



École C.C. Loughlin School CONNEXION

November 2009

Principal's Message: "Lest We Forget"

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank the parents and guardians of the C.C. Loughlin school community for their tremendous support over the last two months. You have been instrumental in helping me learn the culture and climate of this community. Your support and volunteerism has been phenomenal. I sincerely appreciate your acceptance and efforts as I've integrated into this wonderful school and I look forward to further building on the wonderful partnerships that I've already struck with many of you. Your actions, on behalf of our children are truly appreciated and valued.

As this is November and Remembrance Day will be celebrated very shortly, we extend the invitation to all parents, grandparents and guardians to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 9:00 a.m. here at the school. This assembly will be led by Ms. Butler's and Ms. Rogers' Grade 4 classes.



See you there!

Norma Park
Principal

Vaccinations at C.C. Loughlin

Western Health continues to assess the impact of H1N1 in our region. As per its announcement yesterday, **H1N1 vaccinations for Grades Kindergarten to Grade Three will begin at C.C. Loughlin on Thursday, November 5th and continue through Friday, November 6th.**

In preparation for the vaccination, Consent Forms for Grades 1 through 6 were sent home on Friday; Kindergarten Consent Forms were sent home today. Your child cannot be vaccinated without your signed consent.



Unless you feel it is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, parents are asked to NOT attend with their child during the vaccination. School and Public Health staff will follow the same procedures as they follow for any school-based immunization programs.

H1N1 Information

As of today, the Department of Health and Community Services is advising the public that H1N1 vaccinations will be available to the following high risk groups:

~Children six months up to fifty-nine months of age (under the age of 5 years).

~School-aged children from kindergarten to grade three. Please Note: ALL children in kindergarten up to and including grade three students will be vaccinated in their schools on November 5 and 6. Parents are reminded to return consent forms to the school as soon as possible. A further schedule for school age children is forthcoming.

~People five years of age, up to and including 24 years of age, with chronic health conditions.

~Individuals between the ages of 25 and up to, but not including, 40 with chronic respiratory disease such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or cystic fibrosis. Eligibility will require proof of active treatment of the disease (for example, prescription, labeled medication, insurance forms, etcetera).

~All pregnant women in the region who are up to 20 weeks pregnant. The non-adjuvanted vaccine will be available by appointment and all women in this high risk group will be contacted by their Public Health Office by November 6. If anyone in this group does not receive a call please call 1-877-632-H1N1 (4161).

~All women over 20 weeks pregnant should have already received an appointment with their Public Health Nurse. If anyone in this group has not received a call please call 1-877-632-H1N1 (4161).

~Parents or other primary care givers (up to two per child) of children under the age of six months, and of immuno-compromised children and young adults (up to and including 24 years of age) who can not themselves be vaccinated.

~Hospital in-patients less than 65 years of age with one or more chronic health conditions.

~Individuals undergoing active cancer treatment

(chemotherapy or radiation) and transplant patients (including pre-transplant patients on a wait list and directed by their physician to receive the vaccine and post transplant patients in the last two years). Individuals included in these priority groups are asked to please contact Western Health at 1-877-632-H1N1 (4161) to leave their contact information including name and number. Western Health will contact each individual to arrange for immunization.

Please be advised anyone who does not meet the priority groups criteria will be screened out.

If individuals who fit in the above priority groups are unable to be vaccinated due to limited supply of vaccine this week, they will be prioritized for vaccination following next week's vaccine shipment.

As part of the H1N1 immunization registration process, persons are required to have their MCP Card with them at the time of registration. People are asked to wear short sleeves or easy roll up sleeves.

All residents will have access to the H1N1 vaccine. Western Health will update the schedule as more information is available. The Provincial Government, working with the Regional Health Authorities, will monitor the mass immunization program as it rolls out and changes may be made to the existing plan.

Visit <http://westernhealth.nl.ca/> or call 1-877-632-H1N1 (4161) for further information.

ALLERGIES & SENSITIVITIES

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.

Phase 2 Reporting & Parent Interviews

November brings phase two of the evaluation and reporting process which will involve both a written report and a parent interview to discuss the report. Reports will go out to parents on Friday, November 20th along with an interview time for Thursday, November 27th. In order to accommodate these interviews, all students will be dismissed at lunchtime on Thursday. Interviews with parents will be conducted in the afternoon, evening and into the night. These interviews will last fifteen minutes and are designed to discuss concerns the home or school may have and to set goals to work towards over the remainder of the year.

In preparation for your meeting, you are asked to go over the report with your child. Your discussion points will be recorded and added to the written copy teachers are required to prepare. One copy of the interview notes will be given to the parents and one copy will be inserted into the child's permanent file.

These interviews are extremely important and all parents are asked to please attend. We also ask for your cooperation in scheduling these appointments. We will do our best but we are sure you can understand that it is just not possible to work around everyone's schedule.

C.C. Loughlin Christmas Craft Fair

November 28th

9 am to 3 pm



Winter's on its Way

Students are reminded to dress for the cold weather. Hats, mittens, fall/winter footwear are now a necessity. Bear in mind that unless the weather is really bad, we go outside at lunchtime.

Also, at this time we remind you to listen to the radio in the morning for possible school closures because of inclement weather. On days when conditions deteriorate during the day, keep track of radio announcements. If schools should have to close because of weather, the quicker you can reach us – and your child – the better. **If you have not yet returned the emergency closure form, please return it right away.**



Christmas Events

Our Grades 1 and 3 Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 10th beginning at 7:00 pm at the Arts & Culture Center. Our Kindergarten & Grade 2 Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 14th beginning at 7:00 pm.

Please have your children wear their "best clothes" for the concert. Further information about Concert Ticket Vouchers and the Concerts themselves will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

"A Country Christmas"



We are very pleased to announce that our very own Grade Three French Immersion Class (Mme Edwards) won the Santa Claus Parade Naming Contest sponsored by the Corner Brook Lion's Club. They put on their thinking caps and together came up with the theme, "A Country Christmas". Félicitations les étudiants! For their efforts, they have won themselves a Pizza Party provided by the Corner Brook Lion's Club.

Kinderstart Session 2

There will be no classes for **Kindergartens only** on Monday, November 23rd. Our Kindergarten teachers will be hosting Kinderstart sessions on that day.

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.

Grade 6 Girls' Basketball Team

The following students have been selected for the team: Maria Park, Ashley Edison, Myla Burt, Samantha Davis, Madison Snook, Kiana Purcell, Jessica Taylor, Julia Burse, Julianna Edmunds, Shelby Thomas, Kelsey Allen, Brianna Jones and Emily Rubia.



Mr. Hepditch would like to thank all of the girls who tried out.

Elementary Fun Runs

A number of our elementary students have been training with Ms. Penton and Mr. Hepditch in preparation for some 'fun runs' with other elementary schools in the city. We hosted one of these Fun Runs on October 7th. Schools from the entire Western region participated at this event. Congratulations to all of our runners who took part. A special congrats goes to Heather Jackman (3rd place Gr. 4), Emily



Fisher (3rd place Gr. 5), Laura Brown (2nd place Gr 5), Jacob Quinton, (2nd place Gr. 5), Nicklas Dolimont (1st place Gr. 5) and Myla Burt (1st place Gr.6).

Thanks so much to Mr. Hepditch and Ms. Penton for organizing and training our students for this event.

School Council 2009-10

School Council met on Tuesday, October 27th. The appointment of Council Representatives and Executive was held and we are proud to announce your School Council for 2009-10.

Gail Martiri – Chair, Community Rep.
Bob Edwards – Secretary, Parent Rep.
Sheldon Peddle – Community Rep.
Lisa Randall – Parent Rep.
Tammy Eveleigh – Home & School Liason
Bob Scott – Parent Rep.
Leroy Pelley – Parent Rep.
Tonya Organ – Parent Rep.
Katie Warren – Teacher Rep.
Duane Huxter – Teacher Rep.
Marie Hatcher – Teacher Rep.
Norma Park - Principal

Council reviewed and discussed its mandate for the upcoming school year, set its Terms of Reference and has set a fixed monthly meeting time at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. You are welcome to join us at a School Council Meeting. If you wish to have an item tabled for discussion, please contact a school council member in advance of the meeting to have



your issue added to the monthly agenda.

The administration would like to thank all of you who have agreed to serve and/or return to this year's School Council.

Nutrition Policy

We would like to commend and thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we implemented Western School District's Nutrition Policy, especially during our Halloween celebrations. Traditionally, most schools would have held fun-filled activities along with loads of non-nutritious food items. We are proud to report that our school held a 'spookatacular' day laced with fun, school spirit and tons of nutritious snacks. Hats off to you!

The success of the day can largely be attributed to Ms. Michele Young who along with a small committee of put off a fantastic "Numeracy Day" for our students! We'd like to offer a huge "Thank You" to Ms. Young and all of the teachers and presenters who came in and made the day such a success!

Home & School Association

We are very fortunate to have a group of parents who have formed a Home & School Association. The mandate of this group is a focus on increased school spirit. The first meeting of the H&S was held in early October. To date, four members have expressed interest in joining this Association and many more are still invited and welcome. If you would like to offer some of your time to this dynamic group, please contact Tammy Eveleigh at tammy.eveleigh@wnlsd.ca or 634-6333 or give us a call here at the school. The next meeting of the H&S will be on Thursday Nov 12th at 7pm.

Canadian Parents for French



Canadian Parents for French will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30pm in the school library. All parents of French immersion students are welcome to attend this meeting to become better informed of how our local chapter supports your child's learning of the second language. In particular, we will be discussing our summer camp program, tutoring program and parent instructional program which are all offered at a low cost to help you help your child learn french. As well, we will be planning our socials and welcome any input/suggestions/ideas parents can offer. For further information, please contact Patricia Edwards, President of CPF Corner Brook Chapter, at 639-8989/8988.

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!**

I have read C.C.Loughlin's Newsletter and discussed the necessary information with my child.

Student Signature

Teacher

Parent Signature

Date