

Principal's News

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Jack Frost is Just Around the Corner

The cold weather is quickly approaching and we would like to remind parents that children should be dressed accordingly. Students must have a pair of shoes in their lockers once we get our first snowfall because they will not be permitted to enter the classroom with their boots. Students should also have an extra pair of socks in their lockers.

Lice

This is the time of year where cases of lice arise. Please verify your child's hair regularly. In the event you do find lice, immediately do a treatment to prevent the spread. Contact your local CLSC if you need more information.

Remembrance Day

There will be a Remembrance Day assembly for all Grades November 10th at 1:30.

Drop students off a.m.

To ensure the safety of all our students entering the school yard in the a.m., the safest practise is to drop off your child and leave. If you need to stay, please park on the other side of the street or further away down the street
Thank you for understanding.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

We are reaching the end of Term I and our first report to parents will take place on Wednesday evening, November 25th and Thursday, November 26th morning. Soon you will receive a letter with our new parent teacher interview format. This trial format will hopefully meet the needs of the parents.
Let us know what you think!

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair for students and parents will take place on November 23rd and 24th, 25th for students, Thursday, November 26th for parents during the parent/teacher meetings. Proceeds will benefit the students of Harmony School

I would like to thank the PPO parents for their involvement in coordinating the book fair and for their contribution in ensuring the success of both events.

Lockdown

A letter will be sent home next week indicating the date and time we will have a lockdown practise drill.

Parent Volunteers

Thank you so much for helping us out. Just remember to sign in and out. We added something new: When volunteering, you will need to wear a tag indicating your volunteer role.

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PPO and Governing Board News

On behalf of the PPO I would like to thank you to the parents and community rep. involved in organizing the Halloween Tombola

The school year is well under way and we hope it is going well for all our kids and parents!

We realize that people are tired at the end of the day, but we hope that everyone can set time aside in the evenings and on weekends to help their kids with their homework and reading.

It's important to establish good learning routines when they are young. Kids don't just need their teachers for that, but their parents as well!

If the right habits can be established when they are in elementary school, your kids will develop the skills and mindset necessary to be more self-sufficient academically for the rest of their school years - making their lives easier - and yours!

So we remind parents to do the best they can to help their kids with their homework! Thanks for your help!

Message from Our Harmony Governing Board

Spiritual and Community Animator

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Ms. Alie and I'm the **Spiritual and Community Animator** at the New Frontiers School Board. I have the pleasure of servicing all the schools in our board, and I'm very happy to say that Harmony Elementary calls on me often!

This past month the garden we sowed at the end of last year was harvested! Mrs. Hutchings and her kindergarten class harvested a mountain of carrots and some beets. There were enough pumpkins for each class to received one. I think our garden was quite the success! We will be closing it for the winter, but rest assured that we will be planting more seeds in the spring. I strongly believe that gardening connects us to our food in a very positive way. Students learn where food comes from, they can observe its lifecycle; all the while developing their character and their relationship to the earth.

I've been working closely with the cycle 3 French teachers and their Ethics and Religious Culture classes. Building on what we learned in September on feelings, this past month we discussed assertiveness. Students learned the benefits of speaking their mind, taking their place in the world, expressing their feelings - all in a respectful way!

I also had the pleasure of introducing our next Character Education Pillar - Fairness - at a school wide assembly. For the next 6 weeks, students will practice that being fair doesn't mean being equal, but it means that everyone gets what they need in order to succeed. Harmony students are motivated about being fair!



Community Learning Center News

Community Wednesdays

Wednesday November, 4, 2015 between 4:00-7:00pm St. Willibrord Elementary School will open its doors to Community Wednesdays.

<<Live Together>>

- *Come and meet local community and governmental organizations.
- *Car seat inspection clinic-by Chateaugay Police CSSS
- *Free Workshop: Healthy Cooking-4:30pm in French and 5:30pm in English
- *Free face painting for kids
- *Free childcare services are available for children under 7 years old offered by La Station de l'Aventure.
- *Spaghetti dinner will also be served for only \$2.00 by La Rencontre Chateaugoise.

For more information contact 450-691-6666 ext: 2224 or visit www.nfsb.me

Montérégie 2nd Annual Health Promotion Fair November 7th from 9am-4pm (Pavillon Saint-Bernard 480 Boulevard D'Youville Chateaugay)

Organized by the community group: Assistance and Referral Centre (A.R.C.) and its partners.

Join us for workshops, activities & information. Come and meet local health care and social services providers and partners. BILINGUAL EVENT

Keynote speaker: Suzy Goodleaf, M.Ed., a Mohawk psychologist from the Kahnawake Mohawk Nation is scheduled to speak at 2:30 pm. 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 where anyone can learn CPR in 30 minutes, there is sure to be something for everyone. Call for information: 514-917-9207

Ham Fundraiser Supper November 14 @ 17:00 - 22:00

Civitan Hall, 3 Paul Hallé, Chateaugay, QC J6K 3L4 Canada

Civitan & CECN MENU Salad with house dressing Ham Mash Potatoes Vegetables Roll and Butter Dessert, Tea, Coffee Door Prizes Tickets \$14 – half price for children (tax and tip included) .Reserved seating for groups of 6+ RSVP by November 6th NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR. Louise 450-699-1255 (RSVP)

In the event of a **School Closure** due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions, the announcement will appear on the Facebook section

School closings will also be broadcast in the morning on CJAD.

Kindergarten News

October has been a wonderful month as we celebrated the changing season. We welcomed Autumn by picking the pumpkins, carrots and beets in our school garden

Cycle I News

Les élèves de 2e année ont récolté des citrouilles, des betteraves et quelques carottes dans le jardin situé derrière l'école. Les citrouilles ont été distribuées dans chacune des classes afin de les décorer. Ensuite, les élèves ont eu la chance de goûter aux betteraves cuites et de donner leur appréciation. Ce fut une activité fort intéressante.

Cycle 2 News

Mrs. Besser, Mme Julie and Mme Elisabeth worked on an Art/French/English project called Birdy. They focused on the artists Jean Dallaire and Alfred Pellan. They look forward to showing you the result!

En français, les élèves devaient travailler l'écriture d'un texte descriptif. Il devait décrire physiquement et psychologiquement un personnage!

À la fin de la situation d'écriture, il devait décorer une courge ou une citrouille en fonction des caractéristiques physiques de leur personnage!

Les résultats étaient surprenants!

Le 30 octobre dernier, tous les élèves de l'école ont eu la chance de voter pour la courge ou citrouille la plus originale!

Voici les résultats;

En 3ème position, Brianna Poirier (Pingouinou, le pingouin) En 2 ème position, Shanon Diabo (Frosty le bonhomme de neige) En 1ère position, Nour-El-Din Hassan! (Mickey)

Les élèves de 4e année!

Cycle 3 News

Our cycle 3 students are doing a great job in all areas! From learning the rules in Volleyball, to Publishing books and their fantastic video bulletin with commercials; we are proud of their accomplishments this term!!