



École C.C. Loughlin School

CONNEXION

October 2011

Principal's Message: Happy Thanksgiving

On September 29th parents and teachers met for phase one of the evaluation/reporting process. This September conference provided parents the opportunity to meet the professional staff for this year and hear from teachers about the curriculum, assessment practices, as well as a list of other topics. We would like to thank all those parents that attended this first meeting of the year with their child's teacher. We appreciate your interest and support.

As this is October and Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated very shortly, we extend the invitation to parents to attend our Thanksgiving Day Assembly with us scheduled for Friday, October 7th, at 9:00 a.m. here in our gym. This assembly will be led by the Grade Three classes.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. Take some time to reflect on the many wonderful things that we do have to be truly thankful for. Reflection provides us the opportunity to realize while there are almost always things in life that we don't have that we wish we did, many are wishing they had what we do!

Norma Park
Principal



Thanksgiving Vegetable Order

Our school community is reminded that the vegetable orders will arrive at the school on Wednesday, October 5th. You can pick up your order at the school on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday or Friday. In order to take some of the strain off our secretary, this year we would like a group of parent volunteers to be available at the school for the distribution of the vegetable orders. If you can help us, please call the school and let our secretary know that you can give us a few hours of your time for this valuable fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser in any way, either by helping your child to sell the vegetables, ordering them yourself, or by volunteering your time for their distribution.

Close-Outs

As indicated in our September newsletter, there will not be any classes for students on various days throughout the fall as follows:

Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, October 10

District-Wide Professional Development Close-Out
Thursday, October 20
Friday, October 21

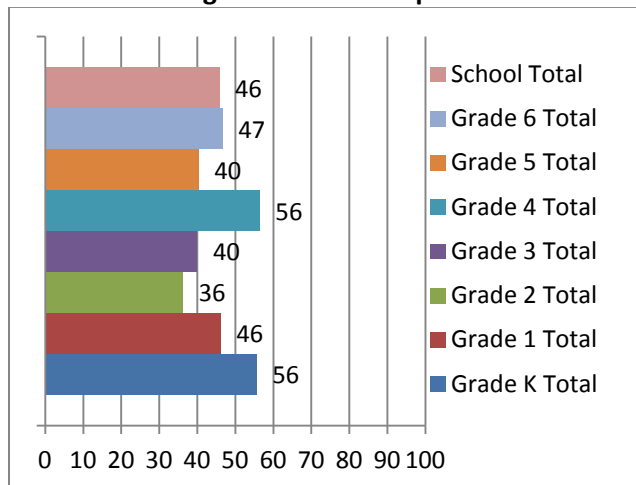
Remembrance Day Holiday
Friday, November 11



Phase One Attendance

The following is a break-down of the percentage of parents that attended our curriculum night back on September 29th.

Percentage of Students Represented



Overall we had **46% of our parents** attend this important meeting. The turnout was lower than previous years in all divisions of the school. As a follow-up to this session, we are also pleased to announce that for the first time we are meeting with any parents who were not able to attend (for any number of reasons) at the Dunfield Park Community Center on Thursday, October 6. If you are not able to make this meeting either, please make an effort to contact your child's teacher.

Provincial School Studios will be here to take school photos of our primary children on Thurs., Oct. 26; elementary on Fri, Oct. 27.

Humber Valley Speed Club Registration

6:30-8:30, Oct. 11 and 13, Kinsmen Arena

Corner Brook Ringette Association

First practice for K-6 girls, October 15th

Register at cornerbrookringette@gmail.com

Christmas Craft Fair

Our annual Christmas Craft Fair is set for **November 26th from 10 am to 3 pm.**

If you or your group is interested in booking a table at the Fair, or if you'd like to help us out in the planning and running of this major school fundraiser, please contact our CIS coordinator, Melanie Normore, here at the school at 639-8988.



KINDERSTART Registration

All children who will be **five years old on December 31, 2012**, should now be registered for Kinderstart. 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.

A Kinderstart Parent Information meeting is set for October 13th at 6:30 pm in the Music Room. This is a great time for parents to ask some questions about the school in general as well as gather information as you decide whether to enroll your children in English or French Immersion programming. Ms. Darlene Smith-Osmond, French Specialist for the Western School District will also be with us to go through a presentation and answer some questions about the French Immersion program. The first Kinderstart session for the children is scheduled for October 28th. Dates for future Kinderstart sessions will be communicated at the meeting.

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 area. We had to postpone today's run because of the weather and it is now rescheduled for October 18th. Good luck to all our runners as they play host to St. Peter's, Sacred Heart, St. Gerard's, Humber, Templeton, J.J. Curling, Xavier (Deer Lake), Main River Academy (Pollard's Point) and Immaculate Heart of Mary



unhealthy treats with each other **so please do not send them along.**

Instead, for Hallowe'en (and two other occasions this year), the teacher or one parent volunteer may provide one treat (enough for the whole class) that falls outside the School Food Guidelines to be served **ALONG WITH** a healthy and nutritious snack.

We ask for your understanding and patience during the upcoming school year as we firmly adhere to this policy. **We are all about school spirit, just not unhealthy activities that ultimately harm our children.**

From the Athletic Department

Any parent interested in coaching either the Grade 6 Boys or Grade 6 Girls Basketball Team is asked to contact Mr. Hepditch at the school for further details.

Intramural soccer is presently being played at lunch time.

Western School District's Nutrition Policy: Halloween Activities

"We are the first generation of parents whose life expectancy is greater than that of our children" warns Heath Canada. We take that staggering statistic very seriously and hope that you would have to agree that we must fully cooperate with our school district's policy on healthy eating and nutrition. As a school, we can no longer be an agent that promotes or enables poor eating habits.

Western School District's Nutrition Policy is in full effect and can be read in its entirety by visiting www.wnlsd.ca This Policy prohibits some of the practices that have traditionally taken place in our schools. For example, with Halloween coming up, we are no longer able to allow several parents to send along the treats (cakes, cupcakes, cookies, etc.) they normally would have. Nor are we permitted to allow children to bring and exchange



Halloween for Hunger

This year our Grade Six Class has decided to make a Haunted House in our Multi-Purpose Room. They will be doing this for all the students of C.C. Loughlin to walk through. They have decided that they would like to ask for donations of food items for our breakfast program, each of which will be matched by the Kids Eat Smart Program. This is a great cause and a way of giving back to their school and fellow school mates.

In order to put off this haunted house the Grade Six Classes will require donations of items. Items could be garbage bags, big boxes, or old decorations or costumes, etc. If you have anything you can donate to this cause please send it to school with your son or daughter or drop it off to the Social Worker's office located across from the Main Office.

Terry Fox Walk/Run for the Cure

Loughlin has long been a major contributor to cancer research through our participation in this annual event. You and your children have fundraised over \$20,000 for this valuable cause since 2006. This year, we are proud to say that we will send a cheque to the Terry Fox Foundation for over \$3000!! Funds are still coming in!





Email Address

If you haven't already done so either on your child's *Student information Form* or otherwise, please cut out and return this slip to your child's teacher so that we can add you to our email database for automatic reminders, including the monthly publication of this newsletter, from the school. This is just one more way of improving communication between the school and home as well as saving the environment!

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ English French Immersion

Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____

*****Please complete, cut out and promptly return this slip to your child's teacher.*****

