

Harmony School News



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec. 16th GB meeting at 6:30
- ◆ Dec. 18th Elf Day
- ◆ Dec. 22nd Last day of school before the holidays

Holiday Fundraising Campaign

Our campaign has begun and will continue until December 10th. We are collecting **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**, to be donated to a number of families in the Chateauguy Community.

Governing Board Meeting

December 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Harmony School cafeteria.

Book Fair

We would like to thank all parents and students who can to support our event. We now have a credit of \$2320.87 to buy books for our library. Winner of the \$25.00 in books is Preston Chapados!

Leadership Bake Sale

The students had a very successful bake sale raising.

Children Love to Play in the Snow

The cold weather is upon us and children should be dressed accordingly. Your children should have the freedom to roll around and play in the snow during recess and lunch and therefore proper snowsuits and waterproof boots should be worn. Students must have a pair of shoes in their lockers because they will not be permitted to enter the classroom with their boots. Students should also have an extra pair of socks at school should they need to change. **Don't forget gloves, hats and scarves to help your children keep warm and dry!**

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Elf Day

Our Elf Day will take place on **December 18th** Children with participate in various activities from 8:30-12:30 organized by PPO parents and Mrs. Graham.



Daycare News

November was filled with many fun activities. We had 2 Ped days: one at Clip and Climb and the second was at Woo Hoo.

December 4th we will be having our X-mas party with a dessert buffet.

Important News

Strike day confirmed for December 9th. School will be closed therefore daycare services **will not** be available.

Harmony Activities

Leadership Program

Students from Level 5 and 6 participated in their first leadership workshop on November 25th. The team building workshop was a success. The next leadership workshops November 24th, February 2nd, March 15th, April 5th, May 24th

Homework Program

Mr. Alexandre will be running our homework program this year.

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CLC Events month of November, 2015:

Montérégie 2nd Annual Health Promotion Fair November

Chateauguay hosted its first Health Promotion Fair on November 7th on Ile Saint-Bernard. The event was organized by the community group: Assistance and Referral Centre (A.R.C.) and its partners. Local healthcare and social service providers were present to offer bilingual services to community members. Community members were honored to have Suzy Goodleaf, M.Ed., a Mohawk psychologist from the Kahnawake Mohawk Nation as a keynote speaker. Ms. Goodleaf specializes in the treatment of trauma and was a part of a team of clinical advisors to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In addition: over 40+ kiosks, 6 workshops, and a lunchtime activity were provided where individuals learned CPR in 30 minutes.

Community Courses

Stay tuned for courses that will be offered in the New Year such as circuit training, Irish dancing, senior courses and much more! All courses will be held at St. Willibrord elementary school and Nova Career Centre. Check your child's school bag in the New Year or your emails for the community brochure.

Harmony School Remembrance Day

Nancy Richer and her students did an exceptional job in organizing the Remembrance Day ceremony. Poems were read, songs were sung, wreaths from local veterans were laid on the podium, an opening prayer was done by Anthony Spadaccino, Technician for Community Learning Concepts, and a speech was given by Brenda Shanahan part of the Liberal Party of Canada. Ms. Richer did an extraordinary job in closing the ceremony with her speech. "Lest we forget".

Santa VCN

Santa has made some special arrangements and will be visiting our kindergarten students the week of December 7 by videoconferencing. Santa will speak to each student and will ensure that they have a chance to share a special gift on their list. Stay tuned for videoconferencing with Santa!

Community Wednesdays

"Community Wednesdays" bring together local community groups, government organizations, and partners working together offering a FREE community trade show.

Learn about local services and organizations that are here for you and your family. Bilingual representatives will be on-site to answer your questions. Free babysitting is available and a \$2 per person spaghetti dinner is served.

Drop in any time between 4:00 and 7:00 pm on the mentioned Wednesdays to find out more. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming "Wednesdays" December 9 at Mary Gardner School. Santa will be on site and available to take photos. (Please note that if Community Wednesday falls on a strike day then the event will be cancelled)

Huntington Adult and Career Centre

Are you looking for some great Christmas gifts? The Horticulture & Garden Centre operations class is having a plant sale as a class fundraiser on Friday December 11 from 11am-6pm. Come on down and start your Christmas shopping while supporting the program.

How to Help Improve Reading at Home

We all read for many different reasons. Good readers think about the meaning in books. Talk, listening, observations and reading will give children the opportunities they need to learn how to make meaning of texts. Below are some suggestions to help with this process.

- Create family message boards (you can respond to each other's messages)
- Provide opportunities for your child to listen to stories or experiences that you've had, then have your child re-tell his /her own stories.
- When watching T.V. or reading, ask questions and have your child respond using information from the program or book
- Visit the library and encourage your child to choose a variety of books, it's fine to look at books and talk about them - even if we can't read all the words
- Continue reading to your child every day, vary the texts e.g. short stories, articles, poems, recipes.

Kindergarten News

Character
Pillar

Kindness

Kindness Matters in Kindergarten!

This December the kindergarten students will be spreading kindness in our schools and the community. This unit focuses on the 12 days of kindness where we learn about a different kind act each day.

Thanks,

Stacee and Dominique

"We are committed to the development of the whole child..."

On behalf of the Harmony staff, I would like to wish you and your family all the peace and joy of the holiday season!

De la part du personnel de l'école Harmony j'aimerais vous souhaiter mes meilleurs vœux en ce merveilleux temps des fêtes!

Nancy Richer, principal



