



HARMONY SCHOOL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY



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CHARACTER PILLAR THEME: CITIZENSHIP

HARMONY EVENTS AND NEWS

PPO Dance

We had an awesome 80's party on April 1st. We sold over 350 tickets for our event, plus made over \$1100 in profits with the sale of various treats. This evening would not have been possible if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication of our PPO parents. On behalf of the Harmony Family, THANK YOU!

Staff News

As many of you most probably know, Ms. Cathy our secretary's dear husband lost his battle with Cancer on March 5th. She thanks everyone for their support and kindness during this difficult time for her and her four children. She looks forward to coming back when her doctor gives her the green light.

Green Apple Grant

Harmony Staff is proud to announce that we have received a \$1000.00 grant for our garden.

Autism Awareness April 1st

Students attended an assembly organized by the student council guided by Shannon Ridley on the topic of autism. They watched a video Autism is my super power, about a young woman who originally was a student of the NFSB. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EW0cobwIwOg>)

Responsibility Assembly

On April 6th students will attend the Pillar of Education on Responsibility assembly. The students of Grade 4 will present what they learned about Responsibility for the last month and then grade 5 will present the new pillar: Citizenship.

Leadership Camp

Unfortunately we had to cancel the leadership camp due to low participation however the leadership training is happening.

Physical Education news

Try outs for Halo Race began on March 30th for this years race at Mount Royal. It is open to grades 3-6, practices will be held at recess. The race will take place on May 19th.

Grade 4 students interested in doing a triathlon please see Ms. Graham before April 14th.

Harmony Basketball Festival will take place Thursday, April 21st from 3:15-6:00. The Junior Heat, Lady Heat and Heat will be mixed together for a festival and pizza supper.

We will have the official launch on April 14th of BOKS Program: WE Can't Sit Still you can visit the website at www.bokskids.org for more information.

New Teacher at Harmony

Dana McDonald is now teaching the grade 4 and grade 5 students. We are thrilled to have her as part of our teaching team!

STUDY TIPS FOR TEST-TAKING

- *Listen carefully to all of the teacher's directions. Ask questions if you do not understand.
- *Look at the entire test before you begin.
- *Read all the directions carefully. Read all the questions and answer choices completely.
- *Do the easiest questions first.
- *Check all parts of true/false questions for incorrect details.
- *For multiple choice questions, first eliminate all the answers that cannot possibly be correct. This reduces the number of available answers.
- *If there is time, reread and check over your finished test.

HOW TO HELP IMPROVE WRITING AT HOME

- *Discuss print in the environment, e.g. advertisements, street signs.
- *Demonstrate how you use writing in your daily lives e.g. messages, shopping lists, letters.
- *Write messages for your child to read and respond to.
- *Provide a special place to write, include a variety of writing materials such as paper, greeting cards, envelopes and a variety of pens and pencils.
- *Encourage your child to make and send greeting cards to relatives and friends.
- *Encourage your child to use writing to express feelings.
- *Develop consumer awareness, when appropriate, have your child write a letter to a company whose product they were satisfied or unsatisfied with.

BEADING CLUB NEWS

Students have been working hard at making the bracelets/key chains ordered at the Student Led Conference.

Thank you for supporting our student initiative.

DAYCARE NEWS

April 18th is a PED day. We have planned to have a reptile presentation and a magic show in the afternoon.

Students have worked on various themes throughout the month of March and for April they have started with Autism Awareness art projects and Spring crafts.

Parents now can pay our daycare invoices through online banking !

Speak with Ms. Krista for more information

MUSIC NEWS

The maple sugar sell has gone very well! Ms. Descombes will provide us with a total profits in the May Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our music program.

STUDENT COALITION AND STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The students on the coalition (Sky grade 6 and Alex Grade 5) and the student council students have been busy working on digital presentations for the whole school. They were responsible for the Autism Awareness presentation, posters on Respect, Posters on Technology safety, Healthy eating and holding bake sales and helping out at the dance.

We are grateful for all the work they are doing under the guidance of Ms. Angelika of Dawson and Mr. Matthew.

Have a great month,

Ms. Nancy Richer

MONTH AT A GLANCE

MEETINGS

Governing Board Meeting Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30

PPO meeting April 11th

This Months Events

•April 1st Autism awareness

April 14th BOKS launch

April 18th No school, day care open

April 21st Basketball Festival 3:15-6:00

NEXT MONTH

Defi Pierre Lavoie: get ready to accumulate energy cubes for the month of May. Details to follow

May 19th Halo Race

May 26th Kindergarten Open House

May 27th Bingo evening PPO event

New Frontiers School Board

Levée de fonds & tournoi de golf annuel

Le 28 juin, 2016 - Club de Golf Belle Vue (Léry)

Annual Fundraiser & Golf Tournament

June 28, 2016 - Belle Vue Golf Course (Léry)

Breakfast • Choice of Activity • Supper (wine included) • Entertainment & Professional Auction \$125
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