



École C.C. Loughlin School

CONNEXION

January 2012

Principal's Message: Happy New Year!

Welcome back! It's hard to believe that Christmas has come and gone. This school term is starting off without Mrs. Park. Due to medical reasons Mrs. Park is temporarily away from C.C. Loughlin. In her absence I will continue to cover her responsibilities as principal. Mrs. Patricia Edwards has taken over the duties of vice principal. We look forward to our continued work with you in the months ahead. Please remember to call us or drop in anytime you have a question or concern. We are here to work with you for the children.

Yvonne Noseworthy

Welcome to Loughlin

We'd like to extend a warm C.C. Loughlin welcome to two Memorial University Education students who will be completing internships here with us until early April. **Ms. Jacqueline Jacobs** is working with Mrs. Marian Casey and **Ms. Leanna Ploughman** is working with Mr. Duane Huxter and Mme Brigitte White. We wish these two *teachers-in-training* a very successful internship and a memorable experience here at Loughlin.



Skiing

Beginning this month our Grade Four students will have the



opportunity to attend cross country ski lessons at Blow Me Down ski trails. This is part of the Grade Four physical education program and all students are expected to participate. The students will travel with their class for a one hour lesson once a week for four weeks. Students will rent equipment and receive a lesson by qualified instructors. As this is an outdoor sport, parents are asked to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. More details will follow in a memo sent by teachers.

Grade 6 Downhill skiing/snowboarding (Marble Mountain) is scheduled for February. This is also a required component of the Grade 6 Physical Education program. Information will follow from the classroom teachers.

Once again this year, we will be offering to accompany students to Blow Me Down Trails for the After School Ski Program from 3:30-4:30 each Monday and Wednesday beginning January 23rd. This program is open to all elementary students in Grades 4-6. For the cost of \$2.00, students can attend the ski session and travel by bus to the trails. This amount pays for the cost of rental of skis and the bus ride. If parents wish, they can meet us there and rent skis for \$2.00 and accompany the teachers and students on the trails. With the large number of students who

participated last year, we welcome any parents who are able to help us. The bus will leave the school directly after all other busses have left the school grounds so students will need a snack and water to fuel them before the ski session. Students will arrive back at the school by 4:45 and parents must be present to pick up students at this time. Students walking home will not be permitted back in the school to arrange rides.



Winter's Here!

We continue

to remind parents to dress 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.

It is also helpful for the students to have an extra pair of socks and mittens as well as a pair of pants. These items could be put in a small shoe bag and kept on their coat hooks.

Emergency Closure

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.

Update Changes in Contact information:

When trying to contact our families we use the contact numbers given to us at the beginning of the year. The school relies on our parents to provide us with updated contact information. This information is important to the school and the wellbeing of your child. The school uses this information to contact parents and guardians when a child is ill or there is an emergency. Please, if you have updated contact information call or come into the office to update our records.

Christmas Food Drive

Again this year we helped the RNC with their yearly food drive. Four of our Grade 6 students along with RNC officers helped pick up the donations at the city schools and deliver them to the food bank on December 21st. Thanks to everyone for your continued help and support.

École C.C. Loughlin School Council

Our next scheduled meeting is set for January 16th. As always, if you have an item that you'd like to bring to Council, please contact your School Council Chair, Jennifer Veitch at ccloughlin.schoolcouncil@wnlsd.ca or the school to have your item tabled at the meeting.



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 will be held on February 24th.

Home & School Association

Since September, our students have been caught in over 19,000 acts of respect for themselves, for others, for learning, or for their environment. Congratulations to all of them! As a thank you to all students, the H&S sponsored a free skating party as well as a PJ day. **What GREAT C.C. Spirit!!!**

Thanks to all for the donation of skates! As well the H&S would like to thank Stepping Stones Daycare for allowing us to borrow their helmets and Sacred Heart School for letting us borrow their skates.

Stay tuned for more fun spirit activities!!!

Parking Lot Safety

With the snow comes a heightened concern for student safety. As in past years, we are asking everyone to bear in mind the following:



1. ***Please stay off the lot between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm.*** Please park on either Citadel Dr. (heading down towards Wellington St.), on Wellington St. or on the Soccer Field parking lot off Wellington St. If you want to escort your child into or out of the school, please park off school property and bring them in or out. ***If someone else is picking up or dropping off your children, please remember to inform them of our policy.***

2. If you are parking on Citadel Dr., please ensure you leave enough space for the bus drivers to make the turn on to the lot, especially under winter conditions.

3. Please do not park on or too close to the ***crosswalks*** near the school. Snow banks will make it difficult enough to see children.

Thank you for your cooperation on this very important matter!

Parenting Breakfast

Hi everyone, my name is **Rose Marie Bennett** and I am the School Social Worker at CC. Loughlin.

Over the years I have had many parents and caregivers come to me with questions and concerns around parenting. Parenting is a rewarding experience but it can also be tough and stressful. In addition, throw in the challenges of everyday life and life can be overwhelming.

Our parenting breakfast focuses on issues that parents in our group identify as important to them. Last year our focus was on Building the self-esteem of ourselves and thus our children. This year we are focusing on our health and wellbeing as parents and community members. We know that in order to be successful parents we need to take care of ourselves so that we can take care of our children and teach them to in turn care for themselves.

Every Wednesday at the Parenting Breakfast we get together to talk about things that are important to us as parents and community members. When there are topics identified we have guest speakers to help us get the information needed and also take field trips to support our knowledge of Health and well-being. There is no cost to attend, breakfast is provided and new members are always welcome. If you would like more information about this group, please join us at Dunfield Park Community Centre or **call me at 639-4253.**

The next CC. Loughlins' Parenting Breakfast in Partnership with Dunfield Park Community Centre will be on January 18th @ 9 am. Hope to see you there!

Electronic Devices

We have noticed that Santa has brought many new electronic devices again this year. We indeed live in an electronic age and many of our children have returned to school since Christmas with cell phones, iPods, iPod Touch's, Nintendo DS's and other devices.

We strongly discourage children from bringing these to school. Most of these items are very costly and we cannot be responsible for damage or loss of these items on school property. As well, most of them have audio and video recording capability. Due to privacy considerations, no student is permitted to record audio or video files of other students on school property. Doing so will result in the device being confiscated from the student and returned only when a parent comes to the school to retrieve the device from the Administration.

We are aware that many parents today want their children to carry cell phones so that they may contact them at the end of the school day and before the parent arrives home from work. That said, any student bringing a cell phone to school is to turn it off and place it in their book bag, or other secure location, throughout the day. Misuse of cell phones by students will also result in confiscation of the cell phone to be returned to a parent only.

Parents and guardians are also reminded of the internet capability of modern electronic devices. Our children have access to anything on the internet, good or bad, with these devices. Please discuss with your child what is acceptable **and** what is not for them to view or download onto their iPods, DS's, etc.



Knitting Club

Grade five students are invited to join the lunch time knitting club. Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Kelly will be supervising 10 weeks of knitting and socializing. Sessions will take place every Wednesday from 12:45 – 1:15 beginning in late January and running until Easter break. Students can bring along their own needles and wool or use supplies from the school.

Recycling Swim

Hope your New Year's resolutions include recycling! You can drop off recycling at C. C. Loughlin for pick up or bring it to the depot for credit to the school account. This month Mme. Sheppard's and Ms. Burton's classes will be going to the recycling swim on Tuesday January 10th.

