / April 2009

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.
HARRY S TRUMAN

CSAC hosted a FREE Health Seminar on Wednesday, February 4th. This seminar which was entitled “**Let’s Stop Poisoning Ourselves.**” was led by Mr. Ward Sullivan. He spoke of items in our environment that could be harmful to our families and he told us that there are alternatives on the market that could replace these harmful items.

Please mark your calendars for a presentation called “**Holistic Nutrition Made Easy**”. This FREE event is made possible by funding with support from the Ministry of Education PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant 2009. Vikki King is the presenter. The event has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Louis Library.

We would like to tell you about an exciting program at St. Louis, called **PAST**. The acronym PAST stands for Program to Assist Social Thinking, a ground-breaking program tailored to students with Aspergers Syndrome that is offered by the TCDSB and which is offered only at St. Louis, for now. It started as a pilot first at St. Ambrose, then became a permanent program and was moved to St. Louis. Students in the West area who fit the criteria are bused in once a week for this program. The teacher and CYW from the program actually go to the student's schools and assist staff in those schools in dealing effectively with the PAST students. This is a quote from a parent whose child has been attending PAST at St. Louis: “Most parents I know with Aspergers kids would do almost anything to get their child into this type of program - no other board I know offers it. It is very well run and makes a huge difference for the students in it.” The PAST program has recently been nominated for an award for exemplary practice with the TCDSB, including all members of the St. Louis school team and our superintendent. The awards will be given out in May.

CSAC would like to thank **Mrs. Sara McDonald**, a parent whose children no longer attend St. Louis. Mrs. McDonald knows we are collecting Campbell's labels and has twice put us in touch with individuals who have kindly donated labels toward our cause. These labels are used to buy books for the school library.

CSAC would like to congratulate **Mr. Finucan** as three of the groups from the **St. Louis Gifted program** who were entered in the recent Destination Imagination event held at St. Basil The Great Catholic School, placed in the top three for their age/category. One of these groups is moving on to the Global finals in Tennessee, in May.

Other **school news** can be found at our school web-site:
<http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stlouis.asp>

The **next CSAC meeting** will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009 in the St. Louis Catholic School Library. All are welcome.