



École C.C. Loughlin School

CONNEXION

February 2, 2012

Principal's Message

As you read about the many activities our students and teachers are involved in, you can appreciate how busy we are here at C.C.Loughlin. It is important, therefore, that the home and school maintain constant, positive contact as we endeavor to give our children the best educational experience possible. Your interest and involvement in their school activities, as well as your collaboration with their school has a tremendous impact on their self-esteem and sense of self-worth.

As we enter into the second half of the school year we ask that you continue to take an active role in your child's education. With us working together FOR THEM, they can accomplish anything.

Mrs. Park will be back with us on Monday, February 6th.

Welcome Back Mrs. Park!!!!

I'm sure she will be greeted with many hugs and smiles on her first day back. We are so glad she is feeling better and back with us.

Yvonne Noseworthy

Home & School Association

The Home and School association has made a donation on our behalf to; **Make a Wish Foundation** in memory of Kira Hope Diamond Barnes, age 5 years.

Kira was the daughter of Charlene Barnes and sister of Stephen Barnes, a grade 6 student at our school.

ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO CHECK IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE. IF YOU NEED TO SEE YOUR CHILD, WE WILL BRING THEM TO THE OFFICE TO SEE YOU. IF YOU WISH TO SEE A TEACHER, WE WILL LET THEM KNOW AND AN APPOINTMENT CAN BE ARRANGED.



Cafeteria

Recently we have been experiencing a lot of difficulty with lunch orders. Please, when ordering from our cafeteria, keep the following in mind:

1. Order food items that your child likes to eat.
2. Provide the correct change.
3. Put orders in a baggie.
4. Fill out the order at home.
5. Remind your child that they have an order in their school bag. This will help them remember to place it in the bag going to the cafeteria.
6. If you have more than one child ordering, each order should be paid separately.

As well, the cafeteria does not supply spoons, forks, ketchup etc. if you did not place an order. Please remember to pack the required utensils/condiments when you pack their lunch.

Knitting Group

The Grade 5 Knitting Group has begun. Currently there are 30 students who meet on Wednesdays at lunch time.(12:45)Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Casey are our teacher sponsors. If you have some free time and would like to help out with this group, please send your name along with your child and we'll be in touch!



Grade 6 Marble Mountain Ski Program

Our Grade 6 Students will be going skiing or snowboarding at Marble Mountain on February 3rd & February 10th. Have fun on the slopes!!!



École C.C. Loughlin School Council

School Council has set its next meeting for February 21st, 2012. As always, if you have an item that you'd like to bring to Council, please contact the Chair, Jennifer Veitch, at ccloughlin.schoolcouncil@wnlsd.ca or call the school to have your item tabled at the meeting.

Winter's Here!

We cannot stress enough the importance of dressing the children for winter weather. **Hats, mittens, snow pants and winter footwear** are now a necessity. Bear in mind that **unless the weather is really bad, we go outside for lunch.** Whether the groundhog sees his shadow or not this week, we still have quite a bit of winter ahead of us.



Literacy Day was a huge success again this year. Thanks to Mrs. Coffin, Ms. Harley and Ms. Ploughman for organizing this fantastic co-curricular event and for all those who helped in any way. Of course it is our volunteers who come in and give freely of their time that makes our Literacy Day the success it is! Thank you all so much!

From the Athletic Department

Congratulations to the members of the Boys and Girls Grade 6 Basketball teams. Both teams have been having fun playing against teams from the Corner Brook area. This weekend the boys and girls will be playing in a tournament at St. Gerard's Elementary. Good Luck! Have Fun!

The West Coast Grade 6 Basketball Provincials will be held on the weekend of February 24th to the 25th. The Boys will be hosted by C.C. Loughlin and the Girls will be hosted by J.J. Curling.

Winter Sports Day

Again this year we will be having a winter sports day. Stay tuned for more information and the date.



**PBS Assembly on
February 17th**

**Stay tuned for a BIG
announcement!!!!**

Parking Lot Safety

To ensure the safety of all students we ask that you do not enter the school's parking lot between the hours of 8am and 3:30 pm. If there is a special circumstance, we can issue a parking permit. Keeping safety in mind, we ask that you do not park too close to the parking lot entrance. With the large amount of snow our bus drivers are having difficulty making the turn to enter the lot.

After School Cross-country Skiing

Our after school ski program has had a delay in getting started. The program will go ahead on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. However, this is depending on the availability of bussing. We will not be able to confirm bussing in advance. Students will come to school on Monday & Wednesday prepared for skiing. If we do not have a bus your child will inform you of the change. We realize that this may be inconvenient, but it is our only option if we want to try and offer this program to such a large group of eager skiers.

Thank you for your patience.

A big thank you to; Mme White, Mme. Wagg., Ms. Young, Mme. Sheppard, and Mrs. Casey for giving so freely of their time.

Kinderstart

All children scheduled to start school in September 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.

Our next Kinderstart session has been scheduled for Friday, February 24th.

**School will be closed for on
Monday February 20th
Winter Carnival Holiday**

Elementary Chess Club

Our Chess club will be starting on Tuesday, February 7th in the library. Thank you to Mr. Ian Warkentin for volunteering to work with our elementary students. The chess club will take place at 12:45 on Tuesdays.

"Sharing and Caring for the Janeway"

A project of the Newfoundland & Labrador Teachers' Association

Each year, *Janeway Day in the School* gives children the chance to help other children. Since 1986, students and teachers in Newfoundland and Labrador have donated more than \$900,000 to the Janeway Children's Hospital. Maybe you know someone who has been at the Janeway; maybe one of your children has been there. The Janeway loves children and Janeway Day gives children and teachers a chance to show their appreciation for this much needed hospital.

February 14th is Janeway Day. As we have done for the past few years, there will be a "*Janeway Kit*" placed in each class on Monday February 7th so students can bring in their contribution anytime during the week. We will let you know what the total school contribution to this worthwhile cause was in our next newsletter.

Thank you to Mrs. Kelly for organizing this event.

Supervision of Students

Please be advised that we do not have the staff to supervise students inside when it is an outside day. When we go outside, all students are expected to go outside.

As well, we do not have staff available for after school supervision of students. If you are delayed picking up your child we will keep them in the office area. However, the secretary is extremely busy and we cannot guarantee that they will be watched with 100% attention. For this reason, we discourage this practise. The safety of your child is our #1 priority.



Friendship Week

February is Violence Prevention Month and as a part of this initiative we are celebrating with Friendship Week. We will be celebrating Friendship Week February 13 - 17th. All activities planned for this week will reflect our Positive Behavioral Supports Model, focusing on the positive attributes of Friendship. This is sure to be a rewarding week for our school community as we will all be focusing on paying it forward to our school community and performing random acts of kindness.

Kindness can change the world, and we are starting here at CC Loughlin



Important Notice from Canadian Parents for French

CPF is sending out a final plea looking for new members to fill our executive positions. Patricia Edwards, president, Leslie Daye, vice president and Paula Matchim, treasurer, will be leaving their positions after several years of volunteering for the group.

Our chapter has been very active in providing support for French programs in our schools. We have offered socials such as Christmas Craft Night, Halloween parties, Easter egg hunts, skating and swimming parties to provide parents with opportunities to meet others and allow their child/ren to experience French outside the classroom. We have provided tutoring to countless students over the years and helped organize numerous Speak-off competitions for junior and senior high school students. In the summer, we have offered a 6 week summer camp during which the focus is fun in learning French. All our camp counselors have been fully bilingual. **In order to offer the summer camp this year; we will need a few people to step forward in the next month to start planning. Otherwise our summer camp will not be going ahead this year.** The present executive will be available over the upcoming months to assist the new executive. Please contact Patricia Edwards at the school 639-8989/8988 if you are interested in becoming involved in CPF.

Technology

- Are you aware of your child's cyber connections?
- Is Facebook available to your child?
- Do you practice "cyber safety" with your child?
- How many hours of "screen time" does your child have in a day? A week?

Coming soon... A presentation for parents of elementary students on the topic of: **Cyber Safety and the Internet.** (Time & date to be announced)