

C.D.C.I. WEST NEWSLETTER REGARDING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION

STUDENTS NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- ▶ The **40 hours of Community Service** mandated by the Ministry of Education remains a requirement for graduation for all students entering grade nine beginning in the year 1999.
- ▶ Students will jeopardize their eligibility to graduate if they do not complete and submit **approved documentation** for their 40 hours of community service.

Students **MAY NOT** count hours spent doing volunteer work for family, friends or individuals. In addition, they **MAY NOT** count activities that:

- ▶ should be performed by paid employees of companies, small businesses or organizations.
- ▶ are considered to be a requirement or an expectation for members of organizations such as Scouts or Cadets (the exception being charity events taken on by these organizations). **Note that time donated as a leader does count.**
- ▶ are required for members of a club or team, including fund raising activities that result in the reduction of registration, uniform, equipment or travel fees.
- ▶ occur during school hours.
- ▶ involve the use of power equipment, including lawn mowers.

All documented hours of approved community service must be endorsed by an “official” SUPERVISOR WHO IS NOT THE STUDENT’S PARENT.

The purpose of the Community Involvement initiative is to assist students in developing a sense of civic responsibility and to promote leadership within the community by having students **donate their services to people in need or charitable or “service” organizations that depend on community volunteers.**

For more information go to the KPR Board of Education Website at :
http://www.kprschoools.ca/students/community_hours.php

Ongoing and new community service opportunities are posted on the bulletin board outside the guidance office or on the school website at: **www.cdciwest.com** **Then click on the “Community Service” link.**

Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers, guidance counsellors, parents and friends for other suggestions.

We hope that parents will encourage their children to get involved and make a difference in their community.