



NEWS RELEASE

NCDSB Principal Receives CPCO Principal of the Year Award!

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The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario and the Northeastern Catholic Principal's Association is pleased to recognize Mrs. Andrea Iserhoff as the 2012 Principal of the Year. This award is given to a principal or Vice-Principal, who is a member of CPCO, for outstanding school and community leadership.

John D'Alessandri, Vice President of the Northeastern Catholic Principal's Association states, "We are thrilled for Andrea. She definitely deserves this award and we could not be happier for her. In a short time, Andrea has made a significant impact in her school, the board and the community."



Andrea Iserhoff stands as an instructional leader, a role model, a mentor and guide for her colleagues, teachers and students.

Andrea began teaching with the Northeastern Catholic District School Board in 1998 at St. Patrick's School in Kapuskasing, Ontario. She has served as a classroom teacher and a special education resource teacher. She transferred to Aileen Wright English Catholic School, in Cochrane in 2001 and took over the leadership of the school in 2006.

Andrea is known to refer to the school as a family. This sentiment is echoed by both the staff and the wider school community. It is a small school by most standards, and this has allowed Andrea and the staff at Aileen Wright to develop relationships with each and every family so that together, they ensure that students truly do come first. This strong school-family relationship has resulted in a level of mutual respect that is surpassed by few schools in our board.

Andrea has a passion for learning and this passion translates to high expectations for student learning and a significant amount of collaboration amongst staff. Andrea effectively shares the leadership in the school to ensure that consistency in instructional practice is evident classroom to classroom. They are a true learning community as under Andrea's leadership, her entire staff undertook the process of completing their Religion

Specialist together. Andrea continues to be a model for life-long learning as she is currently working on her Master of Education degree.

Glenn Sheculski, Director of Education, commented "On behalf of the entire Northeastern Catholic District School Board family, I would like to congratulate Andrea Iserhoff on being named the CPCO 2012 Principal of the Year. This accomplishment stems from Andrea's hard work and dedication to Catholic education. She works diligently to ensure that Aileen Wright English Catholic School is a safe and welcoming school for our students and staff members, reflecting our Catholic values. Once again, congratulations to Andrea on this milestone in her career."

Currently, Andrea is the President of our local CPCO association and sits on a number of standing committees at a board level. She has provided a tremendous sense of collegiality and professionalism to the group. Members have come to appreciate the special things Andrea does to celebrate birthdays and holidays. She is also a mentor to new principals, offering sound advice, support around instructional leadership practices, and a shoulder to lean on as needed. Andrea is also a strong advocate for Catholic education and works tirelessly to strengthen the connection between school, home and parish.

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