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Newcomer Orientation Week—2010



The Newcomer Orientation Program (NOW) is being run in 80 schools this summer across communities in Ontario. For the first time, NOW will be offered in Durham region. Also, a first, NOW is being piloted for multiple sites. One example is the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board NOW program: the program will be offered in five hub schools, each of which will have peer leaders and students from four or five other local high schools. In this way every high school student will have access to the program!

A list of NOW schools is provided on the next page.

Another exciting development this year is that the NOW program is being offered for the first time in Alberta. Last November Sandy Wong, a lead facilitator and writer of the peer leader training curriculum joined Ontario provincial coordinator, Darcy MacCallum, to provide a three-day orientation to the program for the Prairie Region SWIS programs. Three cities, Red Deer, Edmonton and Calgary, sent facilitators to the June training in Toronto for the peer leader training program.

Other cities in both Alberta and Saskatchewan are looking at implementing the program in the near future.



The NOW program also received the Spirit of Excellence award—a public service recognition program that celebrates successful implementation of innovations and ideas to achieve governmental priorities in Ontario. This is the first year the award has been offered. It is presented by the Ontario Federal Council—the body responsible for federal government departments in Ontario. NOW was one of 13 recipients in the province and the only one that represented a program working directly in the community.

Congratulations to all SWIS partners for their outstanding work that led to this recognition, and to the program developers, Peter Dorfman and Colette Snyder.

NOW Sites Across Ontario in 2010



Brampton (MSEP—BMC): St. Edmund Campion CSS—Aug 23-26; Bramalea SS, Cental Peel SS and Harold M. Brathwaite SS—Aug 30-Sept 2;
Durham Region (SWIS Durham): J. Clarke Richardson SS and Sinclair SS—Aug 30-Sep 2; **Hamilton (SWISH):** Barton SS, Cathedral CSS, Glendale SS and Sir John A McDonald SS—Aug 23-26; **Malton (MSEP—MNS):** Ascension of Our Lord CSS—Aug 23-26; Lincoln Alexander SS—Aug 30-Sept 2;
Mississauga (MSEP—Dixie-Bloor): St. Martin—Aug 23-26; Applewood SS—Aug 30-Sept 2;
Mississauga (MSEP—NCP): Father Michael Goetz—Aug 23-26; Port Credit/TL Kennedy SS, Rick Hansen SS and Woodlands SS—Aug 30-Sep 2;
Mississauga (MSEP—PICS): Our Lady of Mt. Carmel CSS—Aug 23-26; Meadowvale SS—Aug 30-Sep 2; **Niagara Region (SWIS Niagara):** St. Catherine's Collegiate SS, Denis Morris HS, Holy Cross CSS and Westlane SS—Aug 23-26; **Ottawa (MLO):** Bell HS, Brookfield HS, Glebe CI and St. Pius X HS—Aug 23-26; **Toronto (SEPT Cluster 1):** Jean Vanier Catholic SS—August 24-27; Stephen Leacock CI—Aug 25-30; Albert Campbell CI, Dr Norman Bethune CI and L'Amoreeaux CI—Aug 26-31; **Toronto (SEPT Cluster 2):** St. Patrick CSS, East York/Monarch Park CIs, Don Mills CI—Aug 23-26; Greenwood SS and Marc Garneau CI—Aug 24-27; **Toronto (SEPT Cluster 3):** AY Jackson SS, Earl Haig SS, Georges Vanier SS, George S. Henry Academy, Victoria Park CI and York Mills CI—Aug 24-27; **Toronto (SEPT Cluster 5):** Cental Technical School, Central Commerce CI and George Harvey CI—Aug 26-31; St. Mary's Catholic SS—Aug 30-Sept 2;
Toronto (SEPT Cluster 6): CW Jefferys CI—Aug 23-26; Downsview SS, North Albion CI and Father Henry Carr CSS—Aug 24-27; **Toronto (SEPT Cluster 7):** Newtonbrook SS and Northview Heights SS—Aug 24-27; **Waterloo Region (SEPWR):** Eastwood CI, Forest Heights CI and St. Mary's HS—Aug 30-Sep 2; **Windsor (SWIS Essex-Windsor):** Catholic Central HS and LJ Forster SS—Aug 23-26
York Region (SEPYR): Milliken Mills HS, St. Robert CHC, St. Elizabeth CHC, St. Joan of Arc CHC and Unionville HS—Aug 24-26; Father Michael McGiveney Academy—Aug 25-27

Welcome and Information for Newcomers—2010



The WIN program will be run in 18 schools this summer. A pilot version of the program is being offered in Durham open to newcomer students from all schools entering kindergarten through grade 8. ESL Teachers and SWIS settlement workers have collaborated with the provincial coordinator to develop this pilot curriculum.

WIN Sites Across Ontario:

Durham Region (SWIS Durham): Bolton C. Falby PS—Sep 1;
Ottawa (MLO): Roberta Bondar PS—Aug 31; Glashan PS—Sep 3;
Peel Region (MSEP): Balmoral Drive Sr PS, Fletchers Creek Sr PS, Glenhave Sr PS, Morning Star MS, The Valleys Sr PS and Thomas Street MS—Sep 1; **Toronto (SEPT):** Dixon Grove PS, Fisherville JHS, Kennedy PS, Pleasant View JHS and Valley Park MS—Aug 31;

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