



SPECIAL EVENT MEDIA ADVISORY



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TORONTO BLUE JAYS & HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TEAM UP ONCE AGAIN TO MAKE SURE "EVERYONE BELONGS"

On **Wednesday, May 13, 2009**, the screams and cheers of baseball fans get started early as the **Halton Catholic District School Board** teams up with the **Toronto Blue Jays** to host a **baseball skills tournament** at **Rogers Centre** for approximately 140 elementary Special Education students from across Halton region.

The partnership between the two organizations has been growing with the assistance of Patrick Mayne, St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School Principal, resulting in the **third consecutive** year of the Special Needs Baseball Skills Tournament. In the spirit of inclusion, tolerance and goodwill, participants and their peer mentors will be able to play an adapted baseball game, feel the crack of the bat at the hitting station and experience the thrill of throwing out base runners at the throwing station.

"Thanks once again to the support of the Toronto Blue Jays, we are pleased to be able to provide our students with a unique opportunity to play baseball at *Rogers Centre*," says Patrick Mayne, the Halton Catholic District School Board's organizer of this event. "This event supports our Board's philosophy of inclusion and I'm sure our students will enjoy what will certainly be a memorable day."

Participants, some of whom have never been to the home of the two-time World Series Champion Toronto Blue Jays, will also have the chance to meet Blue Jays mascot *ACE* in addition to other special guests.

Festivities, including official Opening and Closing Ceremonies, get underway at approximately 9:00 a.m.

All media are cordially invited to attend this baseball celebration of Special Education students. Please contact the Blue Jays Communications Office to make arrangements.

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