



École Holy Family Elementary School

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March 2017 Newsletter

Vision Statement

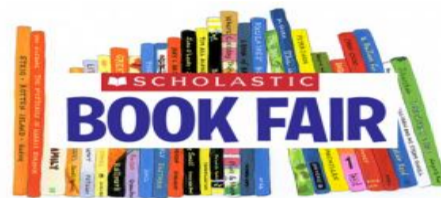
École Holy Family Elementary, learning progressively to empower all students to achieve in an inclusive and active environment.

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:

- March 10 – OPTIS opens for parents
- March 13-16 Book Fair
- March 14 – Report cards go home
- 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
Funky Socks Day
- March 23 – School Band Concert
- 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



Monday and Tuesday students will be invited to view the wonderful books at our Book Fair. Purchasing of items will be available on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Thursday. Classroom teachers should be sending home specific information regarding your child’s scheduled Book Fair times. Please note: The Book Fair will be open during our Parent/Guardian/Teacher conference times.



Early closure on March 16.
Dismissal at 11:45.

No school on March 17
due to Professional
Development Day

The Meaning of Home Canadian Contest



Earlier in this school year, our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students participated in The Meaning of Home contest. Students from across Canada were invited to submit a written essay about what

home means to them for a chance to direct \$50,000 to a Habitat for Humanity build of their choice in Canada and \$1,000 cash prize for the school of the winning student.

We are delighted to announce our very own Grade 4 student, Nyah Barrett, was runner up in this amazing Canadian contest! We are very proud of her! Check out her very touching essay at: <http://meaningofhome.ca/winners/what-does-home-mean-to-me-2/>

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 March, we will be promoting the virtue of “Kindness.” 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.

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)

opened for Parents/Guardians this morning at 10:00 am.

FUNKY SOCKS DAY!!!!!!



- **Tuesday, March 21, 2017 is World Down Syndrome Day.** We want to *celebrate* this event, which raises awareness about Down Syndrome and *honors* those who have Down Syndrome.
- On that day we ask that all of our students and staff wear colorful, funky socks...even socks that aren't matching! This is a symbol of the wonderfully unique gifts that Down Syndrome can bring to an individual, their family, their school and the community.
- Each class will draw a student's name to win a **new pair of funky socks!**
- So... look in your sock drawer and choose the most outrageous and interesting socks you have! *Wear them to school on Tuesday, March 21st and celebrate Down Syndrome with us!!*
- Organized by the *Inclusive Practices Committee* at Holy Family School (Ms. McDonald, Ms. Miles, Ms. Hanlon, Ms. Baker)

Yearbook Orders

Reminder: 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).



Our next Recycling Blitz for this school year will take place on Thursday, March 30. This will be a school-wide event.

Recycling Winners for February:

KDG: William Clarke
Gr. 1: Ryan Sheenan
Gr. 2: Caden Crann
Gr. 3: Emma Short
Gr. 4: Matthew Hollett
Gr. 5: Connor Payne
Gr. 6: Erica Lilly