



Parent Handbook 2010-2011

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Mission Statement

Olive Grove School offers the Ontario ministry's curriculum, in addition to programs in Arabic language, Quran and Islamic Studies. Our school emphasizes the essential values of our youth's development and social training.

Our aim at Olive Grove is to lead our students to **academic excellence** and **exemplary moral, social** and **emotional** development.

The mission of Olive Grove as a MAC School is to:

- ◆ Ensure a high quality education in an atmosphere respecting Islamic values.
- ◆ Offer the Muslim community an additional alternative for children's education.
- ◆ Parents' constructive involvement in developing the school is encouraged.
- ◆ Facilitate our future generation's conscious integration and adaptation in Canadian society and culture.

September 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuhu.

- Peace, mercy, and blessing be upon you all

Welcome to the 2010 – 2011 Olive Grove School year! We hope you and your family had an enjoyable summer. We would like to welcome our new and returning students. For those parents who are joining us for the first time, we would like to thank you for choosing Olive Grove School for your child's education. This handbook is intended to help parents get acquainted with the policies and procedures at OGS. At OGS, we believe establishing good lines of communication between the school and home are vital to ensuring student success.

Islamic character education is our focus at Olive Grove School. We are continuing to implement different strategies to help us develop best results. Olive Grove School is a learning community where teachers, administrators, and parents all enjoy the mutual respect and caring essential for growth and learning. Using TRIBES is one technique we are working with at Olive Grove School. TRIBES is centred around four community agreements:

Attentive Listening – To pay close attention to one another's expressions of ideas, opinions and feelings; to check for understanding, and to let others know that they are being heard with your eyes, your ears and your heart.

Mutual Respect – means that everyone considers and honours an individual's cultural values, beliefs, and needs. It means respect for oneself, and for the privacy and property of others.

Appreciation, No Put Downs- To treat others kindly, to state appreciation for unique qualities, gifts, skills, and contributions, to avoid negative remarks, name calling, hurtful gestures and behaviours.

Right to Pass – To have the right to choose when to and to what extent one will participate in a group activity, to observe quietly if not participating actively, and to choose whether to offer observations later to the group when asked to do so.

You and your children will be learning about these agreements throughout the year and how to implement them. This will help us all establish a positive learning environment together for our children.

To advance our holistic approach to education, this year, Olive Grove School will be a green school under EcoSource program. Only three schools per year are selected for this and we are only the second private school ever selected!

May Allah accept all of our efforts. Insha'Allah, we look forward to a successful school year working with you and your child.

Mr. Abdullatif Bakbak, Principal

Mrs. Farah Malang, Vice-Principal

The Children's Agenda

The agenda is a great tool when it is used on a daily basis. The student agenda acts as a homework organizer allowing students to prioritize their tasks and manage their time. Teachers will encourage students to write down important information which should be reviewed by parents **daily**.

Parents should check the agenda each day so they are aware of the projects, tests and assignments which are occurring in each subject area. Parents may also write comments or feedback to the teacher to ensure that the lines of communication are open.

The agenda also has many informative pages that were created by the publisher. There are also reference pages for various items such as English and Mathematics which will be useful for students.

TEACHER /PARENT COMMUNICATION

Each grade will have a website to display different information pertaining to the grade. Each grade will also post a newsletter/monthly forecast on the school website at the start of every month. Arabic Teachers will be sending weekly goals. Teachers will also send messages to parents whenever the need arises.

If a parent has any question or concern about their child's education they should arrange an interview through the agenda and speak directly with the teacher. Parents are strongly encouraged not to bring up a concern with the Principal/Vice-Principal without having first discussed the issue with the teacher. If you feel that your question or concern has not been sufficiently addressed, only then should you discuss it with the Principal/Vice-Principal.

OGS's Monthly Newsletter:

The newsletter will be available in electronic format on our website only. First issue will be published first day of school and consequent issues will be published on the first Monday of each month (October to June).

Communication Day

Communication day at OGS is every Wednesday. We will try our best to send home all correspondence such as weekly reminders and field trip announcements on this one day. Make sure to check your child's bag on Wednesday for important news. Forms that need to be returned to the school should be returned promptly to the class teacher.

Arriving in the morning:

Students must enter from the east gate between 8:10-8:30am. Students will line with their classes outside until the first morning bell at 8:25am. Students will proceed to their classes with their Teachers. At 8:30am all students should be settled at their desk and be ready for the morning *duaa* and announcements. All students are expected to stand quietly listening to the announcements and repeating the morning *duaa*. Visitors are expected to observe the same rule during morning *duaa* and announcement.

Please be advised that there will be no supervision before 8:10 am, so parents must stay with their child(ren) until then.

During rainy, snowy, or very cold days, students will be requested to enter the school and assemble in the cafeteria.

**Student Absence / Late Arrival**

Students must be in line with their class at the 8:25 am bell. Students entering after the 8:30 am bell must enter through the front entrance and be signed in by a parent or have a note from a parent. Students arriving late after 8:30am can be a major disruption to the class and the Teachers may decide on a special arrangement for them during the first period. Administration may decide on further action to deal with repeated late arrivals. Parents can call the school anytime and leave a message if your child will be absent. If we have not heard from you, the office will be calling your home or work to inquire why your child is not at school. Your child's safety is our main concern.

In case of absence, please notify the school before 8:30am that day.

Appointments during the Day

If your child has a medical or dental appointment during the school day, please notify the teacher in writing that day via the agenda. When arriving to pick up your child, please come to the office and we will call your child from class. You must sign your child out at this time. No child will be allowed to leave the school grounds, during school hours without permission from a parent.

What is the Kiss 'N Ride Drop off and Pick up System?

Parents dropping off their children must use the Kiss 'N Ride or they can park in the school parking lot or adjacent property at 2270 Speakman Dr. Kiss 'N Ride area is designated as fire route zone. It is illegal to park in this area. **Please do not park in the Kiss 'N Ride area.** Parents should enter the driveway and drop their child off at the Far East entrance and NOT the front door. Volunteers and/or teachers will be stationed at the east gate, driveway, and parking lot for traffic and safety control. The east gate will be opened in the morning at 8:10 am for the Kiss 'N Ride.. **No early pick up will be**

permitted between 3pm to 3:30pm, unless your child has an appointment. This causes unnecessary class disruption. Pick up is at 3:30 pm sharp. Please wait outside for your child to be dismissed. Please do not stop or park in the area designated for the bus.

Custody Rights

Where parents are separated or divorced, the school should be clearly informed of custodial rights so that there is no question about which parent has the right to pick up the child(ren) from the school.



Bus Transportation

OGS utilizes the service of a third party bus company (ATTRIDGE) to drive our student to and from school

Full busing will begin on September 13, 2010

Students are required to be on time at their designated stop, buses will not wait. Upon arrival at school should enter from the far east gate and proceed immediately to the supervised playground area until 8:25am bell. Students are expected to observe all bus safety rules. There is no eating or drinking allowed on the bus. All students must remain seated with the seat belt on at all times. The bus driver is at all times in complete charge of the bus. When misconduct is reported, students may lose their privilege of transportation following consultation with the parent.

At dismissal time, students are expected to line up in the designated area in an orderly fashion. If your child is transported to school by bus, there will be times when you will pick him/her up from school. Please notify the school as we do take attendance before the students board the bus. Knowing this information allows staff to facilitate this process without detaining the bus.

Late Buses

At times, the school bus will be late in arriving to the school at dismissal time or late in the morning to pick-up your children. Please call the bus company, rather than the school, for information about any late issues as the bus driver is in direct communication with the dispatcher. The phone number for Attridge is 905-855-7771.

Bus Cancellations

During the winter months buses may be cancelled due to inclement weather. There will be no transportation provided on these days. If you drop your child off at school, please also remember to arrange for pick up on these days.

What do kindergarten parents need to know?

Parents can drop off their children in the morning at 8:10am in the enclosed space at the east side of the school.

The JK/SK program is a full day, enriched Montessori Program. This means that while following the Ontario curriculum, students will also be exposed to the Montessori Method of learning. The JK/SK group will follow a slightly different schedule that is tailored to their specific needs as new and young students.

Junior Kindergarten students will have a staggered entry procedure which will be explained by the teachers. This process allows for an easy transition to the school setting and establishing class routines. Regular full day classes will begin on Wednesday September 15th, 2010 for all Junior Kindergarten students.

What is the procedure for visitors at Olive Grove?

For safety reasons, during school hours, all visiting adults must sign in and out at the office and wear an approved Olive Grove School badge. From 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, all entrance doors will be locked. All visitors must use the front door and must report to the office.

Volunteers

Among the most important resources of a school are the people of the school community. There is no doubt that the children benefit from the assistance provided to both students and staff by parent volunteers. A love for children combined with patience, understanding and some free time are the only requirements to be a volunteer. The time commitment varies according to the individual volunteer and the kind of role for which you volunteer. There are many opportunities to volunteer at Olive Grove School.

All volunteers must sign in and out at the office and wear an identification name tag at all times within the school.

Police Record Checks are required of new parent volunteers. They need to be submitted to the office before becoming involved as a volunteer. See the office for a form.

Dropping off items at the office (lunches, homework etc.)

During the day there may be drop offs of lunches, forgotten homework, etc. to the office. Although we do our best to accommodate everyone, it is often difficult to deal with each situation immediately. Pre-planning to make sure your child has everything in their bag as they leave in the morning would be very much appreciated. If you do however, drop something off, it is not our policy to interrupt a class to call down a student as it is very disruptive to the class and the teacher. We will make sure the item is delivered at an appropriate time.

Waiting for your children after school

Kindergarten parents can pick up their children from the enclosure at the east side of the school. All other parents can pick up their children from the front of the school. Please wait outside the school for your children.

Care of Textbooks and Classroom Equipment

Textbooks and equipment used in our programs are costly. It is the responsibility of each student to handle textbooks and equipment with care. Parents will be required to pay for the replacement of any textbook or equipment damaged or lost by their child.

Library

The school maintains a library that contains books and audio-visual material for use by students and staff. Students are responsible to maintain borrowed materials in proper condition and will be required to pay or replace lost or damaged material.

Litterless lunches

In keeping with our ECO school please send all food in plastic reusable containers (no glass containers), reusable drink containers, stainless steel forks and spoons .

Uniform

We strongly encourage you to purchase items at McCarthy's (531 North Service Road in Oakville). If the OGS embroidered merchandise is not in stock, McCarthy's will ship them to you free of charge. They can size your child(ren) and ship the items when they are ready. Exchanges are permitted until September 30 as long as the item has not been washed or worn.

Students will be required to be in full uniform by September 20, 2010.

Girls: JK to Grade 8 (all of the items listed below are required)

- Embroidered tunic
- Dark green OGS embroidered golf shirt
- Grey pants
- Plain white hijab (mandatory for grades 4-8, required for prayer for all grades)
- Gym uniform: OGS green gym t-shirts and OGS sweatpants (mandatory for Grades 4 to 8; optional for JK to Grade 3 sold at OGS)

Girls: Grades 6 to 8 option

Ankle-length dark grey skirt

* JK and SK students ONLY may wear dark grey tights

** Grades 4 to 8 girls must wear a *long sleeve* dark green embroidered golf shirt

JK to Grade 5 boys required items are:

- Embroidered green golf shirt
- Dark grey pants
- Gym uniform: OGS green gym t-shirts and OGS sweatpants (mandatory for Grades 4 to 8; optional for JK to Grade 3 sold at OGS)

Boys: Grades 6 to 8 mandatory uniform

- Embroidered white oxford shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Dark grey pants
- OGS crested tie (sold at OGS)
- OGS sleeveless green vest (optional, sold at McCarthy's)

***** OGS embroidered green long-sleeve pullover or sleeveless vest (optional) for all grades ***
sold at OGS**

Physical Education and Gym Clothes

All of the children at Olive Grove School will be encouraged to take an active part in the well-balanced Physical Education programme designed to improve fitness, teach cooperation as well as sportsmanship, and develop skills, etc. It is important that each child be prepared to participate in every Physical Education lesson. This means coming to class with the proper attitude and suitable gym clothes. If your child cannot take part in a P.E. class, a note from home explaining the reason why is required.

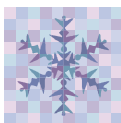
Students from grade 4 and up are expected to bring a change of clothes for gym. This includes a clean OGS t-shirt, and track pants (available on Sept.8th at school). Students should take home these gym clothes regularly to be washed.

Non Uniform days

From time to time we will have special days when no uniform is required. On these days students must wear loose Islamic clothing. No skinny jeans.

Emergency Contacts

Please ensure that the school is notified immediately with up-to-date information if there are any changes to information including address, telephone numbers at work or home, emergency contacts, medical contact and custody arrangements.



Emergency School Closures

In the event of inclement weather:

Please check our school website by 7:00am. www.olivegroveschool.ca

Radio stations will be informed by 7:00am in the morning.

OGS will be closed if Peel District School Board schools are closed.

Injury or Illness at School

If your child becomes ill or injured at school, we will make every attempt to contact you or your designate to determine an appropriate course of action. If the injury is serious, he/she will be taken to the hospital. If your child is too ill to follow the daily routines at OGS, please keep him/her at home. If a student becomes ill while at school, parents must pick the child up or arrange for transportation. Generally, children do not recover at school and we are not equipped to make youngsters feel as comfortable as they would be at home or in the care of a friend or relative.

It is critical that emergency contact information be kept up to date.

Peanut/Nut Allergies



OGS is an Allergen sensitive school. We have several students with severe peanut/nut allergies.

Do not send your child to school with any peanut products or items containing nut by products!

For further information, please visit www.anaphylaxis.org



Prescription Medication at School

If your child must take prescription medication at school, we require a permission form signed by the parent. Staff can only administer routine prescribed medication when a

written permission is submitted to the school by the parent. Forms are available in the office.

The container should be childproof and **clearly labelled with your child's name**, the doctor's name, the name of the medication, and the time for administration. All medication should be stored in the office for safety reasons.

We would like to encourage parents to administer medication for their children at home if possible.

Note: EPIPENS for students with life threatening allergies. These may be stored in the child's classroom by the teacher or carried by the child where the child is age 6 or up. Such students must carry their EPIPEN in a pouch attached to a belt at all times.

Non Prescription Medication

Staff is not permitted to administer non-prescription medication (Tylenol, Benadryl, etc.) Students are NOT permitted to keep non-prescription medication in their personal possession or in their locker.

Head Lice

Please inform the school if your child has this problem so that we may prevent the spread of lice to other students. The best way to prevent the spread of lice is to encourage your child to avoid sharing combs, hats, scarves, etc. If your child has head lice, you must provide medical clearance before he/she will be readmitted to school.

Please refer to the following website for a list of reportable diseases and the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

<http://www.peelschools.org/departments/sch-serv/peelhlth/4-00.htm>

Periods of Exclusion

Children with the following diseases should remain at home and away from others:

Disease	
Chickenpox (varicella)	Until well enough to participate in all activities regardless of the state of the rash.
Diarrhea	Daycare: Until 24 hours after diarrhea stops * Schools: Until diarrhea stops * * Depending on the cause, the Health Department may require a longer period of exclusion.
Fifth's Disease (parvovirus)	No exclusion Children well enough to participate in all activities can attend school.
Impetigo	Until the antibiotic prescribed by a doctor has been taken for at least 1 full day.
Measles (rubeola)	For at least 4 days after the rash begins.

Mumps	For at least 9 days after the swollen glands first appear.
Pink-eye, bacterial (conjunctivitis)	Until the antibiotic prescribed by a doctor has been taken for at least 1 full day.
Ringworm	Until treatment has started.
Rubella (German Measles)	Until at least 7 days after the rash first appears.
Scarlet Fever	Until antibiotic treatment prescribed by a doctor has been taken for 1 full day
Strep Throat	Until antibiotic treatment prescribed by a doctor has been taken for 1 full day
Whooping Cough (pertussis)	Until antibiotic treatment has been taken for at least 5 full days. If no treatment is given, exclusion for 3 weeks from when the cough began.

Source: Canadian Paediatric Society

If you suspect your child has a communicable disease that may spread to others:

- Keep your child at home and away from others
- Contact your family doctor for a diagnosis

Your doctor will advise you about care and treatment when a communicable disease is diagnosed

*Note the above information is taken directly from the Halton Regional Health Department

Celebration Policy

If you wish to recognize a special day such as Eid at the school we would like to remind you that we are promoting a peanut and nut free environment at Olive Grove School. In keeping with this policy we are requesting that you send NON-FOOD items for celebrations. Some alternatives may be stickers, pencils, erasers, books or an item from your child's teacher's wish list for the class.

Exceptional Students

Olive Grove School does not have the resources or facilities to accommodate special needs students, gifted children and children with learning and physical disabilities. Parents will be consulted and may be asked to withdraw their child from the school if he/she is identified as having special needs which we are unable to meet. It is in the best interest of the child to receive the appropriate help for his/her learning needs.

Lost and Found

The lost and found box is located between the back exit doors leading to the playground. Please check this box if your child has lost anything. **Please label all of your child's items to prevent loss.** All unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill at the end of each month.

Probation Period

All new students will be placed on a probation period of three months. If a student is not achieving the academic requirements at the end of this period they may be asked to leave the school. Students must be at a grade level of C- or above at the end of this probation period.

Homework

Homework is a planned part of the education process designed to enhance student learning, and is directly connected to The Ontario Curriculum Learning Expectations. Homework provides students with opportunities to apply learning and practice skills. Homework helps to develop life long skills such as self discipline, task commitment, time management, responsibility, independence, initiative, and problem solving. It also helps to build a partnership between home and school which leads to higher academic success.

What are the types of homework?

1. Completion - anything not finished in class.
2. Practice - review and reinforcement of lesson
3. Preparation- review for a test, pre-reading or research
4. Extension - creative applications that integrate or expand on class lessons.

Teachers use professional judgement and discretion to alter quantity and time frame of homework to meet the needs of a classroom or a specific student.

Extended Absences during the School Year and Homework

If parents choose to take their child(ren) out of school for an extended holiday, the school cannot provide the exact academic activities that replicate the missed schoolwork. Responsibility for this decision must rest with the parents. Parents are encouraged to plan activities such as daily journals, travel logs, reading, mathematics, science and technology activities during their trip.

Please note that if your child is absent for an extended period of time assessment in all areas of the curriculum may not be possible and this may result in some blank areas on your child's report card.

Please complete an extended absence form found in the office if your child will be absent for more than 1 week of school.

Report Cards

Grades 1-8 - progress report in November

SK, JK – in class observation before December 31st and goal setting with parents

SK, JK – Term 1 report in January, Term 2 report in June.

Grade 1-8 Term 1 reports in early February and Term 2 reports in June.

Please note we are following the Ministry of Education guidelines for the new report cards.

Curriculum

Staff design their classroom programs by integrating Islamic character education with the Ontario Curriculum Documents. Monthly forecasts will be posted on line by teachers keeping you informed of how we are implementing the curriculum in your child's class.

Parents can review the Ontario Curriculum documents on the Ministry of Education and Training website. <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/>

PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Parents committee or Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is the elected parents' body to provide consultation to the school administration.

Composition

The parents committee includes:

- At least 5 and up to 12 parents whose children are registered in the school, elected by their peers.
- One teacher elected by his/her peers
- The principal of the school or his representative.

Note: The principal (or his representative) and the teacher can not vote, or become the president of the parents committee, or represent the parents in the school board.

President

On the day of the election, members of the parents committee hold their first meeting and decide, among themselves, who will become the president who will manage the parents committee and represent the parents in the school committee.

Charges and responsibilities

The parents committee assumes the following tasks:

- give its opinion to the principal of the school about all the matters concerning the parents.
- promote participation of the parents in improving the school.
- organize extra-curriculum activities.

School Hours for 20010-2011

Our entry bell is at 8:25 am and classes will start at 8:30 am. Our Dismissal is at 3:30 pm sharp. **Kindergarten dismissal begins at 3:20pm.** Please ensure your child is picked up on time. Please see your child's teacher regarding their schedule.

Any child who has not been picked up by 3:45pm is considered "late pickups" and will be moved to the After School Program (ASP). Our office staff will call you to let you know that you can pick up your child from the After-School Program. If we cannot reach you we will phone the emergency contacts you have provided. The fee for a late pickup is \$10.00 until 5 pm. After 5 pm you will be charged an additional \$10.00.

Back Pack Considerations

As children start a new school year, the Peel District School Board has compiled the top 10 tips to help students and parents select a suitable backpack, and pack it properly, to prevent injury:

- Choose a bag that has two-inch shoulder straps and a hip or chest belt to remove the weight from the neck and lower back. Adjust the straps so that the backpack sits on your child's hips
- For additional support, select a backpack that features a padded back and shoulder straps.
- Make sure the pack fits properly, is not too snug around the arms and under the armpits and that its size is proportionate to your child's body.
- Ensure that your child is carrying less than 20 per cent of his body weight—some doctors recommend no more than 10 per cent for young children. For example, a 50 lb. child should carry a backpack no more than five pounds.
- Talk to your child about the importance of wearing both straps of the backpack and discourage carrying the backpack on just one shoulder. If your child is leaning forward, the bag is too heavy.
- Pack heavier books closest to the body.
- Consider choosing a bag with a strong handle and wheels so your child doesn't have to put strain on his back—this is especially helpful if your child walks to school.
- Get into the habit of cleaning out the backpack with your child each evening.
- Pack only the items that are essential—other supplies can be stored at home and brought to school when necessary.
- Pack gym clothes in a separate bag that can be stored at school or at home until they are needed.

"The Peel District School Board is committed to helping all students achieve success and live healthy and happy lives," says Janet McDougald, chair of the board. "Proper use of backpacks is very important to obtaining this goal. Too often we see students struggling to carry their backpacks or carrying them improperly, on one shoulder. We need to help our students understand the long-term effects of improper packing and carrying of a backpack."

"In recent years, there has been extensive discussion about incorrect backpack use and its potential link to pain and long-term damage in the developing spinal columns of growing children," say Dr. Dean Wright, president of the Ontario Chiropractic Association (OCA). "Elementary school children have a tendency to pack far more than they need for a day or than is healthy for their body size. As such, attention has been targeted on over-packed, overweight backpacks and the stresses that they place on these developing bodies."

For more information on proper use of backpacks read about the OCA's Pack it light. Wear it right. program at www.chiropractic.on.ca. For more information about helping children learn, visit www.peelschools.org.

*Note the above information on Back Packs is an exert from the Peel schools website

School Awards

We would like to give our students an incentive to perform to the best of their abilities during the school year.

Awards will be given during the Awards Assemblies in every term and in June. Parents will be informed about the dates and the times of the assemblies.

Throughout the school year, students will be encouraged to do their best and be reminded of the criteria for winning an award. Classroom and subject teachers will present their recommendations for the award winners. Winning and losing graciously are also life skills we would like to develop in our children. Parents will be informed 2-3 days prior to the Award Assembly if their child is being recognized with an award.

Based on the criteria below, teachers will select award winners. A staff meeting will be called to approve the selections and the decision will be final:

Category	Description
Honour Roll	Overall achievement over 80% of all subjects To be awarded at the end of each term
Overall Academic Achievement	Awarded to the student who has the highest overall average in a particular grade. This award will only be given in June.
Principal's Award	Best model of Islamic behaviour, best overall performance in all subject areas, positive attitude towards learning. This award will only be given in June.
Good Character/ Citizenship	Best model of Islamic behaviour: honesty, conduct in prayer, cooperation/willingness to help, application of Islam in daily life, respect for others, modesty, Islamic appearance, overall cleanliness, patience, Islamic manners (i.e. salutations, expressions), Islamic approach in resolving conflicts,

	encouraging others to do the right thing, setting a good example. This award will only be given in June.
End of the year per Grade Awards:	Max 2 awards per student.
Islamic Studies	Best overall knowledge in all aspects of the Islamic Studies curriculum.
Quran Recitation	Best pronunciation and memorization of suras learned in class. For grades 4 and up, reading of the Quran included.
Arabic Language	Best overall performance in developing a vocabulary, oral and visual communication, reading and writing, pronunciation, following instructions and homework completion.
Language Arts	Best overall performance in the three strands of language arts: Writing, Reading, and Oral and Visual Communication.
Mathematics	Best overall knowledge, performance and problem solving skills in the five strands of mathematics: Number Sense and Numeration, Measurement, Geometry and Spatial Sense, Patterning and Algebra, and Data Management and Probability.
Science	Best overall performance in the five strands of science and technology: Life Systems, Matter and Materials, Energy and Control, Structures and Mechanisms and Earth and Space Systems.
Social Studies (Grades 1-6) History & Geography (Grades 7& 8)	Best overall performance in the study of Community and Environmental Studies.
Visual Arts	Best overall performance and most creativity shown on a consistent basis.
Physical Education	Boys/girls separate: Active participation, skill, leadership, attitude and sportsmanship.
French (Grade 4 to 8)	Best performance in oral and visual communication, reading and writing, and pronunciation.
Effort Award	Consistent hard work and perseverance in the academic work. Cannot be combined with another award.

