



Congratulations to Good Shepherd Catholic School in Thamesville! They have placed 1st in the 2009 Chatham-Kent Schools in Bloom competition. For their outstanding efforts, Good Shepherd will receive a \$250 gift certificate generously donated by Kentwood Gardens, Dresden, to further beautify their school grounds in the fall.



**Top Bloomin' School
Good Shepherd Catholic School
Wins \$250 Kentwood Gardens gift certificate**

As Top Bloomin' School in this year's Chatham-Kent Schools in Bloom contest, Thamesville's Good Shepherd Catholic School receives a \$250 gift certificate generously donated by Kentwood Gardens in Dresden. Annually, all elementary and secondary schools are invited to participate in the local competition which encourages and creates more vibrant school communities and environments. With generous local business support the Chatham-Kent Communities in Bloom (CiB) committee is able to reward participating school's outstanding efforts with a variety of gift certificates to even further beautify their schoolyards.

The staff, students and families of Good Shepherd Catholic School should be commended for their hard work in fulfilling the 5 Schools in Bloom criteria. All entries were judged on their Clean up & Tidiness Effort, Environmental Awareness, Student & Community Involvement, Schoolyard Greening & Gardening, and Curriculum Integration of Outdoor Spaces.

Congratulations also to St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury, whose exceptional 2nd place entry was applauded with a \$250 gift certificate, compliments of the Keil Drive Home Hardware Building Centre, Chatham. Ecole St. Francis, also in Tilbury was 3rd, receiving \$150 from IVCO Tree Farms Nursery and Garden Centre, Tilbury. Wallaceburg's H.W.Burgess Public School and Dresden's Lambton-Kent Composite School tied for 4th, receiving \$100 compliments of All Seasons Nursery and Flowers in Wallaceburg and Sherry's Perennials of Cedar Springs, respectively. All participants will also receive trees next fall to plant on their school properties.

From August 9th – 12th, 2009, the National CiB judges will be in Chatham-Kent judging the entire Municipality on its environmental and heritage preservation as well as overall beautification efforts. The Chatham-Kent CiB committee will proudly relay to them the many incredible school initiatives revealed through this year's Schools in Bloom competition and make a stop at Good Shepherd while in Thamesville.

Well done! "People, Plants and Pride are Growing Together" in the schools of Chatham-Kent!

For further details on Chatham-Kent CiB, phone 519-360-1998 or visit www.chatham-kent.ca.