



École Holy Family Elementary School

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February 2017 Newsletter

Vision Statement

École Holy Family Elementary, learning progressively to empower all students to achieve in an inclusive and active environment.

Mission Statement

By 2017, the École Holy Family Elementary school community will maximize student learning and achievement by progressively engaging the 21st century learner through inclusive and collaborative practices.

Dates to remember:

- Feb. 10 – LFI Applications Due
- Feb. 13 – 17 Staff Appreciation Week
Education Week
- Feb. 14 – Friendship Assembly 10:50 Grade 2s
- NLTA’s Janeway Day
- Feb. 16 – World Read Aloud Day
- Feb. 17 – Math Mania Day
- Feb. 22 – Pink T-shirt Day
- Feb. 23 – Recycling Day
- **Early Dismissal 2:05 pm**
- Feb. 24 – KinderStart Session #2
- No Kindergarten classes today
- Feb. 28 – Quebec Winter Carnival
- March 9 – School Band Concert
- March 16 – Parent/Teacher Conferences.**
Early closure for students 11:45 am
- March 17 – No School – Teacher PD Day**
- March 21 – Down’s Syndrome Awareness Day
- March 30 – Recycling Day
- March 31 – KinderStart Session #3
- No Kindergarten classes today
- April 6 – Spring Photo Shoot
- April 12 – Easter/Spring Assembly (tentative)–Grade 1s
- April 14 – 21 Easter Holidays
- April 28 – KinderStart Session #4
- No Kindergarten classes today
- June 8 – Kindergarten Celebration (tentative) –
10:50 am
- June 13 – Grade 6 Farewell (tentative) – 10:50 am

Valentine’s Day



In keeping with our classroom treats policy, we are asking parents/guardians to please **refrain from sending along cakes, cupcakes, cookies, lootbags, etc.**... for our students on Valentine’s Day (Friday,

Feb.12th). **Students are allowed to bring in Valentines for their classmates.**

Grade 2 Friendship Assembly



Our Grade 2 students will present at our Friendship Assembly to be held Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 10:50. Parents/family members of our Grade 2 students are invited to this assembly



Early Dismissal – Feb. 23, 2017 @ 2:05

As part of the District’s Strategic Planning Initiative, our school will close one hour early on Feb. 23, 2017.

A Note from our School Council



We will be supporting and thanking École Holy Family Elementary teachers and staff during the annual Teacher/Staff

Appreciation Week – February 13 – 17. Many thanks to the parents/guardians that have already volunteered their support. If you wish to help or if you are able to donate a prize item that we may use for a daily prize draw, please contact one of the following School Council Parent representatives:
Beth Nightingale: bethnightingale@hotmail.com
Connie Hapgood: chapgood@hotmail.com
Tara Lynch: t.lynch@live.ca

Virtues Program

virtue (noun)

a beneficial quality, feature or trait leading to excellence; advantage or goodness

Over the remainder of this school year, our Safe and Caring School Committee will be highlighting a new “virtue” every month. We have always promoted our 3 Bs – be respectful, be responsible, be safe. For the month of February, we will be promoting the virtue of “Peacefulness.” We will be teaching how this looks in school and we ask families to discuss at home what it means to be peaceful and how that is shown in how we treat ourselves and others.

Parking Lot Reminders

We ask that people park their cars in designated parking spots when picking up children at the end of the day. Please refrain from stopping and waiting in the drive through lanes. Please be respectful of other drivers trying to navigate around our busy parking lot.



As well, please make note of the area by our crosswalk/bussing area. We have pylons placed in this area to allow for a safe walking path for our walk students, pick up students and our daycare students. Help us ensure our parking lot is safe for all by refraining from parking around these pylons. We would ask that you share this information with any family members or friends that may be picking up students from our school.

Thank you for your understanding and anticipated cooperation.

Report Cards



Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, March 14th with Parent/Guardian conferences taking place on Thursday, March 16th.

OPTIS (our online scheduler for parent/guardian conferences)

opens for Parents/Guardians on Thursday, March 9, 2017. More details to follow...

Yearbook Orders

Yearbook order forms are being sent home today. The cost is \$15. Please note yearbooks will not be delivered until September of 2017. This will allow us to include pictures of year end activities. The order deadline on the order form is March 17, 2017 but this is a “soft” deadline. We will take late orders since yearbooks will not be going to print until June. Orders can be made online or payment can be sent in to your child’s teacher. I would recommend ordering directly online (there may be less opportunity for something to happen to your order).



Literacy Week

Family Literacy Bingo Winners:

- KDG: Evelyn Ryan
- Gr. 1: Spencer Martin
- Gr. 2: Gracie Penney
- Gr. 3: Megan Parmiter
- Gr. 4: Marie Sheppard
- Gr. 5: Ryan Sutton
- Gr. 6: Chase Abbott



Our next Recycling Blitz for this school year will take place on Thursday, Feb.23. This will be a school-wide event.

Recycling Winners for January:

- KDG: William Clarke
- Gr. 1: Philip Brake
- Gr. 2: Abby Vokey
- Gr. 3: Sophia Williams
- Gr. 4: Sarah Ryan
- Gr. 5: Connor Payne
- Gr. 6: Chrissy Cox

Winter Clothing & Boots

Students are reminded to come dressed warmly for outside play. There are occasions when students will be brought outdoors for gym classes and for the play part of the lunch period. Therefore it is important that children are dressed properly with boots, hats & mitts. They are also asked to bring a pair of sneakers for inside wear.



Kindergarten Celebration



At the end of the Kindergarten school year, we will have an assembly to celebrate all the wonderful accomplishments of our first year students. This is not considered a graduation. For parents/guardians looking for Kindergarten “graduation” photos, there are numerous photography studios that are available. “Graduation” photos will not be taken here at the school.

STEM News



Science Fieldtrips:

- Grade 3s & 4s - Geo-Center
- Grade 3s & 4s – Climate Change Presentation

- Grade Ks & 1s - Lester’s Farm
- Grade 2s – Taylor’s Farm

Technology/Math:

- Grades 2s & 3s: Math DreamBox

Technology:

- All Grades: Hour of Code
- Grades 1 – 6: Digital Citizenship

STEM:

- Bricks For Kids afterschool program Grades 1 – 4
- Grade 3s – Bricks For Kids Class activity