



# École C.C. Loughlin School

# CONNEXION

December 2009

## Principal's Message: "Season's Greetings"

Can you believe that another year has passed and Christmas is almost here once again? While we do have quite a number of activities planned leading up to the Christmas break, it is very important for parents/guardians and students to remain focused on learning and getting all of assigned work completed on time and to the best of their ability. It remains very important that students are prepared and on time for class each and every day through the month of December.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank and commend all of you for the support you've demonstrated for your child's learning over the past year. Your every effort is always greatly appreciated, both by us here at the school, but more importantly by the children, even if they cannot yet express that gratitude to you. Someday they will!

On behalf of the professional and support staff here at C.C. Loughlin, I'd like to wish you and your family a very, Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

*Norma Park*  
Principal



## Dismissal For Christmas Break

Based on the procedure used in past years, we again anticipate dismissing all students for the Christmas break on Tuesday, December 22 around lunch time. Please watch for a further note on dismissal once arrangements have been finalized.

Classes will resume in the New Year on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## C.C. Loughlin Christmas Musicals

Again this year, our Christmas Concert will be held at the Corner Brook Arts and Culture Center. The Grade One and Three concert will be on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and the Kindergarten and Grade Two concert will be on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Both concert will begin at 7:00 pm. To accommodate our large number of students, we are only able to issue two ticket vouchers per student. These were distributed in the November report. You may purchase your ticket from the Arts & Culture Center Box Office by presenting these vouchers. Any remaining seats will be sold by the Box Office on a first-come first-serve basis after parents have had the opportunity to use their ticket vouchers. There are no extra vouchers available at the school and we are not able to provide you with a second set of vouchers should you lose the vouchers issued to you.

I'd like to offer a HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs. Monica Coffin for the tremendous amount of work she has done in preparing our children for what promises to be two wonderful evenings of entertainment.

## Christmas Assembly & Sing-A-Long

Our Christmas Assembly is being hosted by two of our Grade Two classes this year, Mrs. Eaton's and Mme Girardin's. Our assembly will take place at the Salvation Army Temple on Citadel Drive at 9:00 am on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend this assembly as we prepare to welcome the Christmas season.



We will close for the Christmas holiday in our usual way with a Sing-A-Long in our gymnasium before students and staff head home for the holidays.

## Phase 2 Reporting & Parent Interviews

Thank you to all parents/guardians who attended the parent teacher meetings with your child's teacher following the first report card.

The following is a report on parent attendance for this phase of the reporting process.

Kindergarten	-	94% attendance
Grade One	-	94% attendance
Grade Two	-	95% attendance
Grade Three	-	90% attendance
Grade Four	-	90 % attendance
Grade Five	-	96% attendance
Grade Six	-	87% attendance

This is wonderful news to report! Your attendance at this meeting means so much to your child even if he or she cannot express that message to you. Thank you on their behalf!

## Kinderstart Session 3

There will be no classes for **Kindergartens only** on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Kindergarten teachers will be hosting our third Kinderstart session on that day. If you have Kinderstart-aged child or you know someone in your neighbourhood who does, please remind them of this very important program.

All children scheduled to start school next September (2010) should now be registered. If you have a child to register, please drop down to the school and take care of this as soon as possible. If you know of someone in our catchment area with a child of that age, please let them know.

## Remember Those in Need

Christmas is a wonderful time to teach our children about those in our community who are less fortunate. While Christmas brings much excitement and joy for many, it can be a stressful time for some families as they struggle with the additional financial burden the holiday brings. Please talk to your children about this reality and take this opportunity to teach a lesson about moral and civic duty as you give to our annual Christmas Food Drive. The joy on the children's faces, as they place an item in the Food Drive bin, tells us they've indeed got the message.

Please let us know if we can help one of our families during the holidays. We want each and every one of our C.C. Loughlin children to enjoy the merriest of Christmases with all the trimmings.

## Share Their Successes!

If your child receives an award or some other kind of recognition in something significant outside the school, we'd love to share it with the rest of the school. Please call us or drop a line and we'll make it part of our morning announcements.



## Emergency Closure

Please make sure you listen to the School Report on the local radio stations EVERY MORNING for school news, reminders or updates. Should our school have to close due to inclement weather, power or water disruptions, we will advise the radio stations as soon as the decision is made.

Please ensure the number you gave us on the EMERGENCY CLOSURE FORM is one with which we can reach you or an adult designated by you AT ALL TIMES. If we have to close school in an emergency, we'll need to speak with you or that person before we release your child. If school does have to close early, it is less stressful on our children if you can make arrangements to have them picked up at school.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The staff and students join with Mrs. Coffin in extending a very sincere THANK YOU to those parents that helped out with the recent Scholastic Book Fair. Another great cooperative effort between parents and teachers! And we would be remiss if we did not express our thanks to Mrs. Coffin and all of her parent volunteers for organizing the 2009 Book Fair for us. Thank you Miss!



## Winter is on its Way...is here!



Winter seems to have come in with a bang this week! Students are reminded to dress for the cold weather. Hats, mittens, snowpants, winter boots are now a necessity. One of children's favourite types of play and a great form

of physical exercise is outdoor play in the wonder of snow and winter. Unless the weather is really bad, we go outside at lunchtime so please dress the children appropriately.

## ALLERGIES & SENSITIVITES

We continue to remind all students, staff, and visitors to C.C. Loughlin that we have students at our school with a severe, life-threatening allergy to products containing nuts. We are therefore a **PEANUT FREE SCHOOL**. Everyone must fully cooperate with this request!

Students, staff and visitors are also reminded that we also have students and staff with sensitivities to strong scents. We have had to call parents and have them come and pick up their children to go home and shower and change so that their classmates could get through the day. Please help us avoid any further disruption to student learning, for all involved, by ensuring you or your child does not wear strong scents to school.

## Canadian Parents for French

Our chapter of CPF is meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the multipurpose room. This will be its annual Christmas Craft Night. The evening will include making a Christmas craft, some music, milk and cookies. See you there.

## Chartwell's Menu

Our food services provider would like to advise students and parents that due to a high cost of lettuce as well as the poor quality of the product, they are now serving a side order of oranges, rather than salad, with their slice of pizza.

## Christmas Craft Fair

Our annual Christmas Craft Fair was a tremendous success again this year. We'd like to offer a BIG THANK YOU to the organizing committee, the parent and teacher volunteers, those who sent along baked goods and all who supported this school fundraiser. Support like yours is what makes our school community thrive. Mille fois merci!

## Olympic Torch Relay

C.C. Loughlin school spirit was alive and well at the Olympic Torch Relay here in Corner Brook on November 15<sup>th</sup>. "The atmosphere was intoxicating and the energy of the kids was absolutely contagious" said Sheri Baltzer of the Corner Brook Olympic Torch Relay Organizing Committee. The prize of \$500 for the school with the best representation (as a percentage of the entire school population) and showing the most enthusiasm and energy went to...you guessed it, C.C. Loughlin! Thanks to all of our staff, and especially to Mrs. Noseworthy for spearheading this spirit event, as well as all of our parents and guardians who brought the children out on that day.



We have earmarked the prize money for a purchase that will be a legacy of the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay embodying the spirit and values of the Olympic movement.

## New Positions

We are proud to announce the appointment of our new school Social Worker, Mrs. Rose Marie Bennett. Mrs. Bennett is replacing Ms. Julie Kingston who is on leave from her position for this year.

Mrs. Patricia Wheeler has been appointed Grade One English teacher for the remainder of the school year as Mrs. Joanne Sweetland is on maternity leave. We welcome both ladies to our school community and wish them well in their positions.



## Elementary Talent Show

Since our primary students are able to show off their talents to you in their Christmas concerts, we want to provide our elementary students with a similar option. This year we will be hosting an Elementary Talent Show prior to the Christmas break. More details will come home on this event over the next couple of days.

## DARE Program

Our Grade Six students are graduating today from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program offered by the Royal Newfoundland



Constabulary and supported by Western School District. Throughout the fall, our students have been educated on the dangers of drug use and abuse as well as trained in resisting the peer pressure and temptation that often pose to be a significant factor in youth's decision to experiment with drugs.

The Top DARE Student Award in each class identifies best oral presentation and essay based on what students have learned in DARE, how it affected them, and how they plan on using this information in making healthy and wise decisions in their life. In M. Hatcher's class the Top DARE student is Maria Park, in Mme Berkshire's class the award goes to Samantha Davis, in Mme Warren's class the award goes to Haley Walsh and in Mr. Joseph's class the Top DARE student is Cammie-Lee Bellows. Congratulations to all of you!

Thanks and appreciation are extended to Constable Robert Edwards and Constable Ken Kelly of the RNC for the delivery of this very important program and to the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary as it continue to partner with the students and staff at C.C. Loughlin.

## Home & School Association

As previously communicated to you, our Home and School Association is running a fantastic spirit activity through the month of December that will culminate at our Christmas Sing-A-Long. Each class has been given a stocking to hang. All school staff



have been supplied with **Catch-Me-Good** vouchers. When they observe a student doing a good deed, the child earns a voucher to be filled in with their name and placed in the classroom stocking. At the Sing-A-Long, we will draw one student's name from each class stocking to win a huge stocking full of toys! This is an effort to boost school spirit as well as a prelude to a school-wide positive behavior supports program we will begin to implement in the New Year.

Thank you as well to the parents who signed up to join the H&S on Parent-Teacher night. The mandate of this group is a focus on increased school spirit and they are certainly off to a roaring start. Bravo et bienvenue!

## Have You Read C.C. Loughlin's Newsletter?

Please read this newsletter with your child, discuss any necessary information with him or her, sign and return the slip below and we'll enter your child's name in a draw to win some

**cool prizes**

If we draw your child's name, **we will phone you** to ask a question about one of the items in this newsletter. **If you answer correctly, your child wins the prize! So read carefully!**

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