



Chatham Kent Secondary School students Jenn Knapp, Salar Rouli and Garrett Randell proudly accept their 1st place Chatham-Kent Schools in Bloom prize. Generously donated by IVCO Tree Farms, Tilbury, the \$500 gift certificate will be used to further beautify their school grounds.



Top Bloomin' School Chatham Kent Secondary School Wins \$500 IVCO Tree Farm gift certificate

As Top Bloomin' School in this year's Chatham-Kent Schools In Bloom contest, Chatham-Kent Secondary School received a \$500 gift certificate donated by IVCO Tree Farms Nursery and Garden Centre in Tilbury. Annually, both 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 was able to reward the participating schools outstanding efforts with a variety of awesome products and services to even further beautify their schoolyards.

The staff, students and families of C.K.S.S. 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. Michael's School, Ridgetown, whose exceptional 2nd place entry was applauded with a \$250 gift certificate compliments of Kentwood Gardens in Dresden. St Vincent School in Chatham was 3rd, receiving \$250 from the Keil Drive Home Hardware, Chatham. Dresden Area Central School won a \$200 value on-site design consultation with Ken Nentwig, Landscape Architect & College Professor, University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus and Lambton Kent Composite School a \$100 gift certificate compliments of Sherry's Perennials, Cedar Springs. All participants will also receive trees next fall to plant on their school properties.

From July 30th – August 2nd, 2008, the National CiB judges will be in Chatham-Kent judging the entire community 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. 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 ckpch@chatham-kent.ca.