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Re: Distribution of Gideon Bibles

Schools are an integral part of the community. We work with more children and families than any other sector. As such, schools are often asked to distribute information to families and children. The District is diligent in determining what information is shared through our schools and respectful of each family's right to choose. Some information the District is asked to distribute may not fit every family's values or beliefs. Therefore, the District has a process which gives families an opportunity to determine what information is sent home. An example of this process has been in place in our District for many years for The Gideons to distribute Bibles to students in grade five. The District does not promote the distribution of secular information, nor deny a family's right to choose to have their child receive a Bible.

The following process has been in place in our District for many years.

1. Gideons will come to the office and provide the consent cards to be distributed to the grade 5 students.
2. The school may utilize different methods to distribute the consent cards. The process for each school is expected to work for teachers and principals. For example: consent cards can be provided to the grade 5 teacher to handout, or alternatively, the principal can inform students the consent cards are available at the office.
3. When the consent cards are returned to the school they should be sent to the office.
4. Gideons will call to see if any consent cards have been returned, with the parent's signature, and will set up a date and time with the administration to deliver the Bible to the students. This should be done over a lunch hour, before school, or after school so that the learning environment is not impacted.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours truly,

Mark Wintjes
Acting Superintendent of Schools

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"Learning, Growing and Belonging Together"

THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL IN CANADA
is a non-denominational association of
Christians that offers free copies of the Bible
and New Testament to people in Canada and
in countries all over the world. They do not
represent any particular church, organization
or society.

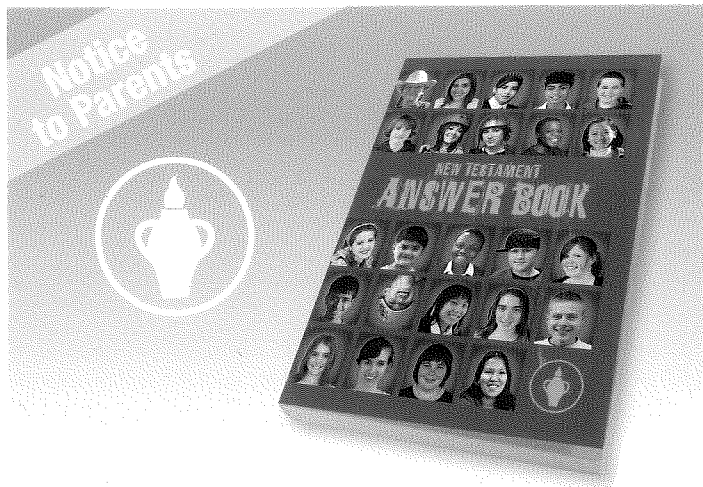
Giving New Testaments to grade five students
began in 1946 and is a tradition that continues
to this day across Canada. It is often in grade
five that a child begins asking the big questions
of life: what is right and wrong, what is the
purpose of life, and what happens when we die.

The free copy The Gideons is offering grade
five students includes the New Testament and
the Psalms and Proverbs.

If you would like your child to receive a copy,
please complete and return this card to your
child's teacher within the week.

The Gideons International In Canada

www.gideons.ca



New Testaments

The Gideons International In Canada is offering a FREE copy of the New Testament as a gift to grade five students across the country.

If you wish your child to receive this free New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs, please complete and return this card to your child's school.

Name of Child

Signature of Parent or Guardian

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